

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

**Regular Meeting
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**Sht. No. 1644
September 9,**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Members Present: Linda McAndrew, Mary Ellen Campbell, Steve Crowley, Stephen Ward,
James Wiley, Lynn Eddy, Roger Spell

Members Absent: None

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

Staff Absent: None

Others Present: Jeanne Brown

Call to order of meeting

President McAndrew called the regular meeting of September 9, 2008 of the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education to order at 7:35 p.m. The pledge to the flag of the United States was recited.

Roll Call

All present

Changes, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Additions:

- 4a. Updated list of names (home schooling)
- 12d. Names of academic tutors to be approved: Pamela Illig, Marie Kleiderlein, Holly Richardson, Jaye Zelko, Lynne Nuthall and John Klein.
- 12e. Approval of Renee St. John as a volunteer assistant volleyball coach for the JV team for the 2008 season.

Statements and questions from the audience

None

Approve Agenda

Moved by Campbell, second by Spell to approve the board meeting agenda for the September 9, 2008 meeting with additions.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Communications, Commendations

- a. Policies on pink paper for maroon book: Academic Eligibility, Athletic Policy
- b. NYSSBA Survey

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Ward stated that the Business First ranking have been coming out this week and on Friday the paper will hit the newsstand. He stated that Ellicottville Elementary ranked 91 out of 289 schools in WNY. He added that 100 students in WNY were recognized as high achievers and ECS Class of 2008 graduate Alyssa Herman was recognized. Mr. Ward provided board members with an outline of his opening day program. Mr. Ward stated that the district newsletter and calendar is now out and is a good product. Steve Crowley stated that he has heard many good comments on them. Mr. Ward stated that he has made a change to the transportation program. He stated that students attending Salamanca were previously picked up by a separate bus. He stated that by having them ride the regular busses and then be transported from ECS to Salamanca will save the district roughly \$18,000 per year. He added that the bus trip was around 106 miles per day.

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Mr. Ward stated that the athletic field project is going well. He stated that he would like to thank Steve Crowley for getting the water up to the field. Mr. Ward stated that Mark and Kevin have also been working hard on the project as well as Bill Steinbroner who has put in more time on the project than originally anticipated. Mr. Ward thanked the board members for their support on the project and stated that it is now being done right. Mr. Ward stated that the board will work on the NYS audit repose letter later in the meeting (during executive session). He added that he sent out the EBALR response letter today (pertaining to the 19 schools who were sited in the report).

Discussion Items

State Audit - Mr. Ward stated that this item will be discussed in executive session at the end of the meeting.

Consent Items:

Motion by Spell, second by Ward, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following Consent Agenda items:

Approval of the board minutes of the regular meeting of August 19, 2008

Approval of the June 2009 Treasurer's Report

Discussion: Steve Crowley stated that the claims auditor report needs to have check numbers from the different accounts as well as PO numbers included on it. Sharon Morton will make a new form for Mrs. Dunkleman, Claims Auditor to use.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

New Business

Moved by Campbell, second by Wiley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following Home Schooling requests for the 2008/2009 school year:

Caleb McCormick, Connor Crowell, Jesse Peck, Justin Peck, Bryan Stock,
Elise Tricarico, Brittany Ward, Gabriel Ward, Ethan Ward, Paige Ward,
Robert Ward, and Victoria Ward

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Eddy, second by Ward, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Professional Services Agreement with the Cattaraugus County Council on Alcoholism & Substance Abuse, Inc. for the 2008/2009 school year at a cost of \$3,600.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Crowley, second by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve Marjorie Andrews as a student teacher under the supervision of Ms. Suzana Baker (English Teacher) from October 20-December 5, 2008. Ms. Andrews is a St. Bonaventure University student.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

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Moved by Campbell, second by Crowley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following movies for the "At the Movies" elective class: *North by Northwest, To Kill a Mockingbird, Zeffirelli's Romeo and Juliet, The Godfather, One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, Glory, Mississippi Masala, Schindler's List, The Shawshank Redemption, Run Lola Run, The Matrix, Bend It Like Beckham, and Whale Rider.*

Discussion: Steve Crowley asked if a permission slip is sent home with students in the class seeking parental permission for students to view the movies. Bob Miller, MS/HS Principal stated that he has provided the board members with a copy and it is used for all movies with a rating higher than G.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Old Business

Athletic Fields - discussed in the Superintendent's report.

Personnel:

Appointments:

Moved by Campbell, second by Crowley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to rescind the appointment of Amy Alexander as Football Cheerleading Coach for the 2008 season.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Ward, second by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Amy Alexander as a Co-Football Cheerleading Coach for the 2008 season at a salary of \$821.25.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Wiley, second by Crowley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Carol Whipple (certified in Special Education) on an emergency conditional basis as a long-term substitute for Kim Opferbeck effective September 11, 2008 at a rate of \$125 per day (long-term sub rate). This position is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Spell, second by Wiley upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following Academic Tutors @ \$23 per hour for the 2008-2009 school year: Pamela Illig, Marie Kleiderlein, Holly Richardson, Jaye Zelko, Lynne Nuthall, and John Klein.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Crowley, second by Eddy upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve Renee St. John as a volunteer assistant volleyball coach for the JV team for the 2008 season.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
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Principal's Reports

Robert Miller (MS/HS Principal): Mr. Miller stated that Opening Day went very well. Steve Ward asked if the Academic Tutors that were approved earlier in the meeting were part of the regulation for Academic Eligibility. Mr. Miller stated that the regulation was presented to teachers as well as the policy which was handed out at the athletic breakout meetings. Mr. Miller stated that he hopes to have revisions done by the end of the week or beginning of next week. Superintendent Ward stated that he thought the Academic Tutors would be good in the morning. He stated that many students are involved in sports after school and cannot stay and by offering them an alternative it may work for some.

Connie Pound (Elementary Principal/Director of Curriculum): Ms. Pound stated this was the first Opening Day that she could remember no crying students. She stated that everything went smoothly. She thanked the board and administration for regrouping and adding the extra section of kindergarten. Ms. Pound stated that she has completed 36 out of 58 home visits for kindergarten students. She stated that all families have been contacted. Ms. Pound stated that she is trying to work on communication. She stated that a mailbox has been added in the elementary office for the evening cleaners so they can keep up on what is going on in the building. She stated that a MS/HS student sign-in/out sheet has been added in the elementary office as well. She stated that she is trying to bridge the gap between the students and is looking forward to the students working together. Linda McAndrew asked if the fourth grade students are doing the announcements. Ms. Pound stated the fifth grade students are actually doing the announcements. She stated that the students will be doing them in groups of two and in the fourth quarter they will each have a chance to do them alone.

Committee Reports

Superintendent Ward stated that the board committees should think about meeting perhaps once a month. He asked them to think about it and get back to him. He stated that he can adjust his schedule to work with the board members.

Executive Session

Superintendent Ward stated that he will need an executive session to discuss the following items: the NYS Audit, three contractual items and one personnel issue.

Motion by Campbell, second by Ward to enter into executive session at 8:20 pm.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Steve Crowley left at 9:50 pm

Motion by Wiley, second by Spell to come out of executive session and return to the regular meeting at 10:03 pm.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Adjournment of Meeting:

Moved by Spell, seconded by Wiley to adjourn the regular meeting of September 9, 2008 at 10:04 pm.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

District Clerk