

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Ellicottville Central School**

**Regular Meeting  
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**Sht. No. 1772  
November 19, 2013**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Roger Spell, Connie Hellwig, Carl Calarco, Steve Crowley  
William Murphy, James Wiley, Leonard Zlockie

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Mark Ward, Melissa Sawicki, Connie Poulin

**Staff Absent:** Robert Miller, Aimee Kilby

**Others Present:** Jann Wiswall (Ellicottville Times), Sharon Turano (The Villager), Dave  
McCann,  
Michaela Pierce, Jordan Curtis

**Call to order of meeting**

President Spell called the regular meeting of November 19, 2013 of the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education to order at 7:35 p.m. The pledge to the flag of the United States was recited.

**Roll Call**

All Present

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

**Changes:**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> 14b. should read 14c.

**Additions:**

7b. Thank you card from Ann Zerfas

14d. Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ upon  
the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of  
the following Odyssey of the Mind Coaches for the 2013/2014 school year:

Coordinator: \$356  
Colleen Bower

Elementary Teams: Division I \$356 each coach  
Melissa Block, Laurie Caldwell, Caitlin Keller

Middle School Teams: Division II \$356 each coach  
Aimee Kilby  
JoAnn Kurtis

High School Team: Division III \$356 each coach  
Zachery DeChane

**Statements and questions from the audience**

None

**Approve Agenda**

Moved by Calarco, seconded by Wiley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward,  
Superintendent of Schools to approve the agenda for the November 19, 2013 Board of Education meeting  
with changes and additions.

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

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**Presentations & Reports**

Jordan Curtis and Michaela Pierce presented a proposal for the Class of 2014 Senior Trip, May 15-18, 2014 to Chicago, Illinois. The trip includes motor coach transportation to and from Chicago, hotel accommodations, some meals, a dinner cruise, shopping on the Magnificent Mile and Michigan Avenue, and admission to the Shedd Aquarium, admission to the Skydeck at Willis Tower (formerly Sear's Tower). The students will also attend a performance of Blueman Group (this is an additional cost, but the BOCES Coser will help defray the cost). The students stated that the class voted between Boston and Chicago and Chicago won 2/1. There will be four adult chaperones for the trip including Class Advisors – Dave McCann and Crystal Wilder. Superintendent Ward and the Board of Education were very supportive of the student's choice for their class trip.

**Communications, Commendations**

**-Fall Sports – All Star Selections**

**Boys Soccer** - Connor Greene: Big 30 1st team, League 1st Team All-Star

**Girls Soccer** - Morgan Zlockie: Big 30 Outstanding Player of the Year, League - Offensive Player of Year

Liz Wendel: League 1st Team, Section 6 Sportsmanship Award

Chantel Perez: Big 30 1st Team,

Sam Uhrinek: League 1st Team

**Volleyball** - Courtney Scanlan: 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-WNY, League MVP

**Football** - Dylan Paprocki: 1st Team Big-30, League 1st Team

Cam Wilson: 1st Team Big-30, League 1st Team

Calum Watt: League 1st Team

-Thank you card from Ann Zerfas

**Informational Items:**

Capital Project Update: in the process of replacing lighting poles on the football field. The field will be shifted. There will be 2 new 70 foot poles installed.

At the last Capital Project Meeting financing and borrowing was discussed. Superintendent Ward stated that in the 2014/2015 budget, money will have to be in place in the amount of around \$200,000 - \$250,000 for the capital project. This amount will be excluded from the tax cap and has already been authorized to be raised. After the first year, the district will receive state aid on the money. Superintendent Ward stated that he has the district's financial team working on ideas for raising the amount. He stated that the district will not borrow from reserves again.

**Superintendent's Report**

1. Tax Warrant – 94% collected
2. APPR Plan – reviewed twice with NYS. Just waiting for another call to hopefully finalize.
3. Sports Merging – big topic of discussion. Section VI meeting today. 144 school fall and winter sports and 75 sport merger programs. Superintendent Ward stated that ECS is talking about merging a few sports for next year with football definitely being one of them. He stated that it is not a financial decision, but with having no gym in 2014/15 and numbers being down, it seems like the right time to start discussions. Also, going to be talking with neighboring schools regarding basketball games and practices next school year as well as music concerts. Steve Crowley stated that the Cornell Co-Operative Building auditorium has just been re-done (new town building in Ellicottville) and it has a small stage. He said it may be able to be used for small performances.
4. Dave & Kevin have inspected all of the snow removal equipment and everything is ready for the winter.
5. Odyssey of the Mind – went from having no coaches to having six teams.
6. New fencing around the dumpsters (blocks out view) as well as new fence placed in front of driveway leading up to baseball and football field.

**Consent Items:**

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Hellwig, 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 November 5, 2013
- Acknowledgement of Claims Auditor Report dated November 6, 2013

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

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**Committee Reports:**

Buildings, Grounds & Transportation – met earlier this evening regarding the land appraisal bids. Recommendation will be made later in the meeting.

**New Business:**

Moved by Calarco, seconded by Murphy, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools and the Board Buildings and Grounds Committee approval to accept a bid of \$2,900 from Bruchner, Tillett, Rossi, Cahill & Associates to perform an appraisal of the approximate 120 acres of vacant land located behind and above the Ellicottville Central School.

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the 2013 Tax Collectors Report.

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Hellwig, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the Class of 2014 trip to Chicago, IL, May 15-18, 2014.

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

**Old Business:**

None

**Personnel:**

Moved by Wiley, seconded by Calarco, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Katherine Benatovich to the substitute bus driver list.

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the following homework club advisors for the 2013/2014 school year: Sandra Tomblin, Gay Fitzpatrick, Sandra Reed, Shannon Palmatier and James Przybyla.

**Yes - 7  
No - 0**

**Carried**

Moved by Wiley, seconded by Murphy, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools approval of the following homework club substitute advisors for the 2013/2014 school year: April Donoghue, Kim Woodarek, Bill Delity, Caitlin Keller, Tammy Peters, Colleen Bower, Shawne Hunt, Marie Kleiderlein, Teresa Gemza, Marion Polasik, Nick Smith and Diana Olson.

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No - 0  
Carried**

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Moved by Crowley, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools approval of the following Odyssey of the Mind Coaches for the 2013/2014 school year. These appointments are contingent upon successful fingerprint clearances from New York State.

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No - 0  
Carried**

**Principal's Reports:**

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

1. Eagle Time – Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade will be presenting on Self Control.
2. Report Cards went home @ parent/teacher conferences last Thursday.
3. Fall Concert – MS/HS Band did a great job. Chorus dedicated a song to James (Zach) Ward.
4. Started observations last week – will have quite a few (especially with three non-tenured teachers).
5. Katy the Snowplow visited kindergarten students today.
6. Special Education – Executive Session needed at end of meeting.

**Robert Miller (MS/HS Principal):**

1. November 15<sup>th</sup> – 8 students attended JCC/University of Pittsburg @ Bradford Math Competition @ JCC.
2. November 15<sup>th</sup> – 16 accelerated sophomores attended the Dream It Do It Manufacturing Tech Tour at Keystone Tool and Die in Weston Mills. Also, attended a quick tour of the Challenger Center and attended a career fair at St. Bonaventure.
3. November 13<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> graders attended Future Focus @ Ellicottville BOCES. Toured the classrooms and presentations regarding college careers.
4. Sports Playoffs – didn't make it to finals...but all ECS teams lost to eventual State Champions.
5. January 10<sup>th</sup> – a representative from the University of Pitt @ Bradford will be at ECS to present to seniors "Completing the Application" and "The Freshman Experience" presentations are generic to all colleges.
6. Last two days the Cattaraugus County CARES (Council on Addiction and Recovery Services) administered on-line PNA (Prevention Needs Assessment) survey to all students in grades 9-12 during gym class.
7. MS Thanksgiving Dance – Friday, November 22, 2013.

**Policies:**

None

**Discussion Items:**

None

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**CSE/CPSE Recommendations:**

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Murphy, 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 (#900500644, 900365391, 900500145, 900414333, 900500412, 900330432, 900500145, 900433750, 900500643, 900500205, 900342774, 900342847, 900500455) at its meeting on November 19, 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 (October 1-31, 2013).

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

**Executive Session**

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Calarco, to enter into executive session at 8:45 pm to discuss special education matters.

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Wiley, to come out of executive session and return to the regular meeting at 9:25 pm.

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

**Adjournment of Meeting**

Moved by Calarco, seconded by Wiley, to adjourn the board meeting of Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 9:26 p.m.

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

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District Clerk

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Deputy District Clerk