

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

**Regular Meeting
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**Sht. No. 1965
February 15, 2022**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Members Present: Robert Van Wicklin, Leonard Zlockie, Shana Chudy, Erin Cornelius, Debra Golley, William Murphy

Members Absent: Karl Northup

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

Staff Absent: None

Others Present: Jackie James, Schavon Byroads, Jocelyn Wyatt, Elisa Woodarek, Gwen Bush, Bianca Bush, Skye Wood, Jordan O’Connell

Call to order of meeting

President Van Wicklin called the regular meeting of February 15, 2022, of the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

Roll Call

Karl Northrup - absent

Changes, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Additions:

17. Personnel
- g. Assistant Varsity Baseball – Jason Marsh
 - m. Moved by _____, seconded by _____, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of to accept a letter of resignation from Kathleen Isler (F/T cleaner) effective February 15, 2022.
 - n. Moved by _____, seconded by _____, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Dana Story to the position of Bus Driver effective February 18, 2022. This position carries a one-year probationary period which will begin on February 18, 2022 and end on February 18, 2023.
 - o. Moved by _____, seconded by _____, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of an MOA with the ETA, the ECSRPA and Confidential Management regarding sick bank donations to an employee for the 2021-2022 school year.

Approve Agenda

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Murphy, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the agenda of the February 15, 2022, Board of Education Meeting with an additions.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Public Comment

None

Presentations & Reports

Bianca Bush, Skye Wood, and Jordan O’Connell presented the proposed 8th grade class trip to Washington, D.C. scheduled for June 2022. They outlined the three-day trip stating that they would leave Ellicottville on June 20 and return on June 22. The students highlighted some of the things they will do on the trip such as visiting the monuments in D.C. as well as going to a baseball game at Camden Yards (Baltimore Orioles Park) in Maryland. Ms. James, class advisor, stated that they have 50 students in the class and 42 have expressed interest. The current cost with 42 students is \$395 and the class will put a bit of money towards the trip. Ms. James stated that the class does not have that much money in their fund because they were not able to do some of their fundraisers during Covid. Ms. James stated that all the activities for the trip are outdoors.

Communications, Commendations

None

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Informational Items

None

Superintendent's Report – Robert Miller

1. Capital Project Meeting was held today. Currently going through the punch list for the first phase of the project. The coolers and freezers are in and running. Still working on a few things such as the electrical, PA system, and painting in the high school cafeteria. Phase two of the project will include flooring in the elementary (getting rid of the last of the carpet), a canopy over the new loading dock, digging out and replacing the landscape fiber and putting in new chips on the playground. Other surface items have been looked at, but the cost is outrageous. There will be an open house next year after phase two is completed. There are items in the high school café that we are not 100% happy with. This is a problem that the Project Manager is working on with the designers.
2. Vape Detectors are in, and we hope that they will be installed over break. They will be installed in the middle school and high school bathrooms and locker rooms. These detectors were purchased through the ESSER and ARP grants.
3. COVID – pleased to announce that we have no new cases to report since last week. Things are starting to change, for example the 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. Superintendent Miller stated that he thinks everyone in New York State is frustrated about masks wearing. He stated that there has been no new news since last week, but we do know that after break we are supposed to find out something new. Part of the metrics, according to Governor Hochul, is testing and vaccinations. A Robocall has been sent out to parents to suggest that they give their kids a test before they come back on February 28th. We haven't heard anything from the County regarding another vaccination clinic. We will though, most likely, be looking at another one in the future.
4. Reopening Plans – have to update the plans for the ARP and ESSER every six months. Updated info is in the February/March 2022 newsletter. We need the stage and will be moving the lunches and study halls. The stage is needed for music classes, the musical and the upcoming concert. The concert will be held on March 9th, with the musical being held on April 1st and 2nd. Erin Cornelius expressed concern over contact tracing, and stated it seems like we have 2 sets of rules for the buildings. President Van Wicklin stated that contact tracing has been left up to the administration. Superintendent Miller stated that he and the principals spent a lot of time after the last meeting researching contact tracing. He stated that the administration looks at seating charts and draws a ring around the student. A robocall is then made suggesting that parents keep an eye on their child(ren) as they may have been in contact with a person who tested positive for Covid. MS/HS students are asked to let close contacts know they may be a close contact. Superintendent Miller stated that he and President Van Wicklin attended the ACASB Legislative Breakfast on February 6th. He stated that he told State Senator George Borrello and Assemblyman Joe Giglio that school districts need clear and concise direction regarding masking and contact tracing.
5. ARP/ESSA – updated and placed on website. Once we get reopening plan updated will post as well. There are not a ton of changes. We have one more water fountain to place in the lower level of the high school for the Big Picture program. There has never been a water fountain down there. These funds are spread over 3 years, so we have to be careful not to overwhelm the staff with all of the new initiatives. We have to offer a plan for feedback, info has been placed in the February/March 2022 newsletter and have to report that it has been shared with the Board of Education and Staff.
6. Trying to get things back to normal. The new communication system is nice as it can be programmed from anywhere. We will begin the Walk Program on February 28th (Monday-Thursday). We did get requests to open the school up for walking. Slowly things will get back to normal. Shana Chudy stated that the kids are so happy at the Saturday youth basketball program. Superintendent Miller stated that games can also be streamed, so people at home can watch them. Looking to get streaming capabilities for the football and soccer fields. Cameras will be mounted on the press Still not there yet for baseball and softball.
7. Congratulations to Deb Golley on becoming a grandma.

Principals Reports:

Erich Ploetz: MS/HS Principal

1. Benchmark Tests tied to learning loss is taking up a lot of time in the MS/HS.
2. Winter Weekend was a success.
3. HS Musical – A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, scheduled for April 1 and 2.
4. Men's & Women's Basketball headed to Sectional Playoffs – Plenty to be TBD
5. We have one bowler heading to sectional play – Emma Lafferty (10th grader)
6. Skiers qualifying for state championships @ Gore Mountain: Kaleb Kilby (12), CeCe Carls (12), Emmet Jacobson-Coolidge (10), Emmy Lou Carls (10), Bianca Bush (8), Harper Klein (8).
7. Possibility of a charity basketball game faculty against the Sheriff's Department.

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Maren Bush: Elementary Principal/Director of Curriculum

1. Snow Much Fun – 1st & 2nd Grade Celebrate with Snow Days!
2. Winter Carnival – Holiday Valley Tubing Park: February 8th
3. 4th Grade Long House Projects
4. Happy 100th Day of School & Valentine’s Day Celebrations!
5. Upcoming Field Trips: 1st Grade Field Trip to Challenger Learning Center – Friday, February 18th
6. Jared Campbell Assembly
7. Staff Development Day March 18th
8. March 29-31: 3-8 ELA State Assessments

Deb Golley stated that there were a record number of kids at the BOCES Winter Carnival this year with over 800 kids (students with disabilities) participating.

School Business Executive Report: Aimee Kilby
No Report

Consent Items:

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Golley, 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 January 25, 2022
- b. Acknowledgement of the February 1, 2022 Claims Auditor Report
- c. Approval of the December 2021 Treasurer’s Report

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Committee Reports:

Buildings, Grounds & Transportation – In Superintendent’s Report.

Discussion Items:

Shana Chudy stated she wanted to give a shout out to the kids who put the petition together, regarding wearing masks. She stated that it took a lot of work and she especially wanted to give a shout out to Joe. She added that many of the kids have already had Covid and have immunity. She said she is 100% behind them. Mrs. Chudy stated that masks should be optional. President Van Wicklin stated that it was a good petition, just sent to the wrong place.

Old Business:
None

New Business:

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, that the Ellicottville Central School District approves the proposed basis of service charges of the Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

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Moved by Murphy, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, that the Ellicottville Central School District approves the CA BOCES Cooperative Purchasing Annual Resolution as follows: WHEREAS, It is the plan of a number of public school districts in Cattaraugus County and Allegany County, New York, to bid jointly for various supplies, commodities, and/or services in the 2022-2023 fiscal year, and WHEREAS, The Ellicottville Central School District is desirous of participating with other school districts in Cattaraugus and Allegany Counties in the joint bidding of all or some of the supplies, commodities, and/or services as mentioned above, as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0, and as determined by district need, and WHEREAS, The Board of Cooperative Educational Services and Boards of Education wish to appoint a committee to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, reporting of the results to the Board of Cooperative Educational Services and Boards of Education and making recommendations thereon; therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Ellicottville Central School District Board of Education hereby appoints the Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming Board of Cooperative Educational Services to represent it in all matters related above, and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education authorizes the above mentioned committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned supplies, commodities, and/or services, and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Ellicottville Central School District Board of Education agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs of the cooperative bidding, and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Ellicottville Central School District Board of Education agrees (1) to abide by the majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (2) that unless all bids are rejected, it will award contracts according to the recommendations of the committee; (3) that after award of contract(s) it will conduct all negotiations with the successful bidder(s).

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Golley, seconded by Chudy, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the 8th grade trip to Washington, DC. June 20-22, 2022.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Murphy, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval to authorize Aimee Kilby, School Business Executive, to fund the following amounts from the unassigned fund balance to the following reserves (not to exceed the amounts below):

Workers Comp Reserve	\$30,000
EMBLR Reserve	\$80,000
Capital Project Reserve	\$90,000
Capital Reserve - Transportation	\$45,000

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Personnel:

Moved by Golley, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of a MOA with the ETA (Ellicottville Teacher's Association) regarding a teacher's (Ann Chamberlain) employment and benefits for the 2022/2023 school year.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Chudy, seconded by Golley, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the tenure appointment of Joseph Steger in English. Mr. Steger has his Professional Certificate in English Language Arts 7-12. Tenure is effective February 16, 2022.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

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Moved by Murphy, seconded by Cornelius, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of paid intermittent Family Medical Leave (FMLA) request for April Donoghue from February 7, 2022 to June 30, 2022.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Golley, seconded by Cornelius, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Sara O’Neil to the substitute nurse list (LPN) at a rate of \$15.50 per hour and the substitute nurse list (RN) at a rate of \$25.00 per hour, effective retroactive to January 31, 2022. This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Murphy, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Jon Wilder as a Sound/Lighting Consultant for the 2021-2022 school year, at a rate of pay of \$20 per hour retroactive to January 28, 2022.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Golley, seconded by Cornelius, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Donna Warner as a piano accompanist for the 2021-2022 school year, at a rate of pay of \$20 per hour. This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Chudy, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the following Spring Sports Coaches for the 2021-2022 school year. These appointments are contingent upon sufficient student numbers in each sport.

Varsity Baseball	Chris Mendell
Assistant Varsity Baseball	Jason Marsh
Modified Baseball	Rick DeKay
Varsity Softball	Matt Finn
Assistant Varsity Softball	Chris Keenan
JV Softball	Tracie Myers
Modified Softball	Tracy Rozler
Track and Field	Gwen Bush
Golf	Dan LaCroix

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Cornelius, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Wendy Regan to the position of Drama Club Advisor – Assistant Director (Vocal) for the 2021-2022 school year.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Golley, upon the approval of a change in working conditions for Confidential Management, the School Business Executive and Administration which provides for Juneteenth to be treated as a paid holiday in the 2021-2022 school year.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

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Moved by Chudy, seconded by Golley, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Jamie Edwards to the position of Drama Club Advisor – Assistant Director (Accompanist) for the 2021-2022 school year.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Shawne Hunt to the position of Drama Club Advisor – Assistant Director (Production) for the 2021-2022 school year.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

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**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

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No – 0
Carried**

Policy

None

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CSE/CPSE Recommendations

Moved by Golley, seconded by Cornelius, 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 (#900501098, 900501150, 900500859, 900501454, 900500578, 900500579, 900501177, 900500886, 900501349, 900500810) at its meeting on February 15, 2022 and approves all necessary arrangements as the most reasonable and appropriate special service(s) and/or program(s) for the implementation of those recommendations January 21 – February 9, 2022.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Executive Session

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Murphy, to move into Executive Session at 6:46 pm to discuss collective bargaining pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Golley, seconded by Chudy, to come out of Executive Session at 7:35 pm and return to the regular meeting.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by Golley, seconded by Chudy, to adjourn the regular meeting February 15, 2022, at 7:36 p.m.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

District Clerk

Deputy District Clerk