

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

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Sht. No. 2019
March 11, 2025

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Members Present: Debra Golley, Karl Northrup,
Tiffany Frentz, David Scotty McGee, Jenna O'Connell

Members Absent: Nathan Dahlman

Staff Present: Mark J. Ward, Aimee Kilby

Staff Absent: Kristen Pearl

Others Present: Schavon Byroads, Nick Humphrey, Matia Varner, Shelby Hensel, Jenna Pezzino

Call to order of meeting

President Golley called the regular meeting (budget workshop) of March 11, 2025, 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

Nathan Dahlman - Absent

Changes, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Changes:

Additions:

c. Moved by O'Connell, seconded by Frentz upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Interim Superintendent of Schools, approval to appoint Nick Smith as modified baseball coach for the 2024-2025 season.

d. Moved by Kruszynski, seconded by McGee upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Interim Superintendent of Schools, approval to appoint Jillian Tomsick as a volunteer soft ball coach for the 2024-2025 season.

e. Moved by Frentz, seconded by Kruszynski upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Interim Superintendent, approval of an MOA between the Ellicottville Central School District and Ellicottville Teachers Association.

Approve Agenda

Moved by Frentz, seconded by Northrup, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Interim Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the agenda of March 11, 2025 Board of Education Meeting with additions and changes.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Public Comment

- The Public Comment section is a time set aside for the community to speak directly to the Board of Education.
- Please refer to Policy # 3220 – Public Expression at Meetings.
- Any person may make a public comment by placing their name, address, and topic on the sign-in sheet.
- When called, please stand up and state your name and address.
- Please be respectful in your comments and do not divulge any personal or confidential information. The speaker will be stopped if any Board member or district employee is mentioned by name.
- Please demonstrate respect by speaking to the issues, sharing ideas and opinions, but not engaging in personal attacks. At a public Board meeting, no person may orally initiate charges or complaints against individual District employees or Board members.
- Board members, the superintendent and administrators will not answer specific questions or engage in dialogue.
- The information shared will be carefully considered and the appropriate person may contact you.
- Rest assured, we are listening carefully and take seriously what you have to say.
- The Board appreciates your willingness to share your concerns/celebrations.

Public Comment:

None

Presentations & Reports

None

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Communications, Commendations

None

Informational Items

None

Interim Superintendent's Report – Mark J. Ward

Drivers Education with BOCES, we will get aide & paid for use of the district car.

Bill Hasper has started as a bus driver.

Elementary staffing for 2025-2026

Padding for the Ward has been ordered. The new color will be black.

Looking forward to the upcoming FBI training for AI, bullying, phone use, etc.

We will continue to work on flashing lights for the school zone. The school sign will be installed within two weeks or so.

Modified baseball with have a new coach this year, Nick Smith!

The annual BOCES Dinner reservations need to be submitted before 3/21/25.

Leadership conference for next year is at Disney in Florida for students the cost is \$1450 per student, but the cost could be offset by possibly utilizing student council, rotary, etc. More info to come!

Discussion regarding staff development day and it's activities.

Committee Reports:

None

Discussion Items:

Discussed the 2025-2026 school district expenses & revenue, along with tax cap calculator and tax levy amounts.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

a. Campus and SEI presentation regarding \$2,375,000 capital improvement project.

b. Moved by McGee, seconded by Frenz upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Interim Superintendent of Schools, approval to accept the following bid results: Based upon the attached bid results and the project team's input, we are recommending the approval and award of the lowest, responsible bidder as follows for the 2024 Capital Improvement Project- Phase 1: Contract No. 101 Plumbing – Chautauqua Mechanical, II LLC Base Bid \$ 358,280.00

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

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Personnel:**

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Moved by O'Connell, seconded by Frentz upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Interim Superintendent of Schools, approval to appoint Ellen Story to the 12-month cleaner position retroactive to February 14, 2025 at a rate of \$15.50 per hour. This position carries a one-year probationary period which will begin on February 14, 2025 and end on February 14, 2026.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Northrup, seconded by Kruszynski upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Interim Superintendent of Schools, approval to appoint Leandra Hackett to the position of School Nurse effective March 13, 2025 at a prorated salary of \$58,000 for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year . This position carries a one-year probationary period which will begin on March 13, 2025 and end on March 13, 2026.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Executive Session

The New York Public Officers Law states a board may enter executive session to discuss:

1. Matters which will imperil public safety if disclosed.
2. Any matter which may disclose the identity of a law enforcement agent or informer.
3. Information relating to current or future investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense which would imperil effective law enforcement if disclosed.
4. Proposed, pending or current litigation.
5. Collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law).
6. The medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.
7. The preparation, grading or administration of examinations.
8. The proposed acquisition, sale, or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value of the property .

Executive Session

Moved by Frentz, seconded by O'Connell, to move into Executive Session at 7:11 p.m. for the purpose of:
6. The medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Northrup, seconded by O'Connell to come out of Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. and return to the regular meeting .

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

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Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by Frentz, seconded by O'Connell, to adjourn the regular meeting of January 14, 2025, at 8:03 p.m.

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Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried

District Clerk

Deputy District Clerk