

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

**Regular Meeting
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**Sht. No. 1988
June 20, 2023**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Members Present: William Murphy, Debra Golley, Shana Chudy, Erin Cornelius, Karl Northrup, Kristen Pearl, Robert Van Wicklin

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Robert Miller, Melissa Sawicki, Aimee Kilby

Staff Absent: Katie Mendell, Erich Ploetz

Others Present: Kim Woodarek, Kathy Weller, Schavon Byroads

Call to order of meeting

President Murphy called the regular meeting of June 20, 2023, 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

All present

Changes, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Additions:

- 14. Discussion Items
 - b. Modified Soccer
- 17. Personnel
 - b. Add: Regina Vandenburg – temporary summer cleaner, July 5 – August 31, 2023 @ \$15.00 per hour.
 - r. Moved by _____, seconded by _____, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of a MOA with the ECSRPA (Ellicottville Central School Related Professional’s Association) regarding staffing shortages and vacation time.
 - s. Moved by _____, seconded by _____, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of a MOA with the ECSRPA (Ellicottville Central School Related Professional’s Association) regarding unpaid workdays.
 - t. Moved by _____, seconded by _____, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of a MOA with the ECSRPA (Ellicottville Central School Related Professional’s Association) regarding a one-time donation of sick days for a unit member.

Approve Agenda

Moved by Golley, seconded by Cornelius, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the agenda of the June 20, 2023, Board of Education Meeting with additions/changes.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Public Comment

None

Presentations & Reports

None

Communications, Commendations

Superintendent Miller thanked President Bill Murphy for his 10 years of service on the Board of Education. He stated that Bill has been a dedicated member of the Board of Education and will be missed. Superintendent Miller presented President Murphy with a token of appreciation on behalf of the ECS Community.

Informational Items

None

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Superintendent's Report – Robert Miller

1. Superintendent Miller stated that it is a busy time of year with a lot going on.
2. Capital Project Update – he stated that the elementary lower-level door has been installed early, as they were not expected to be delivered until the end of July. The district is working on a light pole for near the gas tanks. Work still has to be completed on the gap between the kitchen canopy and the building. The last lock down drill was held with the whole emergency system in use. A few changes are needed. He stated that at this point in the project there is a bit of money left. He stated that he and Aimee Kilby are working with Campus to see exactly how much money is left.
3. Summer Curriculum & Development Work – there will be a Microsoft Forms for teachers to sign-up for hours. He stated that the district needs to look at RTI and intervention specialists. He said that everyone needs to be on the same page.
4. Prek – ECS did not receive the grant. Superintendent Miller is going to contact State Ed to clarify how much the district currently receives. NYS looks at resident and non-resident students.
5. Katie Mendell is working on numbers for next year, including half days and curriculum work.
6. Erich Ploetz is tied up with graduation and a student situation. Graduation will be held in The Ward at 7:00 pm on Friday, June 23, 2023.
7. Superintendent Miller stated that he is ready to hire a maintenance supervisor. He is working with Cattaraugus County Civil Service for a list of eligible candidates.

Principals Reports:

Katie Mendell – Elementary Principal/Director of Curriculum

Absent

Erich Ploetz - MS/HS Principal

Absent

Aimee Kilby – School Business Executive

1. Wrapping up and preparing for Year-End
2. WINCAP Training
3. WINCAP Updates
4. Audit Preparation
5. Additional Information
6. Work in Progress

Consent Items:

Moved by Pearl, seconded by Northrup, 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 May 16, 2023
- b. Acknowledgement of the May 23, 2023 & June 6, 2023 Claims Auditor Reports

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Committee Reports:

None

Discussion Items:

Cafeteria Prices 2023-2024 school year: Vicky Williams has prepared a list of proposed cafeteria price increases for the 2023-2024 school year. Superintendent Miller asked board members to review the proposed increases and if there are any concerns send him an email.

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Modified Soccer: Superintendent Miller stated that a meeting was held back in February and that he and President Murphy sent a letter to Franklinville stating that ECS would like to discuss sports for the 2024/2025 school year. Superintendent Miller stated that Dave McCann, Athletic Director, received another request from the Franklinville Athletic Director asking if they could send students over to ECS to participate on the Modified Boys Soccer Team for the Fall of 2023. Superintendent Miller stated that it is not his decision it would be the decision of the board and that they can discuss it this evening. He added that Dave McCann apologized for not being able to attend the meeting this evening, as he had a previous commitment. Deb Golley stated that she felt like Franklinville was trying to backdoor ECS, she added that maybe modified is a good place to start. Matt Finn, Boys Varsity Soccer Coach, stated that ECS has a good reputation, and he would never put that in jeopardy. He stated that he has 14 kids signed up for modified for the fall (11 are on the field at one time and would have 3 subs) and Franklinville would like to send 7 young men over. He added that he has 18 signed up for varsity for the fall. He stated that by adding the seven Franklinville players it may push the ECS students to get better. He stated that he is for giving it a shot in the fall and seeing how it goes. Deb Golley stated that if we let the 7 players come from Franklinville to play on the modified soccer team, it has to be made clear to Franklinville that it is only a trial and that ECS would want a meeting after soccer season to see how it worked and would like to get feedback from the team and coaches. Erin Cornelius asked who pays, what are the logistics, some of the concerns are still the same as they were in February. Bob Miller stated that ECS would pay the coach. Karl Northrup stated that he doesn't see anything bad happening. He stated that there may be an opportunity for other sports to merge in the future. He added that he feels like it has to happen eventually. Shana Chudy stated that she would like to see ECS move forward with basketball this year and for other sports. Deb Golley stated that Franklinville did not want basketball and that she thinks there needs to be meetings. President Murphy thanked Mr. Finn for his input. He stated that Superintendent Miller will get information from Dave McCann, Athletic Director in regards to if the deadline has passed to have the students come to ECS to play. He stated that Modified Soccer will be added to the July board meeting agenda. Deb Golley stated that she wants to make sure ECS says we want meetings and that she is only agreeing on a sport-by-sport discussion. Shana Chudy said she thinks ECS needs a meeting for basketball and that ECS is struggling with numbers and does not have a lot to draw from.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Moved by Cornelius, seconded by Northrup, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the following rate for temporary summer cleaners (inside the building and in the bus garage) and lawn mowing (July 5, 2023 – August 31, 2023) @ a rate of \$15.00 per hour.

Discussion: Deb Golley asked if current permanent workers should make their current wage instead of the \$15 per hour. She stated that some of the temporary summer workers will make less per hour in the summer than during the school year. It was pointed out that most of the current cleaners and maintenance worker make just over \$15 per hour, so it was decided that \$15.00 per hour was a fair wage for temporary summer workers.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Golley, seconded by Pearl, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval to authorize Aimee Kilby, School Business Executive, to transfer from the Unassigned Fund Balance to the following reserves ERS Reserve, EMBLR Reserve, TRS Reserve, Capital Reserve, Transportation Reserve, not to exceed a total of \$150,000.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Cornelius, seconded by Northrup, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the Board of Education authorizing Aimee Kilby, School Business Executive, to make year-end transfers up to June 30, 2023.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

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Moved by Pearl, seconded by Cornelius, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the Board of Education authorizing Aimee Kilby, School Business Executive, to move funds from the EMBLR account into the General Fund account not to exceed \$50,000.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Chudy, seconded by Golley, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval to close out the Class of 2022 student activity account.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Pearl, seconded by Van Wicklin, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the December thru June 2023 fire drills and lock down drills at ECS.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Golley, seconded by Pearl, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Jon Wilder as a sound and lighting consultant retroactive for the 2022-2023 school year at a rate of \$20 per hour.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Chudy, seconded by Pearl, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of a request from the Town of Great Valley for ECS to provide transportation for the 2023 Summer Youth Program.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Golley, seconded by Northrup, approval to nominate Christine Schnars to the NYSSBA Board of Directors for a two-year term as an Area 3 Director.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Pearl, seconded by Van Wicklin, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the Workers Compensation Cooperative Agreement with CA BOCES July 1, 2023- June 30, 2028.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Chudy, seconded by Cornelius, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval to enter into a partnership with the Bob McCarthy Foundation for a summer reading program taught by Leah Farnum.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Golley, seconded by Pearl, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of an MOA with ECSRPA pertaining to a cleaner shortage and hours/vacation days.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

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Moved by Chudy, seconded by Pearl, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval to create a new Special Education FTE position effective September 1, 2023.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Personnel:

Moved by Northrup, seconded by Cornelius, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Chris Mendell to teach Driver's Education for the Summer of 2023 & the Summer of 2024 at a rate of \$37.50 per hour pending sufficient interest/participation.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Golley, seconded by Golley, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the following temporary positions effective July 5 – August 31, 2023 at a rate of \$15.00 per hour: Jennifer Hasper, Nakida Redeye, Abigail Ploetz, Kathie Dudley, Melissa Howard, Regina Vandenburg, Harley Ficek and Jody Maynard (temporary summer cleaners) and Dennis Hintz (temporary lawn mowing).

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Chudy, seconded by Cornelius, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Jody Maynard, Kathie Dudley, Abigail Ploetz, Nakida Redeye and Harley Ficek as bus monitors for summer school, July-August 2023 at \$15.00 per hour (on an as needed basis).

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Cornelius, seconded by Pearl, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval to accept a letter of resignation from Ricardo Balderas (cleaner) effective retroactive to May 18, 2023.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Golley, seconded by Chudy, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Dana M. Chase to the position of cleaner at a rate of \$15.00 per hour effective retroactive to May 25, 2023. This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State. This position carries a one-year probationary period which will begin on May 25, 2023, and end on May 25, 2024.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Pearl, seconded by Van Wicklin, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval to accept a letter of resignation from Cassandra Wilson (teacher aide) effective retroactive to June 13, 2023.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

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Moved by Golley, seconded by Northrup, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the following Summer & Fall Advisor and Sports Coaches for the 2023-2024 school year:

•Summer Weight Training	Jason Marsh
•Boys Varsity Soccer	Matt Finn
•Boys Assistant Varsity Soccer	Chris Edwards
•Boys Modified Soccer	Zach Gelen
•Girls Varsity Soccer	Tammy Eddy
•Girls Assistant Varsity Soccer	Katie Taylor
•Girls Modified Soccer	Dan LaCroix
•Head Coach - Varsity Football	Jason Marsh
•Varsity Assistant Coach	Chris Mendell
•JV Football Coach	Joe Myers
•Modified Football	Cale Benjamin

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Cornelius, seconded by Chudy, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Laura Zeher to the substitute teacher list (non-certified) at a rate of \$105 per day retroactive to June 2, 2023. This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Golley, seconded by Van Wicklin, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of a MOA with the ETA (Ellicottville Teacher’s Association) regarding a teacher’s (Ann Chamberlain) employment and benefits for the 2023/2024 school year.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Cornelius, seconded by Pearl, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Lorraine Mitchum to the substitute cafeteria list at a rate of \$15.00 per hour effective retroactive to June 12, 2023. This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Pearl, seconded by Cornelius, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval to accept a letter of resignation from John Cornwall (Bus Driver) effective June 30, 2023.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Northrup, seconded by Chudy, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of John Cornwall to the substitute bus driver list effective July 5, 2023.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Pearl, seconded by Cornelius, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Ruth Ann Courtney to the substitute bus driver list at a rate of \$17.40 per hour effective June 21, 2023. This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

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Moved by Cornelius, seconded by Golley, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval to pay Erich Ploetz, MS/HS Principal, a rate of \$100/day for each day he directly delivered instruction to students in the Earth Science classroom (classes and labs) between January 23, 2023 and May 19, 2023.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Pearl, seconded by Golley, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Griffin Chudy as a volunteer for football for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Pearl, seconded by Golley, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval to accept a letter of resignation from Tamara Peters effective at the end of the day on June 30, 2023.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Pearl, seconded by Van Wicklin, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval to accept a resignation from Virginia Watkins effective June 30, 2023.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Chudy, seconded by Van Wicklin, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of a MOA with the ECSRPA (Ellicottville Central School Related Professional's Association) regarding unpaid workdays.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Pearl, seconded by Northrup, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of a MOA with the ECSRPA (Ellicottville Central School Related Professional's Association) regarding a one-time donation of sick days for a unit member.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Policy

Moved by Golley, seconded by Pearl, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval to waive the second reading and approve the changes to policy #7131 Admission of Non-Resident Students.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

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CSE/CPSE Recommendations

Moved by Golley, seconded by Pearl, 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 (#900500859, 900501448, 900501570, 900501460, 900501455, 900501556, 900501540, 900501548, 900500859, 900500430, 900501460, 900501455, 900501257, 900500906, 900501556, 900501540, 900501548, 900500504, 900501457, 900501458, 900501378, 900500581, 900500805, 900501011, 900501232, 900423395, 900501515, 900501513, 900501386, 900501043, 900501557, 900501497, 900501404) at its meeting on June 20, 2023, and approves all necessary arrangements as the most reasonable and appropriate special service(s) and/or program(s) for the implementation of those recommendations May 9 - June 14, 2023.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Executive Session

Moved by Van Wicklin, seconded by Pearl, to move into Executive Session at 7:17 p.m. to discuss:

- 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.
- collective bargaining pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Golley, seconded by Cornelius, to come out of Executive Session at 8:08 p.m. and return to the regular meeting.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by Van Wicklin, seconded by Golley, to adjourn the regular meeting of June 20, 2023, at 8:08 p.m.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

District Clerk

Deputy District Clerk