

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

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Sht. No. 1741
September 11, 2012

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Members Present: Roger Spell, Connie Hellwig, Steve Crowley, Carl Calarco,
Lynn Eddy, Aimee Kilby

Members Absent: James Wiley (excused)

Staff Present: Mark Ward, Melissa Sawicki, Sharon Morton, Connie Poulin, Robert Miller

Staff Absent: None

Others Present: Jim Haley, Dona Fredrickson

Call to order of meeting

President Spell called the regular meeting of September 11, 2012 of the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education to order at 7:32 p.m. The pledge to the flag of the United States was recited.

Roll Call

James Wiley (excused)

Changes, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Additions:

14a. Moved by _____, seconded by _____
upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Vicky Smith to
the substitute cafeteria worker list.

Statements and questions from the audience

None

Approve Agenda

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Eddy, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve the agenda for the September 11, 2012 Board of Education meeting with addition 14a.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Presentations & Reports

None

Communications, Commendations

-Thank You note - Ellicottville Summer Recreation Program (Becky Szaicher)

Informational Items

- a. Thursday, September 13, 2012:
Facilities Walk-Through @ 7:00 pm
- b. Thursday, September 20, 2012:
DRIVE4UR School (Sponsored by Sports Boosters)
Sports Boosters Cookout 5:00 pm
Open House: Elementary - 6:30-7:30 pm MS/HS - 7:30-8:30 pm

Discussion: Superintendent Ward stated that the Cookout will be \$3.00 per person and will be sponsored by the Sports Boosters Club as well as the Drive4UR School event. Ford will donate \$20 per car test driven at the event and the Sports Boosters Club can earn up to \$6,000. Sports Boosters will also be running the concession stand at home football games. Superintendent Ward stated that the District is thankful to the Sports Boosters for helping out. President Spell stated the Boosters are also running a can drive from September 15-October 15. If you drop cans off at the Central Redemption Center on Central Ave in Salamanca and let them know you want the money donated to Ellicottville Sports Boosters, they will send the group a check at the end of the can drive.

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Superintendent's Report

1. Enrollment is currently around 613 with 4 pending (two new families will be moving into the district). Out of District students important to the make-up of our school.
2. Facilities Walk-Through 7:00 pm on Thursday, September 13, 2012.
3. Work continues between administration and teachers on SLO's and Growth Models. It is a monster, no other way to describe it. Extremely technical and difficult to explain.
4. Opening Day went pretty smooth.
5. Distributed ticket bookmarks to all students and staff on opening day, continuing the theme: "Education: Your Ticket to the Future."
6. Athletic Teams doing well so far. Volleyball should have an excellent season.
7. Academically, students will be taking pretests starting tomorrow.

Consent Items:

Moved by Kilby, seconded by Calarco, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to adopt the following Consent Agenda items:

- That the board approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 28, 2012
- Acknowledgment of Claims Auditor Report dated August 30, 2012

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Committee Reports

None

New Business

None

Old Business

None

Personnel

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Eddy, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Vicky Smith to the substitute cafeteria worker list.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Principal's Reports

Connie Poulin (Elementary Principal/CSE-CPSE Chairperson):

1. Mr. Miller and I are having more conversations than ever with teachers. We prepared schedules for every teacher for opening day. There are 2 factors driving the writing of SLO's. It is pretty clear cut until you get to the 5th grade.
2. Opening Day went really well - within first 2 days each grade level was spoken to about expectations. Each year a Principals Challenge is given, this year it is: "Use Good Manners." So much going on, thought going back to basics was a good idea. Address adults by Mr. or Mrs. not by first name.

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Robert Miller (Middle School/High School Principal): absent

1. In 16 years of being in administration, probably one of the busiest starts to the school year. More work than is fathomable at times. Have to meet with each teacher to create a pretest. Things can change if a student enters or leaves the class.
2. Kids excited to be back with friends, new clothes and book bags. Assembly first day of school - no nicknames for staff members...use Mr. or Mrs.
3. TV in HS Cafe a big hit with kids.
4. Overall despite being very hectic and busy, the kids are doing great.
5. Teachers have been outstanding with everything we have thrown at them. They can't be complimented enough.

Policies

None

Discussion Items

Facilities Walk-Through (Thursday, September 13, 2102): Superintendent Ward stated that he would like to start the tour in the HS Cafeteria and then take the attendees on a tour of the facilities. The Board Members will also be in attendance. Superintendent Ward stated that he will point out areas they have not been touched in 50 years. He created a draft list of ideas. He added that with the state of the economy, money should go further, because companies are eager to work and supply competitive bids. Superintendent Ward stated that he felt Steve Crowley stated it best "the functionality of the building has changed." Superintendent Ward stated that he is currently having someone look at the last 2 years of the districts utility bills and see if geothermal is an area that the district should explore. Superintendent Ward stated that he is excited to get people in here and come on the tour. He hopes they keep an open mind. Superintendent Ward stated that the items on the draft list are long-term investments. He added that the music department needs to be looked at as the number of students in the programs has outgrown the space. He stated that the weight room should be moved near the gyms and maybe have public access. He stated that neighboring schools give their residents access and it has been a positive thing. Superintendent Ward stated that he is excited and hope people will invest in the future of our students. Superintendent Ward stated that a meeting will be held at the end of the tour to discuss ideas community members may have.

Executive Session

Motion by Hellwig, seconded by Eddy, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Mark J. Ward, to enter into executive session at 8:30 pm to discuss a specific personnel matter.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Motion by Crowley, seconded by Eddy to come out of executive session at 9:04 pm and return to the regular meeting.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

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Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by Eddy, seconded by Kilby, to adjourn the regular meeting of September 11, 2012 at 9:05 pm.

Yes - 6

No - 0

Carried

District Clerk

Deputy District Clerk