

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Ellicottville Central School**

**Regular Meeting  
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**Sht. No. 1928  
April 21, 2020**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**The meeting is being held by zoom video conferencing format because of Covid-19 Pandemic**

**Members Present:** Via Zoom: Robert Van Wicklin, William Murphy, Carl Calarco, Shana Chudy, Debra Golley, Connie Hellwig, Leonard Zlockie.

**Members Absent:** All present

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

**Staff Absent:** None

**Others Present:** None

**Call to order of meeting**

President Van Wicklin called the regular meeting of April 21, 2020 of the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education to order at 4:34 p.m.

**Roll Call**

All Present

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

**Approve Agenda**

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Golley, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the agenda of the April 21, 2020 Board of Education Meeting.

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

**Presentations & Reports**

None

**Communications, Commendations**

None

**Informational Items**

None

**Superintendent's Report:**

a. Robert Miller

1. School closure going longer (May 15, 2020). Will be revamping the essential worker plan. We need to expand and bring in more support staff.
2. Handbook has been sent to Board Members. A copy will be sent to teachers along with a supplemental teacher handbook. This will be sent via email either later this evening or tomorrow. Superintendent Miller will follow-up with a faculty meeting within the next two days. Superintendent Miller stated that he would like to publicly thank Maren Bush and Erich Ploetz for their hard work on the handbooks. Mr. Ploetz and Mrs. Bush will keep a notebook for teachers and update with new info (ex. from State Ed). BOCES will print the hand books and they will be mailed to parents (one per family) by the end of the week.
3. CA BOCES hosted meetings with Curriculum and Administrators. Will probably have to update Continuity of Education Plan.
4. Looking for guidance on the following: Budget Vote date/info, APPR, Relief IDEA Regulations.
5. 180-day requirement vs. school year. Have not seen clear guidance yet. It's an uncertainty we are struggling with.
6. Had to re-do ESSA paperwork. Aimee took care of the corrections.
7. ED Law 2 D meeting with Joe & Shawne tomorrow.
8. Letter being sent to Washington asking for \$\$ that school districts need. Will be sent by District Superintendent on behalf of the districts.
9. Administration will be working on Graduation. Next item on the list.

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10. Working on Scholarships for Seniors.
11. GPA and Class Rank
12. Final Exams and Projects
13. BOCES lawyers hosted webinar on Leave Laws.

**Consent Items:**

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Zlockie, 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 March 24, 2020
- b. Acknowledgement of the April 1, 2020 and April 15, 2020 Claims Auditor Reports

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

**Committee Reports:**

Proceeding with the Capital Project planning meetings. The meetings are being held via Zoom. Superintendent Miller stated that his understanding is that NY State is still reviewing. He stated that the district would like to be able to submit plans next winter if possible. ECS would like to stay on schedule with the project. Design meetings will wrap up in the next few months.

**Discussion Items:**

**Fieldtrips out of the region:**

Senior Class Trip - Aimee Kilby stated that the Senior Class Trip has been rescheduled to June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 3<sup>rd</sup>. She stated that a survey was done with the students and all but one student would be able to attend on those dates. If Disney does not reopen by the June/July dates the advisors will be looking to get refunds from the vendors (airlines and Disney).

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip Washington, D.C. – Erich Ploetz stated that he spoke with Matt Finn and the trip is being postponed until next year. He added that the advisors are looking at keeping the money in the district and applying it when a new trip date has been determined. He stated that right now they are talking about moving the trip to the Fall of 2020 or possibly piggybacking it with next year's 8<sup>th</sup> grade class and having an 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> grade trip in June 2021. Superintendent Miller stated that he felt it was really important for the kids to go to the nation's capital. He stated that it is the District's goal to keep the trip in-tact.

**2020/2021 Budget:**

Superintendent Miller stated that there are a lot of questions on the budget, adding that everything is on hold until at least June 1<sup>st</sup>. The 45-day Legal Notice as well as board member elections are still up in the air. There have been no decisions yet. He added that last week there were rumors that the State would take 50% away and this week they are saying 20%. Next Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> is a critical date. The State can take money away up to that date. Rick Timbs suggested leaving the budget the way it is and the way the board approved it. Superintendent Miller stated that until we have more concrete information or new numbers Timbs suggested leaving it alone for now. He added that there are just too many unknowns right now. Aimee Kilby stated that she agrees with Mr. Timbs, leave the budget alone for right now. Superintendent Miller stated that COVID – 19 is impacting the District right now. He stated that ECS is being hit with unanticipated costs.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Calarco, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval to adopt the 2020-2021 Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES Administrative Budget.  
\_\_7\_\_Ayes, \_\_0\_\_ No votes.

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No – 0  
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**Executive Session**

Moved by Golley, seconded by Hellwig, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, to enter into executive session at 5:01 p.m.

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

Moved by Golley, seconded by Murphy, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, to come out of executive session at 5:26 p.m. and return to the regular meeting.

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

**Adjournment of Meeting**

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Zlockie, to adjourn the regular meeting of April 21, 2020 at 5:27 p.m.

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

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District Clerk

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Deputy District Clerk