

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

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**Sht. No. 1954
May 18, 2021**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Members Present: Robert Van Wicklin, William Murphy, Shana Chudy, Debra Golley, Karl Northup, Leonard Zlockie

Members Absent: Roger Spell

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

Staff Absent: Aimee Kilby

Others Present: Carl Calarco (Campus Construction)

Call to order of meeting

President Van Wicklin called the regular meeting of May 18, 2021, of the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education to order at 8:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Karl Northrup arrived at 8:39 pm

Changes, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Additions:

16. New Business
- d. Moved by _____, seconded by _____, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of an MOA with ECSRPA (Ellicottville Central School Related Professional Association) regarding substitute teacher aides for the 2020-2021 school year.

Approve Agenda

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Golley, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the agenda of the May 18, 2021, Board of Education Meeting with additions.

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

Public Comment

None

Presentations & Reports

None

Communications, Commendations

None

Informational Items

None

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Superintendent's Report – Robert Miller

1. New York State - After removing over-statements, our final estimates show that our realized increase across all aid categories will be about \$52,000.... NOT \$327,000. It needs to be noted that our aid projection for 2021-22 is “overfunded” based on formulas. This means that the increase we see this year, is not guaranteed for the next two years as it is in districts where their aid in this category is “underfunded.” July 1st deadline and public comment period related to increases in Foundation Aid. My understanding is that we do not have to do this as: we will not see an increase in Foundation Aid of more than 10%, and we will not see an increase in Foundation Aid of more than \$10,000,000.
2. Stimulus Funds - There is still a great deal of discussion and confusion surrounding the federal stimulus funds that will be distributed to districts. Original projection of \$647,000 for ARP (American Rescue Plan) / ESSER (Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief) has been reduced to \$644,500 (approximately \$121K per year). Other Districts will see “additions” to their ARP / ESSER allocations such that the next lowest amount in Catt. Co. will see a total of \$1,270,000. Our CRRSA (Coronavirus Response and Relief Appropriations) Act’s Stimulus is \$286,000. These funds need to all be expended next year. We are working on plans and a budget for these already. We are still learning more about these funds and the parameters of how they can be used. We have not seen anything definite in terms “applications,” we know that at least one of them requires a plan that needs to be submitted by July 1. On Monday (May 17th), we received a little more guidance from NYS on these funds. One of the comments was: “The Department will not be developing a template or collecting the plans referenced in the state budget language.” Deadlines: CRRSA Plan is due June 15th. I believe we need to have a public comment opportunity for stakeholders. We may request an extension from NYS. ARP Assurances are due May 24th. ARP Plans are due July 1st. They need to include plans by school year on how we will expend the funds. ARP Plans also have to have a public comment opportunity for stakeholders. If possible, would like to combine these “opportunities” into a single meeting.
3. Soccer Hall of Fame Tournament: Last year (2019-20) we planned on allowing the girls to attend and play in the NYS Hall of Fame Tournament in Niskayuna, NY as Mary Neilon was being inducted. The tournament was cancelled this past fall due to COVID. It has been rescheduled for the fall of 2021. I have told Tammy Eddy she may register and proceed using the previous plans we had in place.
4. Communication App: In the June newsletter we will have an article for parents on signing up to use the new mass communication app for ECS. The intent is to “pilot” this throughout June so that we are ready to fully implement it by September.
5. Vaccination Clinic: Have been working with Catt. Co. Emergency Services on hosting a vaccination clinic for students 12+ years old 1PM-3PM and then the general community from 3PM-5PM. First vaccine will be given on Friday, May 21, 2021. This would be in-line with the Governor’s call to have schools assist with vaccinations. We have several appointments / permission slips already!
6. Sports: The Titan Football Team captured the Section VI Class D Title on Friday by defeating Salamanca 21-7! Congratulations!

Principals Reports:

Erich Ploetz: MS/HS Principal -

1. End of year letter regarding grading will be mailed to students. Grades 7-12 will not have Finals. Grade 6 will have traditional exams. Mr. Ploetz spent time discussing this with the teachers.
2. Busy month of June:

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| June 3 rd | Academic Banquet |
| June 6 th | Senior Trip to Darien Lake |
| June 9 th | NHS |
| June 12 th | Prom |
| June 16 th | tentative date for Sports Banquet |

3. Graduation planning

Maren Bush: Elementary Principal/Director of Curriculum -

1. Math tests given last week, science will be given in a few weeks
2. Marie Davis will have a six-week summer reading program
3. Nick Smith, Kristin Rocco and their classes sprucing up the courtyard

School Business Executive Report: Aimee Kilby

No Report

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Consent Items:

Moved by Murphy, 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 April 20, 2021 and May 11, 2021
- b. Acknowledgement of the April 27, 2021, and May 11, 2021 Claims Auditor Reports
- c. Approval of the March 2021 Treasurers Report

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

Committee Reports:

None

Discussion Items:

None

Karl Northrup arrived at 8:39 pm

Old Business:

Capital Project: Carl Calarco, Campus Construction, addressed the Board regarding the Capital Improvement Project. He presented a hand-out detailing the budget summary bids and stated that the bids came in very favorably. This will allow the district to incorporate some of the “wish list items” that were in the original design of the project. The main stakeholders will hold a meeting next week with Rick Timbs, Financial Advisor. Mr. Calarco stated that there are different possible ways to spend the money, such as, working on the track area, additional sidewalk work in front of the school, the playground bedding (which is going to be replaced with rubber infill). Inside and outside of the building security features with flashing warning lights, new clocks, control center, electronic door sets, pa system, upgrading temperature control system.

Shana Chudy asked if lights could be done on the football field. Mr. Calarco stated they could, and the cost would be around \$500,000 - \$600,000. Karl Northrup asked if it could go under the electrical component. Mr. Calarco stated it could with a change order. He stated that it was also discussed to run fiber line to the press box for live streaming capabilities. Superintendent Miller stated that several classrooms in the elementary are in desperate need of new flooring. He stated that this would be a great time to get it done. He added that it is an exciting time and the ECS campus will look quite different come October. Superintendent Miller stated that the goal is to have the new sod on the football field ready for the Fall 2022 season. The hope is the soccer field will be ready for Fall 2021. Carl Calarco stated that a special thank you to Mr. Crowley for putting the new well in years ago. He added that this is really helping out right now.

New Business:

Moved by Northrup, seconded by Golley, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the 2021-2022 School Year Calendar.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Chudy, seconded by Northrup, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of MOAs with the ETA for Track Chaperones & Golf Chaperones and Assistant Softball Coach & Assistant Baseball Coach.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Golley, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval to accept the results of the May 18, 2021, Budget Vote & Board Member Election results:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District in the County of Cattaraugus, State of New York, BE AND IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND THE SUM OF \$13,458,285 for the 2021/2022 school year budget. The Basic Budget will provide funds for all of the educationally related services and the maintenance of our school building. YES 113 NO 11

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RESOLVED, that the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Ellicottville Central School District, Cattaraugus County, New York (the "District") is hereby authorized to establish a capital improvements reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law of the State of New York (the "Fund"); that the Fund shall be known as the "Capital Improvements Reserve Fund, 2021" of the District; that the Fund shall be established for the purpose of financing, in whole or in part, the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, expansion, renovation, alteration and improvement of buildings, facilities, sites and real property by the District, or the District's share of the cost of any capital improvements project undertaken by a Board of Cooperative Educational Services ("BOCES") of which the District is (or may become) a component district, including, in all cases, the acquisition of necessary furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus; that the ultimate amount of such Fund shall be not greater than \$5,000,000.00 (plus interest earned thereon); that the probable term of such Fund shall be not longer than ten (10) years; and that the permissible sources from which the Board is authorized to appropriate monies to such Fund from time to time shall be (a) amounts applied thereto from budgetary appropriations of the District; (b) unappropriated fund balance of the District; (c) State aid received as reimbursement for expenditures by the District in connection with District capital improvements (whether or not such improvements were financed in whole or in part from the Fund); (d) proceeds from the sale of unneeded real or personal property owned by the District, if permitted by law; (e) such other sources as the Board or the voters of the District may direct from time to time, all as may be permitted by law. YES 107 NO 16

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Ellicottville Central School District, Cattaraugus County, New York (the "District") is hereby authorized to establish a new capital reserve fund (the "Fund") for the acquisition of various school buses, school bus-type vans/minivans, and similar vehicles (and related equipment) for use in the transportation program of the District, all pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law of the State of New York; that the Fund shall be known as the "Transportation Reserve Fund, 2021"; that the ultimate amount of the Fund shall be not greater than \$1,000,000.00 (plus interest earned thereon); that the probable term of the Fund shall be not longer than five (5) years; and that the permissible sources from which the Board is authorized to appropriate monies to such Fund from time to time shall be (a) amounts applied thereto from budgetary appropriations of the District; (b) unappropriated fund balance of the District; (c) to the extent specifically directed by the Board, State aid received as reimbursement for transportation-related expenditures by the District (whether or not such expenditures were financed in whole or in part from the Fund); (d) proceeds from the sale of real or personal property owned by the District, if permitted by law and if directed by the Board; and (e) such other sources as the Board or the voters of the District may direct from time to time, all as may be permitted by law. YES 108 NO 16

RESOLVED: This proposition will authorize the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District in the County of Cattaraugus, State of New York, to levy an additional (not to exceed) \$39,600 to lease 2 (two) 66 passenger school buses for each of the next five years (five annual payments) commencing with the 2021/2022 school year. YES 108 NO 16

The candidate receiving the highest number of write-in votes will serve a five-year term, beginning on May 18, 2021, and expiring on June 30, 2026.

Erin Cornelius (Write-in Candidate) **WINNER WITH 12 VOTES**

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| Erin Cornelius | 12 |
| Roger Spell | 5 |
| Mark Ward | 3 |
| James Pawlowski | 2 |
| Katlyn Tekavec | 2 |
| Lynn Eddy | 1 |
| Thomas Hunt | 1 |
| Ed Imhoff | 1 |
| Larry Mack | 1 |

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Golley, seconded by Murphy, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of an MOA with ECSRPA (Ellicottville Central School Related Professional Association) regarding substitute teacher aides for the 2020-2021 school year.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

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Personnel:

Moved by Chudy, seconded by Northrup, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the following Spring Sports Coaches for the 2020-2021 school year:

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| •Varsity Baseball | Chris Mendell |
| •Assistant Varsity Baseball | Jason Marsh |
| •JV Baseball | Robert Sawicki |
| •Modified Baseball | Rick Dekay |
| •Varsity Softball | Matt Finn |
| •Assistant Varsity Softball | Chris Keenan |
| •JV Softball | Tracie Myers |
| •Modified Softball | Ashley Hellwig |
| •Track | Gwen Bush |
| •Golf | Dan LaCroix |

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Golley, seconded by Northrup, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the following for Fall 2 sports (2020-2021 school year):

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| •Volleyball Scorers: | Jamie Edwards |
| •Videographers: | Matt Finn |

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Northrup, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval to accept a letter of resignation from Janet O'Rourke (LPN) effective Friday, May 28, 2021.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Northrup, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Jenna Hicks to the substitute teacher list (non-certified) at a rate of \$95 per day. This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Golley, seconded by Northrup, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of June Chapman and Marie Davis as Detention Monitors retroactive for the 2020-2021 school year.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Chudy, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, due to the district's change in needs, the Board of Education hereby abolishes one (1) Teacher Assistant position effective June 24, 2021. The Board of Education has determined that Rebecca Ortiz is the least senior Teacher Assistant and accordingly, shall be excessed effective June 24, 2021. In accordance with Education Law § 3013(3) such teachers shall be placed on the Preferred Eligibility List for Teacher Assistants for a period of seven (7) years from the effective date of this abolition.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

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Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Northrup, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Tracie Myers as a Modified Volleyball Coach retroactive to March 22, 2021.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Golley, seconded by Chudy, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Todd Randall to the substitute teacher list (non- certified) at a rate of \$95 per day. This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Policy:

Moved by Northrup, seconded by Murphy, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, 1st Reading and approval of changes to policy #7131 Admission of Non-Resident Students.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

CSE/CPSE Recommendations:

Moved by Chudy, seconded by Zlockie, 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 (#900500463, 900501015, 900500135, 900501376, 900501376, 900501261, 900501365, 900501413, 900501229, 900501149, 900501358, 900500960, 900500756, 900501259, 900501301, 900500413) at its meeting on May 18, 2021 and approves all necessary arrangements as the most reasonable and appropriate special service(s) and/or program(s) for the implementation of those recommendations March 31 – May 12, 2021.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

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Executive Session

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Northrup, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval to enter into executive session at 9:13 pm to discuss one contractual item (ETA) and one specific personnel item (ECSRPA).

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Murphy, to come out of executive session at 10:13 pm and return to the regular meeting.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by Chudy, seconded by Northrup, to adjourn the regular meeting of May 18, 2021, at 10:13 p.m.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

District Clerk

Deputy District Clerk