

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

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**Sht. No. 1724
February 7, 2012**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Members Present: James Wiley, Roger Spell, Steve Crowley, Lynn Eddy,
Carl Calarco

Members Absent: Connie Hellwig

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

Staff Absent: None

Others Present: Michelle Steinbroner, Bill Steinbroner, Cyndi Snyder, Jim Snyder,
Dona Fredrickson

Call to order of meeting

President James Wiley called the regular meeting of February 7, 2012 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

Connie Hellwig - absent

Changes, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

None

Statements and questions from the audience

None

Approve Agenda

Moved by Calarco seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve the agenda for the February 7, 2012 Board of Education meeting as presented.

Yes - 5

No - 0

Carried

Presentations & Reports

Cyndi Snyder, treasurer of Ellicottville Sports Boosters, presented the Board of Education and Administration with a detailed handout of the organizations By Laws. Mrs. Snyder stated that there will be a meeting of the organization at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, February 21st in the High School Gym and all are invited to attend. The purpose of the meeting will be to concentrate on ideas for fund raising and encourage new ideas. Bill Steinbroner asked why the Board was requesting the information from the Sports Boosters at this particular time. Superintendent Ward stated that the Board did not request it at this particular time but in fact the Board was reviewing its Booster Clubs policy. A meeting was held last week to discuss the proposed changes to the policy as well as to explain the need for the district to have some control over booster groups that are directly related to the school. Superintendent Ward pointed out that the PTO, which is also considered a Booster Club lost around \$4,000 a few years ago when an officer of the organization stole the money. He stated that quite frankly the district found out by accident. He stated that the district always had a policy but given the recent events it needed to be looked at. Superintendent Ward stated that questions have arisen in the community and the Board and Administration did not have answers to them. Superintendent Ward added that this way with the new policy and requirements by Booster groups it will be more transparent. He added that more people want to get involved and historically, the organizations have been run by a few people. He added that most organizations are run this way. Mrs. Steinbroner

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stated that hopefully the Sports Boosters will have a meeting each month and more people will come and get involved. Superintendent Ward stated that in no way does the Board or Administration want to micromanage the clubs. He stated that with budgets getting tighter, perhaps the clubs and school can work together to accomplish similar goals. Superintendent Ward stated that the District certainly appreciates all of the support from the Sports Boosters. Bill Steinbroner stated that with the rumblings going on in the community he was surprised that the issues came to the Board instead of to the Sports Boosters Group. He stated that perhaps the questions can be directed in the right place. Superintendent Ward and President Wiley thanked the Sports Boosters for coming to the meeting and presenting their By-Laws.

Communications, Commendations

None

Informational Items

- 1) **January 2012/2011 Cafeteria Report:** Superintendent Ward stated that a year ago the District had to do something in the cafeteria (because of the losses) and the steps that were taken are working.
- 2) 2012-2013 BOCES Administrative & Capital Budgets and Descriptions & Explanations: Superintendent Ward stated that the Superintendents had a meeting on the BOCES regular budgets. He stated that the question was posed why all districts are cutting and they asked what BOCES was doing. Superintendent Ward stated that BOCES has \$12M in a retiree Health Insurance Benefits account and they want to add another \$350,000. He stated that districts are cutting and they should as well. He added that the directors make more than some of the Superintendents. Also, adding that their principals make very good money.

Superintendent's Report

- 1) Met with Sports Booster Club members and other parents. No one spoke of any problems with the proposed changes to the policy. Changes will be approved later in meeting.
- 2) February 2, 2012 - effective date that all levels of state government must post meeting agenda and all foilable information. We began posting with February 7, 2012 meeting.
- 3) Challenging Growth Tax Cap - have called Tim Mahar in Albany several times. Have not received a phone call back. Believe their may be a mistake with the ECS growth figure.
- 4) Calendar for 2012/2013 - will need to go to split break. Steve Crowley stated that with ECS doing more with BOCES it would be a mess if we went with split. Superintendent Ward stated that with ECS having more BOCES classes here, it will help with a couple of teaching jobs for next year. Superintendent Ward asked Board members to think about the options for the 184 & 185 days in calendar.
- 5) E-mail sent to West Valley regarding Sports. Only response so far is West Valley wanting to know who should attend the meeting.
- 6) Executive Session at end of meeting: Contractual & Negotiations with Non-Teaching Staff (ECSRPA) and Confidential Management Employees.

Consent Items:

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

- That the board approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 24, 2012
- Acknowledgment of Claims Auditor Report dated February 2, 2012.
- Approval of December 2011 Treasurer's Report

**Yes - 5
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New Business

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Eddy, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of a resolution pertaining to the legal notice, annual budget/proposition vote and trustee election.

**Yes - 5
No - 0
Carried**

Old Business

None

Personnel

Moved by Calarco, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the following Spring Sports Coaches for the 2011-2012 school year. Salary will be as per the current negotiated contract.

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| Varsity Baseball | Chris Mendell |
| JV Baseball | Robert Sawicki |
| Modified Baseball | Nick Smith |
| Varsity Softball | Matt Finn |
| JV Softball | Tim Bergan |
| Modified Softball | Tammy Eddy |
| Golf | Dan LaCroix |
| Trap Team | Vince Oliverio |

Roll Call:

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| Spell | Yes |
| Eddy | Abstain |
| Calarco | Yes |
| Crowley | Yes |
| Wiley | Yes |

**Yes - 4
No - 0
Abstain - Eddy
Carried**

Moved by Calarco, seconded by Eddy, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Laura St. John to the substitute teacher list (non-certified) at a rate of \$75 per day. This position is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes - 5
No - 0
Carried**

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Principal's Reports

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

- 1) 6th Grade Moving Up
- 2) Character Education February - Kindergarten Students: "Perseverance"
- 3) Elementary Report Cards

Robert Miller (Middle School/High School Principal):

- 1) 6th Grade Moving Up Night Celebration
- 2) Regents/RCT Exams
- 3) MS Leadership Conference
- 4) Bully Prevention Program

Policies:

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, second reading & approval of policy: Booster Clubs.

**Yes - 5
No - 0
Carried**

1st reading of policy: Admission of Non-Resident Students

Discussion: The Board agreed to the tuition rates for the following years:

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| 2012/2013 | \$525.00 |
| 2013/2014 | \$525.00 |
| 2014/2015 | \$540.00 |

The second reading and approval of the policy will be on the February 21, 2012 Board Meeting Agenda.

Committee Reports

None

Discussion Items

Steve Crowley stated that 25 kids participated in the HS races at The Valley this past weekend. He stated that the coaches are good and the race conditions were good as well. Superintendent Ward stated that ECS will have a team next year to represent Section VI.

Executive Session

Moved by Spell, seconded by Calarco, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to enter into executive session at 8:45 pm to discuss Contracts and Negotiations.

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Moved by Spell, seconded by Crowley, to come out of executive session at 9:30 pm and return to the regular meeting.

**Yes - 5
No - 0
Carried**

Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by Eddy, seconded by Calarco to adjourn the regular meeting of February 7, 2012 at 9:31 pm.

**Yes - 5
No - 0
Carried**

District Clerk

Deputy District Clerk