

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

**Regular Meeting
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**Sht. No. 2003
May 21, 2024**

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

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| Members Present: | Debra Golley, Kristen Pearl, Shana Chudy, William Murphy, Karl Northrup, Jenna O’Connell |
| Members Absent: | None |
| Staff Present: | Robert Miller, Melissa Sawicki, Aimee Kilby, Erich Ploetz, Katie Mendell |
| Staff Absent: | None |
| Others Present: | Dan Kruszynski, Carla Kruszynski, Schavon Byroads, Mary Ellen Becker, Jerry Becker, Gary Abraham |

Call to order of meeting
President Golley called the regular meeting of May 21, 2024, of the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education to order at 8:00 p.m. The Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

Roll Call
All present

Changes, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Additions:

- 16. Personnel**
- r. Moved by _____, seconded by _____, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval to accept a letter of resignation from Joseph Schultz, Technical Support Specialist, effective at the end of the day on Monday, May 27, 2024.
 - s. Moved by _____, seconded by _____, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of a Family Medical Leave (FMLA) request from Todd Lovell (school bus mechanic) from February 29, 2024 – May 23, 2024, for 12 weeks.
 - t. Moved by _____, seconded by _____, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval to accept a letter of resignation from Marissa Maggiore (Science Teacher) effective May 20, 2024.

Approve Agenda
Moved by Pearl, seconded by O’Connell, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the agenda of May 21, 2024, Board of Education Meeting with additions.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Public Comment

- The Public Comment section is a time set aside for the community to speak directly to the Board of Education.
- Please refer to Policy # 3220 – Public Expression at Meetings.
- Any person may make a public comment by placing their name, address, and topic on the sign-in sheet.
- When called, please stand up and state your name and address.
- Please be respectful in your comments and do not divulge any personal or confidential information. The speaker will be stopped if any Board member or district employee is mentioned by name.
- Please demonstrate respect by speaking to the issues, sharing ideas and opinions, but not engaging in personal attacks. At a public Board meeting, no person may orally initiate charges or complaints against individual District employees or Board members.
- Board members, the superintendent and administrators will not answer specific questions or engage in dialogue.
- The information shared will be carefully considered and the appropriate person may contact you.
- Rest assured, we are listening carefully, and take seriously what you have to say.
- The Board appreciates your willingness to share your concerns/celebrations.

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Public Comment:

None

Presentations & Reports

None

Communications, Commendations

-Congratulations to Dr. Erich Ploetz – recent graduation

-Thank you to Bill Murphy and Shana Chudy for serving on the board and giving your time and dedication to the District.

Informational Items

None

Superintendent’s Report – Robert Miller

1. Consolidation of bus runs – continue to look at options. No one will lose their job.
2. Received Prek grant
3. Busy with interviews and hiring

Principals Reports:

Katie Mendell – Elementary Principal/Director of Curriculum

1. Awarded the Prek grant – received annually \$10,000/student does not count out of district students, still receive UPK grant if needed.
2. Healthy Kids Program – working to set-up something for afterschool (grades Prek-6).

Erich Ploetz - MS/HS Principal

1. Seal of Biliteracy Recipients – first ever for ECS: EmmyLu Carls, Gracie Conklin, Keelin Finn, Cameron Kaleta, Layla Kerns
2. Exam Schedule in final stages
3. Code of Conduct Review Committee
4. Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau Citizenship Awards Dinner – May 13, 2024: Layla Kerns, William Benatovich, EmmyLu Carls and Cameron Kaleta
5. Spring Sports Round-Up
6. Tractor and Ag Appreciation Day – Friday, May 31, 2024: Many thanks to Nick Smith, Cathie Nason and Chelsey Nelson
7. Awards Banquet – May 30th, Club Jazz – June 5th, Middle School Dance – June 7th, Prom – June 26th @ Balloons, Commencement – June 28th

Consent Items:

Moved by O’Connell, seconded by Pearl, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval to adopt the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. That the board approve the minutes of the meetings of April 16, 2024 and May 14, 2024
- b. Acknowledgement of April 23, 2024 & May 7, 2024 Claims Auditor Reports
- c. Approval of the April 2024 Treasurer’s Report

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Committee Reports:

None

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Discussion Items:

Capital Project - Debt falling off soon. Superintendent Miller is working with RG Timbs to see if we could do a \$4-5M project with no tax impact. Phase I – water tank, Phase II – other items from Building Condition Survey. With Board approval Superintendent Miller would like to set up a meeting with RG Timbs, SEI and Campus to start planning. The Board agreed for Superintendent Miller to move forward.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Northrup, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools approval of an MOA with the ETA regarding the employment and benefits of a teacher (Ann Chamberlain).

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by O’Connell, seconded by Northrup, approval of an MOA with ECSRPA regarding coverage for extra bus runs and student supervision.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Pearl, seconded by Northrup, approval of an MOA with ECSRPA regarding bus driver pay.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Chudy, seconded by Pearl, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the 2024/2025 School Year Calendar.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by O’Connell, seconded by Northrup, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval the following resolution: that the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District hereby agrees to enter into a contract with the Erie I BOCES for a five year period commencing on July 1, 2024 to authorize the Western New York Regional Information Center to furnish certain computer services to the District pursuant to Education Law 1950 (4) (JJ) for an amount not to exceed \$69,558.60 and authorizes 60 – monthly payments to be made to Erie I BOCES in the amount not to exceed \$1,159.31 per month. Be it further resolved that the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District hereby authorizes the Board President or the District Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the District.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Northrup, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval to amend a resolution approved at the April 16, 2024 board of education meeting regarding an IPA, to include the following wording: that the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District hereby agrees to enter into a contract with the Erie I BOCES for a five year period commencing on July 1, 2024 to authorize the Western New York Regional Information Center to furnish certain computer services to the District pursuant to Education Law 1950 (4) (JJ) for an amount not to exceed \$17,631.00 and authorizes 60 – monthly payments to be made to Erie I BOCES in the amount not to exceed \$293.85 per month. Be it further resolved that the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District hereby authorizes the Board President or the District Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the District.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

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Moved by Chudy, seconded by O’Connell, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the following St. Bonaventure University Students to complete student teaching at ECS in the Fall 2024:

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| Victoria Nascimento | Grades 1-6 | Cooperating Teacher: Chris Mendell |
| Theodore O’Connor | Grades 7, 8, 12 | Cooperating Teacher: Dave McCann |

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Northrup, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the following resolution regarding a Cooperative Natural Gas Supply Bid: Whereas, the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District of New York State desires to participate in a Cooperative Bidding Program conducted by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties from year to year or, until this Resolution is rescinded, for the purchase of supply of natural gas and Whereas, the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District of New York State is desirous of participating with The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties in the joint bid of the commodities and/or services mentioned below as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o....and Whereas, the Board of Education, of the Ellicottville Central School District of New York State has appointed The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties as representative to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening of bids, tabulating bids, reporting the results to the Board of Education, Ellicottville Central School District of New York State and making recommendations thereon...Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, That The Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District of New York State and The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties hereby accepts the appointment of The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties to represent it in all matters related above....And....BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That The Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District of New York State authorizes the above-mentioned Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties to represent it in all matters regarding the entering into contract for the purchase of the below-mentioned commodities and/or services....And....BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That The Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District of New York State agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs incurred as a result of the cooperative bidding....And....NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That The Ellicottville Central School District on behalf of the Board of Education, of the Ellicottville Central School District of New York State hereby is authorized to participate in cooperative bidding conducted by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties for supply of natural gas and if requested to furnish The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties an estimated minimum number of units that will be purchased by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties. The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties is hereby authorized to award cooperative bids to the bidder deemed to be the lowest responsive and responsible meeting the bid specifications and otherwise complying with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York relating to public bids and contracts.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Pearl, seconded by O’Connell, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Kaleb Kilby as a volunteer in the weight room with Joe Prior (mentoring program) effective retroactive to May 15, 2024. This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

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Moved by O'Connell, seconded by Pearl, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval for Katherine Benatovich to complete 40 field experience hours at ECS in May & June 2024 under the supervision of Mrs. Pamela Illig (School Librarian) and Dr. Erich Ploetz (MS/HS Principal). Mrs. Benatovich is in the graduate-level Library Media Specialist Program at St. John Fisher University.

8:44 pm

PROPOSITION NO. 1 – BASIC BUDGET

The Basic Budget will provide funds for all of the educationally related services and the maintenance of our school building.

YES 199 NO 23

PROPOSITION NO. 2 – SCHOOL BUS LEASE

RESOLVED: that the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District in the County of Cattaraugus, State of New York, is authorized to levy an additional (not to exceed) \$60,000 to lease two (2) 66 passenger IC Bus CE school buses for each of the next five years (five annual payments) commencing with the 2024/2025 school year.

YES 207 NO 16

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER ELECTION

The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be assigned an unexpired term seat immediately

following the election on May 21, 2024, and a five-year term beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2029. The candidate with the second-highest number of votes will be assigned a five-year term seat beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2029. The candidate with the third-highest number of votes will be assigned an unexpired term seat immediately following the election on May 21, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2026.

Vote for THREE (3) (Please check \checkmark or X):

108 David Scott (Scotty) McGee

60 Gary Abraham

52 John Luzier

162 Carla Kruszynski

115 Nathan (Nate) Dahlman

 ~~Brittany Czamara~~ (dropped out of race)

135 Tiffany Frentz

_____(Write-in Candidate)

_____(Write-in Candidate)

_____ (Write-in Candidate)

Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried

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Personnel:

Moved by Chudy, seconded by O’Connell, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Peggy Pepper to the permanent position of cafeteria worker effective retroactive to May 1, 2024 after successfully completing 52 weeks of probation.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Pearl, seconded by Northrup, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Dana Chase to the permanent position of cleaner effective retroactive to May 25, 2024 after successfully completing 52 weeks of probation.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Pearl, seconded by Northrup, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Dave Pelton as a long-term substitute transportation supervisor effective retroactive to April 17, 2024 at \$40.00 per hour.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Chudy, seconded by Murphy, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Andrea Smithmeyer to the substitute cafeteria worker list at a rate of \$15.00 per hour. This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by O’Connell, seconded by Murphy, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, the Ellicottville Central School District Board of Education does hereby appoint Abigail Potts, who will hold Initial Certificates in Biology 7-12, Chemistry 7-12 and General Science 7-12 to the position of Science Teacher effective September 1, 2024. This position is in the tenure area of Science and is for a four-year probationary period commencing on September 1, 2024, and ending on August 31, 2028. Ms. Potts will be placed on Step 1 of the ETA Salary schedule (B step schedule). Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Ms. Potts receiving APPR ratings of Effective or Highly Effective in 3 of 4 preceding years and no Ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year. This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Pearl, seconded by Northrup, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, the Ellicottville Central School District Board of Education does hereby appoint Kimberly Hoch, holds an Internship Certificate in School Librarian to the position of Prek-12 School Librarian effective September 1, 2024. This position is in the tenure area of School Media Specialist (library)and is for a four-year probationary period commencing on September 1, 2024, and ending on August 31, 2028. Ms. Hoch will be placed on Step 2 of the ETA Salary schedule (B step schedule). Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Ms. Hoch receiving APPR ratings of Effective or Highly Effective in 3 of preceding years and no Ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year. This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

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Moved by O’Connell, seconded by Pearl, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval to accept a letter of resignation from Kira Seaman (Science Teacher) effective June 26, 2024.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Pearl, seconded by Northrup, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Dennis Hintz as a temporary part-time worker (lawn mowing) on an as needed basis effective retroactive to May 6, 2024, thru October 1, 2024 @ a rate of \$15.00 per hour.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Chudy, seconded by Pearl, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of one FTE Secondary Transition Specialist position is abolished in the tenure area of Special Education effective June 30, 2024; and that that person having the least seniority in the tenure area of Special Education is Jennifer Schunk; and that Mrs. Schunk shall be placed upon the preferred eligible list of the district in accordance with Education Law Section 2510(3); such teacher shall be placed on the Preferred Eligibility List for a period of seven (7) years from the effective date of this abolition.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Northrup, seconded by Murphy, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of one Teacher Assistant position is abolished in the tenure area of Teacher Assistant effective June 26, 2024. This position is currently vacant (no permanent employee) and is being served with a substitute.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Pearl, seconded by O’Connell, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Cale Benjamin as a scorekeeper for baseball for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Pearl, seconded by Northrup, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Cale Benjamin as a pitch count keeper for baseball for the 2023-2024 school year at a rate of \$38.00 per game.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Chudy, seconded by Murphy, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, the Ellicottville Central School District Board of Education does hereby appoint Hannah Frisina, to the position of School Nurse (RN) effective July 1, 2024. This position carries a one-year probationary period beginning on July 1, 2024, and ending on July 1, 2025. Ms. Frisina shall be paid a salary of \$60,000 for the 2024-2025 school year. This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by O’Connell, seconded by Pearl, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Caitlin Hallowell to the substitute RN list (\$35 per hour) and the substitute LPN list (\$30 per hour). These appointments are contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

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Moved by Northrup, seconded by Murphy, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, the Ellicottville Central School District Board of Education does hereby appoint Nolan Palmatier, who will hold an Initial Certificate in Students with Disabilities 7-12 to the position of Special Education Teacher effective September 1, 2024. This position is in the tenure area of Special Education and is for a four-year probationary period commencing on September 1, 2024, and ending on August 31, 2028. Mr. Palmatier will be placed on Step 1 of the ETA Salary schedule (B step schedule). Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Mr. Palmatier receiving APPR ratings of Effective or Highly Effective in 3 of 4 preceding years and no Ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year. This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Chudy, seconded by O’Connell, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval to accept a letter of resignation from Karl Gesing, Assistant Principal, effective at the end of the day on June 26, 2024.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Pearl, seconded by O’Connell, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, the Ellicottville Central School District Board of Education does hereby appoint Leandra Hackett, to the position of School Nurse in the 12:1:3:1 Program tentatively effective May 29, 2024. This position carries a one-year probationary period beginning on tentatively May 29, 2024, and ending on tentatively May 29, 2025. Ms. Hackett will be paid \$30.00 per hour for the 2023-2024 school year. This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State. \$35.00 per hour.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Pearl, seconded by Murphy, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval to accept a letter of resignation from Joseph Schultz, Technical Support Specialist, effective at the end of the day on Monday, May 27, 2024.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Chudy, seconded by Northrup, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of a Family Medical Leave (FMLA) request from Todd Lovell (school bus mechanic) from February 29, 2024 – May 23, 2024, for 12 weeks.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Pearl, seconded by Northrup, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval to accept a letter of resignation from Marissa Maggiore (Science Teacher) effective May 20, 2024.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Policy
None

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CSE/CPSE Recommendations

Moved by Chudy, seconded by O’Connell, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District: That the Ellicottville Central School District has reviewed the recommendations of the District’s Committee on Special Education (#900500859, 900501608, 900500387, 900501590, 900501448, 900501616, 900501459, 900501259, 900501228, 900500555, 900501640, 900501257, 900501515, 900501455, 900501003, 900501517, 900501556, 900501378, 900500494, 900501379, 900501314, 900501153, 900501460, 900501510, 900501536, 900501398, 900500477, 900501497) at its meeting on May 21, 2024, and approves all necessary arrangements as the most reasonable and appropriate special service(s) and/or program(s) for the implementation of those recommendations April 9 – May 14, 2024.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

-Go back to Budget Results under New Business @ 8:44 pm.

Executive Session

The New York Public Officers Law states a board may enter into executive session to discuss:

1. Matters which will imperil the public safety if disclosed.
2. Any matter which may disclose the identity of a law enforcement agent or informer.
3. Information relating to current or future investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense which would imperil effective law enforcement if disclosed.
4. Proposed, pending or current litigation.
5. Collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law).
6. The medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.
7. The preparation, grading or administration of examinations.
8. The proposed acquisition, sale, or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value of the property.

Executive Session

Moved by Chudy, seconded by Murphy, to move into Executive Session at 8:48 p.m. for the purpose of:

5. Collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law).
6. The medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Chudy, seconded by Pearl, to come out of Executive Session at 9:31 p.m. and return to the regular meeting.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by O’Connell, seconded by Pearl, to adjourn the regular meeting of May 21, 2024, at 9:31 p.m.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

District Clerk

Deputy District Clerk