

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Ellicottville Central School**

**Regular Meeting  
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**Sht. No. 1749  
January 22, 2013**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Roger Spell, Connie Hellwig, Carl Calarco, Steve Crowley  
Lynn Eddy, Aimee Kilby, James Wiley (via Adobe Connect)

**Members Absent:** All Present

**Staff Present:** Mark Ward, Melissa Sawicki, Robert Miller, Connie Poulin, Joe Mahar

**Staff Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Jann Wiswall (Eville Times), Chris Chapman (Mountain & Valley News),  
Sam Wilson (Salamanca Press), SEI Design, Campus Construction

**Call to order of meeting**

President Spell called the regular meeting of January 22, 2013 of the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education to order at 7:33 p.m. The pledge to the flag of the United States was recited.

**Roll Call**

All Present

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

Additions to Agenda

New Business:

- 12d. Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations of the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (6 NYCRR Part 617, as amended) promulgated thereunder ("SEQRA").
19. Executive Session: 2 contractual items and 1 personnel item to be discussed

Changes to Agenda

- 12d. becomes 12e.  
Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of wording Calling For Publication Of Notice Regarding Vote on \$9,845,800 Capital Project Proposition to be voted on March 19, 2013.

**Statements and questions from the audience**

None

**Approve Agenda**

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Eddy, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve the agenda for the January 22, 2013 Board of Education meeting with additions and changes.

**Yes - 7**

**No - 0**

**Carried**

**Presentations & Reports**

None

**Communications, Commendations**

None

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**Informational Items**

-December 2012/11 Cafeteria Report: Connie Hellwig stated that she noticed the cafeteria a bit in the red. Superintendent Ward stated that it is a bit in the red, but it isn't from a lack of trying to save money. He stated that next year should be better as a few steps will be taken that will hopefully help the situation. He added that he will continue to keep a good eye on the situation.

-BOCES Annual Meeting (April 23, 2013): Superintendent Ward stated that it is informational material with an invite for the 2013 BOCES Informational Meeting on April 10 @ 7 pm and nomination forms for the BOCES Board. Superintendent Ward stated that last year ECS voted against the budget and that it will be interesting to see what happens with this years vote.

-Capital Project Update: Superintendent Ward stated that SEI Design and Campus Construction were present at the Board Meeting to answer any questions anyone may have in regards to the proposed Capital Project. He stated that no changes have been to the project since the December 2012 meeting. Superintendent Ward stated that Bernie Donegan's Office projected bond rates from 5% to 2.5%. He added that there hasn't been a 5% rating in the last 20 years. Superintendent Ward stated that at a 2.5% bond rating the cost would be about 9¢ a day on a \$100,000 home. Superintendent Ward stated that he and the Board have been mindful and believe the project will not hurt the taxpayers. He stated that in the last 4 years the budget has only increased 4.9% averaging out to 1.75% per year (with one year having a substantial decrease). Superintendent Ward stated that in a District Newsletter tax rates were compared between neighboring districts. He added that the differences between Ellicottville and surrounding districts is quite substantial. Superintendent Ward stated that the Board and Administration feel this is a viable project at \$9,845,800. Superintendent Ward stated that there will be more info and public meetings in the future as well as the board and administration's willingness to go to any organization and speak about the project and provide actual and accurate information to the groups. He stated that the addition to the building is 100'x50' with the project mainly reconfiguring space to better fit the needs of 2013 not 1960. Superintendent Ward stated that he would be happy to give the media any info they need and appreciate them getting the correct information out to the community.

**Superintendent's Report**

1. State Aid Run 2013/14 - Superintendent Ward stated that the State Aid Run is showing a 2.14% increase (about \$80,000) which is a bit of a fallacy. He stated that the district has lost \$1.3M in the past few years. He added that the TRS (Teachers Retirement System) is going up 40% for the 2013/14 school year which equates to a 3% increase in the tax levy (there is a 2% cap).
2. BOCES has vehicles up for bid in the lottery system again this year. ECS has put in for a Ford F-250 truck. He stated that the board does not have to decide anything regarding the vehicle until February.
3. Administrators had training the other day with "Right Reason Technology." The training pertains to the new teacher evaluation system. APPR plan needs to be approved again in the summer.
4. Executive Session - 2 contractual and 1 personnel item.

**Consent Items:**

Moved by Calarco, seconded by Kilby, 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 meeting of January 8, 2012
- Acknowledgment of Claims Auditor Reports dated January 17, 2013
- Approval of December 2012 Treasurer's Report

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

**Committee Reports:**

Audit: The committee (Steve Crowley, Roger Spell, Aimee Kilby, Joe Mahar and Mark Ward) met on January 15th and came up with a RFP (Request for Proposals) for the External Audit. Superintendent Ward stated "if the board approves the RFP this evening, letters will be sent to firms by weeks end." He added that the board has the right to reject all of them and does not have to take the lowest bid.

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**New Business:**

Moved by Eddy, seconded by Calarco, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of three (3) home school students for the 2012-13 school year (David Freundschuh - 1st grade, Jaclyn Freundschuh - 6th grade and Joseph Freundschuh - 3rd grade).

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Wiley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval Dorothy Fredrickson as a volunteer in the elementary for the 2012/2013 school year.

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

Moved by Kilby, seconded by Eddy, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval RFP - for external auditing services.

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

Moved by Calarco, seconded by Hellwig, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations of the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (6 NYCRR Part 617, as amended) promulgated thereunder ("SEQRA").

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

Moved by Kilby, seconded by Crowley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of wording Calling For Publication Of Notice Regarding Vote on \$9,845,800 Capital Project Proposition to be voted on March 19, 2013.

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

**Old Business:**

None

**Personnel**

Moved by Calarco, seconded by Eddy, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Mary Neilon as the Winter Weight Training Coach for the 2012/13 school year at a salary of \$322.

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

Moved by Eddy, seconded by Wiley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, accept a letter of resignation from William Hasper as Maintenance Worker effective February 1, 2013 (due to his appointment as Grounds & Mechanic's Helper effective February 1, 2013).

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

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**Principal's Reports**

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

1. Elementary Newsletter
2. Cynthia DeFelice - Visiting Author: ECS was thrilled with her visit. The students were incredible. Mrs. DeFelice autographed and wrote inscriptions in the books donated by the Ellicottville Rotary (which will be used in the book give-a-way drawing).
3. Core Values

**Robert Miller (Middle School/High School Principal):**

1. Winter Weekend
2. Financial Aid Night
3. Updated Eligibility Regulations
4. CCMTA Solo Festival
5. DASA Assembly
6. Ski Team
7. Next meeting: Seniors will be attending to talk about their Senior Trip to New York City.

**Policies:**

None

**Discussion Items:**

None

**CSE/CPSE:**

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Wiley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, 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 (#900500433, 900342106, 900500504, 900500491) at its meeting on January 22, 2013 and approves all necessary arrangements as the most reasonable and appropriate special service(s) and/or program(s) for the implementation of those recommendations (December 1-31, 2012).

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

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**Executive Session**

Moved by Eddy, seconded by Wiley, to enter into executive session at 8:34 pm to discuss 2 contractual items and 1 personnel item.

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

Moved by Hellwig, second by Kilby, to come out of executive session at 9:55 p.m. and return to the regular meeting.

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

Moved by Carlarco, second by Eddy, to adjourn the regular meeting of January 22, 2013 at 9:56 p.m.

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

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District Clerk

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Deputy District Clerk