

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

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**Sht. No. 1811
April 28, 2015**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Members Present: Carl Calarco, Connie Hellwig, Nicole Klein,
William Murphy, Roger Spell, Leonard Zlockie

Members Absent: Michelle Cortez

Staff Present: Mark Ward, Melissa Sawicki, Robert Miller, Connie Poulin, Aimee Kilby

Staff Absent: None

Others Present: Jennie Acklin (Eville Times), John Thomas (The Villager)

Call to order of meeting

President Calarco called the regular meeting of April 28, 2015 of the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m. The pledge to the flag of the United States was recited.

Roll Call

Michelle Cortez - absent

Changes, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

None

Statements and questions from the audience

None

Approve Agenda

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Hellwig, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve the agenda for the April 28, 2015 Board of Education meeting.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Presentations & Reports

None

Communications, Commendations

- a. Capital Project (update) – Board Members took a tour of the capital project before the start of the meeting. Superintendent Ward offered the media a tour. He asked them to call to set up a time to come and take a tour and take pictures. Superintendent Ward stated that some of the concrete floors have been poured with more to be poured later in the week. He added that the roof has been put on the gym and music suites. Superintendent Ward showed board members a concept drawing of how the front of the building could look with the new wording and an eagle.

Informational Items

- a. Strategic Planning (update) – Connie Poulin stated that there will be two meetings tomorrow, the Academic Excellence & Student Communications teams and the Fiscal & Facilities team. She added that the community survey will be in the May newsletter as well as posted on the district web site. Community members will have a chance to return the survey the day of the budget vote and board member election (May 19, 2015).

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Superintendent's Report

- a. May District Newsletter will be 28 pages. It will be comprised of the budget insert as well as the 4 page community survey. Superintendent Ward stated that it is probably the best newsletter to date with a lot of information.
- b. Property Tax Credit Article – will be in the May newsletter. Superintendent Ward stated that STAR taxpayers will receive a check in October for the 2014 increase as well as the 2015 increase. He added that ECS has already qualified for the 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years efficiency plan, adding that for five years in a row STAR tax payers will be reimbursed for the school tax increases.
- c. State Testing – Superintendent Ward stated that ECS had good numbers. He stated that around 93% of the students took the test with around 7%-7.5% opting out. He stated that on last years tests ECS students came in 1st or 2nd or tied for 1st or 2nd on 11 out of 12 tests.
- d. Summer Maintenance – Maintenance department will have a lot of small projects this summer.
- e. Affordable Care Act – Aimee Kilby and Margie Halloran attended a Business Officials meeting today. Mrs. Kilby stated that the process is more involved than anyone expected. She stated that there will be a tremendous amount of tracking of part-time employees and substitutes, adding that this will create more work for the business office.

Consent Items

Moved by Klein, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools:

- a. That the board approve the minutes of the meetings of April 14, 2015 & April 21, 2015
- b. Acknowledgement of the April 22, 2015 Claims Auditor Reports
- c. Approval of March 2015 Treasurer's Report
- d. Acknowledgement of 2015-2016 School District Budget Notice (postcard to be mailed to district residents)

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Committee Reports

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Murphy, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of a proposed trip to France in March 2016 under the supervision of Mrs. Dolores Whistler (French Teacher).

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Klein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the 2015-2016 School Year Calendar.

Discussion: Superintendent Ward stated that the teachers union suggested going back to a two week spring break instead of a split break. Superintendent Ward stated that he does not believe in the split break, but CTE students would miss 8 extra days of instruction. He stated that the students in the Big Picture Program (housed at ECS) would also be affected if the districts do not have the same calendar. Superintendent Ward stated that perhaps the ETA could work with other district unions and lobby to get 4 or 5 schools to go along with the two week break instead of the split. He said that the only one he knows of now going back to the two week break in CA BOCES would possibly be Randolph.

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Moved by Spell, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the 2015-2016 CA BOCES Cooperative Purchasing Annual Resolution.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Personnel

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Claudia Flood to the substitute teacher list (non-certified) at a rate of \$75.00 per day. This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Klein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Joan Brady to the substitute teacher list (non-certified) at a rate of \$75.00 per day. This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Principals Reports

Connie Poulin – Elementary Principal/CSE-CPSE Chairperson

- a. Elementary Report Cards – samples were provided for Board Members.

Robert Miller – MS/HS Principal

No report

Policies

None

Discussion Items:

None

Executive Session:

Moved by Klein, seconded by Zlockie, to enter into executive session at 8:36 p.m.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Zlockie, to come out of executive session and return to the regular meeting at 9:10 p.m.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

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Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Klein, to adjourn the regular meeting of April 28, 2015 at 9:11 p.m.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

District Clerk

Deputy District Clerk