

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

**Regular Meeting
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**Sht. No. 1872
January 9, 2018**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Robert Miller, Melissa Sawicki, Connie Poulin, Erich Ploetz, Aimee Kilby

Staff Absent: None

Others Present: Rich Place (Salamanca Press), Steve Wedvik, John Zerfas

Call to order of meeting

President Hellwig called the regular meeting of January 9, 2018 of the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. The pledge to the flag of the United States was recited.

Roll Call

All present

Changes, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

- 15d.** Moved by _____, seconded by _____, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the 2016-2017 External Audit Corrective Action Plan.
- 16a.** Moved by _____, seconded by _____, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Elizabeth Lycett to the position of part-time cleaner effective Wednesday, January 10, 2018. This position carries a one-year probationary period which will begin on January 10, 2018 and end on January 10, 2019. Ms. Lycett will receive a salary of \$10.40 per hour for the 2017-2018 school year.
- 16b.** Moved by _____, seconded by _____, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Stephanie Hansen to the substitute teacher aide list at a rate of \$10.40 per hour. This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

Public Comment

None

Approve Agenda

Moved by Spell, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the agenda of the January 9, 2018 Board of Education Meeting with additions.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Presentations & Reports:

None

Communications, Commendations:

None

Informational Items:

ACASB Legislative Breakfast (December 9, 2017): Connie Hellwig stated that she and Superintendent Miller attended the breakfast on December 9, 2017. She stated that Superintendent Miller was a presenter and did a great job. Topics discussed at the breakfast included: 2018 Legislative Priorities, Federal Tax Plan, Teacher Retirement System & Special Education Reserve, Fund Balances, Tax Cap Formula, End Funding with Strings Attached, Repeal APPR, Congressman Tom Reeds Representative, Senator Cathy Young and Assemblyman Joe Giglio presented. Superintendent Miller stated that he was appreciative of area representatives attending the breakfast and genuinely listening to the concerns of the attendees.

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Connie Hellwig, ECS Board President read a prepared statement on behalf of the Board of Education in regards to the West Valley Pre-Annexation Study:

On behalf of the Ellicottville Central School Board & Superintendent, we'd like to share our concerns regarding the West Valley School District Pre-Annexation Study.

We were approached by the West Valley School Board to see if we'd be interested in participating in this study. We agreed at first that we would participate. Once we received the documents from Castallo & Silky LLC, whom West Valley hired to conduct the study, it seemed to us they were requesting some very detailed information for a Pre-Annexation Study. This document was several pages long with 46 complex questions.

We requested a meeting with the West Valley Superintendent and a couple of their board members to discuss the pre-study questions and to see why West Valley was even doing the study at this time.

During our meeting with the West Valley Superintendent and their Board President and Vice President, it became clear to us both Districts lacked interest in any annexation plan at this time.

Therefore, as our responsibility is to our ECS School Tax Payers & Students we will spend our time and resources concentrating on our home district and continue to embrace change, celebrate success & surpass expectations!

Our District is in a healthy condition right now. Our enrollment is up, our financial status is strong, we are exceeding State and National standards academically, and we have strong participation and achievement in extracurricular activities.

Perhaps in the future we may be in a position to participate in a comprehensive annexation study, but we politely decline to participate any further in West Valley's study at this time.

Superintendent's Report (Robert Miller):

1. 180 Day Requirement (calendar)
2. Lockdown Drills: two were held before break. Two more need to be held before the end of the school year.
3. CSO's Meeting canceled on Friday, January 5, 2018
4. New Certification Area: Computer Science
5. Special Education Certification Area: creating grade level extensions (proposal stages)
6. Superintendents Determination Options for Students with Disabilities to graduate with a Local Diploma
7. NYSCOSS Conference canceled on Friday, January 5, 2018 in Albany.
8. Security Cameras (demonstration given). Cameras purchased with Smart Schools Funds.

Principals Reports:

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

1. Late Bus day changes. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday until April break, because of ski club on Thursday nights.
2. Student Council sponsored Elementary Movie (Polar Express) on Friday, December 22, 217 in the new multi-use facility. PTO chipped in. Students were provided popcorn and hot chocolate. Chad and Mary are outstanding about sharing space in the HS Gym.
3. Author Visit: Annual Reading Celebration for 2017-2018: Cynthia DeFelice presented to three groups: K/1, 2/3 and 4/5 on Tuesday, January 9, 2017.
4. Mr. Miller and Mrs. Poulin attended a get-together on Saturday, January 6, 2018 for Karen Kent (retiring bus driver). Very nice event.

MS/HS Principal (Erich Ploetz)

1. Robotics Team did very well at the University of Rochester on December 10, 2017. The 5th grade team won 1st place out of 60 teams for the "Core Values Award".
2. Project Christmas: Glenn Hall and the Ecology Club reported that 2,500 canned food items were collected this year. Students did a great job bringing in items.
3. Thank you to Sanders Parkview for saving the ECS fruit sale after the original vendor from Florida canceled the ECS delivery. Would like to publicly thank Linda from Parkview.
4. Spelling Bee held on Wednesday, January 3, 2018. Sarah Weber was the 1st place winner. 30 students participated. Mrs. Elizabeth Weber (MS English Teacher) organized the event.
5. January 2018 Regents exams will be given the week of January 22-24, 2018. 20 students will be taking exams. All of these exams will be graded in-house.

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Consent Items:

Moved by Calarco, seconded by Murphy, 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 meeting of December 5, 2017
- b. Acknowledgement of the December 13, 2017 & December 27, 2017 Claims Auditor Reports
- c. Approval of the November 2017 Treasurer's Report

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Committee Reports:

Athletic Committee: Met on December 13, 2017 topics discussed included:

- Supervision of athletes before and after practices and games
- Uniforms and Warm-Up Suits
- Items Students Purchase
- Varsity Club Funds
- Camps at ECS for ECS athletes

Discussion Items:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Moved by Spell, seconded by Van Wicklin, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the 2018-2019 Budget Preparation Calendar.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Home Schooling for a Kindergarten student and Grade 2 student for the 2018-2019 school year.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Spell, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Indrek Kongats as a volunteer coach for girl's basketball for the 2017/2018 school year.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Calarco, seconded by Van Wicklin, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the 2016-2017 External Audit Corrective Action Plan.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

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Personnel:

Moved by Klein, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Elizabeth Lycett to the position of part-time cleaner effective Wednesday, January 10, 2018. This position carries a one-year probationary period, which will begin on January 10, 2018, and end on January 10, 2019. Ms. Lycett will receive a salary of \$10.40 per hour for the 2017-2018 school year.

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No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Murphy, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Stephanie Hansen to the substitute teacher aide list at a rate of \$10.40 per hour. This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Policies & Regulations:

None

CSE/CPSE Recommendations:

Moved by Spell, seconded by Klein, 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 (#900500808, 900501098, 900500747, 900500878, 900500808, 900500433, 900413532, 900501178, 900500950, 900501006, 900501233, 900501229, 900501130, 900501131, 900501123, 900501122, 900501232, 900355476, 900500495, 900500494, 900500061, 900440340, 900500580, 900500413, 900500758, 900500878, 900500581, 900500065, 900501223, 900500177, 900500323, 900500065, 900501228, 900500960, 900399415, 900500925) at its meeting on January 9, 2018 and approves all necessary arrangements as the most reasonable and appropriate special service(s) and/or program(s) for the implementation of those recommendations (November 1-December 31, 2017).

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Executive Session

Moved by Spell, seconded by Zlockie to enter into executive session at 7:49 pm to discuss one contractual item.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Klein, seconded by Murphy, to come out of executive session and return to the regular meeting at 8:53 p.m.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Adjournment of Meeting:

Moved by Calarco, seconded by Van Wicklin, to adjourn the regular meeting of January 9, 2018 at 8:53 pm.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

District Clerk

Deputy District Clerk