

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Ellicottville Central School**

**Regular Meeting  
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**Sht. No. 1926  
March 17, 2020**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Robert Van Wicklin, William Murphy, Carl Calarco, Shana Chudy, Debra Golley, Connie Hellwig, Leonard Zlockie

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Robert Miller, Melissa Sawicki, Aimee Kilby, Maren Bush, Erich Ploetz

**Staff Absent:** None

**Others Present:** None

**Call to order of meeting**

President Van Wicklin called the regular meeting/budget worksession of March 17, 2020 of the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education to order at 6:03 p.m. The pledge to the flag of the United States was recited.

**Roll Call**

All Present

**Changes, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda**

None

**Public Comment**

None

**Approve Agenda**

Moved by Calarco, seconded by Hellwig, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the revised agenda of the March 17, 2020 Board of Education Meeting.

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

**Discussion Items:**

**-2020/2021 School Year Budget:** Superintendent Miller stated that he and Mrs. Kilby balanced the budget and that Mrs. Kilby would review other proposed changes. Mrs. Kilby stated that to balance the budget 1 elementary staff member was removed from the numbers and OM adjusted to reflect two teams. The budget also includes money for modified football. Superintendent Miller stated that modified football is included in the budget, but not little league cheerleading. He stated that other schools are letting the little league run the cheerleading, but allowing them to come to the modified games to cheer.

**-Covid – 19 Pandemic:** Superintendent Miller stated that everything is changing minute by minute. He stated that Districts are waiting for a template from NYSED for the emergency plan. The plan is due on 3/18/2020. The Board will be asked to approve 4 resolutions this evening in regards to Covid -19, employees and work. Superintendent Miller stated that he would like to publicly thank and compliment Mrs. Bush and Mr. Ploetz for their hard work over the weekend and the past few days. He stated that ECS now has an emergency Facebook page and Sports Boosters & PTO are also helping out by posting information for the school. The District has a site to register for meals for the students. They have the option of picking up the meals or having them delivered. At the time of this meeting there are about 50-60 kids registered. More are expected as the week goes on. Superintendent Miller stated that he will reach out to families with a weekly robo-call, updating them as information becomes available. President Van Wicklin asked if the District is looking at other expenses and costs through this crisis. Mr. Ploetz stated that postage will be a huge expenditure during this event. He then asked about athletics and if there was any word regarding postponing or canceling of spring sports. Superintendent Miller stated that there has not been any concrete information from NYSPHSAA or Section VI. Superintendent Miller stated that he is going to start looking into fieldtrips and refunds. Specifically, the senior class trip to Disney (Florida at the end of April) and the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington, D.C. trip in June.

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**Personnel:**

Moved by Golley, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, due to the unique and unprecedented circumstances arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, including the Declaration of States of Emergency and mandatory closing of school buildings, the Board of Education hereby approves that the District's instructional staff who hold titles subject to the Ellicottville Teachers' Association Collective Bargaining Agreement may deliver services and perform work from a remote location, *that is approved by the Superintendent or his designee*, during their regular work hours. In this regard, such staff will remain "on call" for immediate direction during their work hours, and such staff will provide contact information (including phone number and email address if internet access if available) at which the District can reach them during this time.

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Hellwig, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, due to the unique and unprecedented circumstances arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, including the Declaration of States of Emergency and mandatory closing of school buildings, the Board of Education hereby approves that the District's staff who hold titles subject to the Ellicottville Central School Related Professional Association Collective Bargaining Agreement may deliver services and perform work from a remote location, *that is approved by the Superintendent or his designee*, during their regular work hours. In this regard, such staff will remain "on call" for immediate direction during their work hours, and such staff will provide contact information (including phone number and email address if internet access if available) at which the District can reach them during this time.

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

Moved by Calarco, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, due to the unique and unprecedented circumstances arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, including the Declaration of States of Emergency and mandatory closing of school buildings, the Board of Education hereby approves that the District's staff designated as confidential/managerial employees may deliver services and perform work from a remote location, *that is approved by the Superintendent or his designee*, during their regular work hours. In this regard, such employees will remain "on call" for immediate direction during their work hours, and such staff will provide contact information (including phone number and email address if internet access if available) at which the District can reach them during this time.

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

Moved by Golley, seconded by Hellwig, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, due to the unique and unprecedented circumstances arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, including the Declaration of States of Emergency and mandatory closing of school buildings, the Board of Education hereby approves the Superintendent to execute Memoranda of Agreement with the District's Collective Bargaining Units addressing the terms and conditions surrounding the delivery of services from a remote location, that is approved by the Superintendent or his designee, during their regular work hours. In this regard, it is expected, among other things, such staff will remain "on call" for immediate direction during their work hours, and such staff will provide contact information (including phone number and email address if internet access if available) at which the District can reach them during this time. The Superintendent is further authorized to direct confidential/managerial employees to deliver services from a remote location, that is approved by the Superintendent or his designee, during their regular work hours. In this regard, it is expected, among other things, such staff will remain "on call" for immediate direction during their work hours, and such staff will provide contact information (including phone number and email address if internet access if available) at which the District can reach them during this time.

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

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**Executive Session:**

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Delete from Agenda. No executive session needed.~~

**Adjournment of Meeting**

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Golley, to adjourn the regular meeting/budget worksession of March 17, 2020 at 6:51 p.m.

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

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District Clerk

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Deputy District Clerk