

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

**Regular Meeting
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**Sht. No. 1930
May 12, 2020**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

The meeting was 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 May 12, 2020 of the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education to order at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call

All Present (William Murphy entered the meeting at 6:03 pm)

Changes, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

None

Approve Agenda

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Golley, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the agenda of the May 12, 2020 Board of Education Meeting with additions and deletions.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Presentations & Reports

None

Communications, Commendations

Superintendent Miller reported that Board President Robert Van Wicklin received NYSSBA’s School Board U Board Mastery Award totaling 250 points for participation in NYSSBA’s leadership development opportunities.

Informational Items

Covid – 19: Superintendent Miller reported that districts are still waiting for guidance from the Health Department and the Governor regarding: NY Pause after May 15th and how it affects school districts. He added that superintendent’s will be meeting with the Health Department next week and hopefully things should come into focus after that. He stated that districts are trying to determine when the last day of school can be for students. Once the districts are given clearance, teachers will be given items from their classrooms. A survey has to be filled out for extended services for summer. Districts are also looking for guidance on APPR from NYSED and the Governor’s Office. Superintendent Miller stated that districts are still waiting for additional information regarding budget cuts. He stated that cuts can still be made to this year’s budget as well as funding to next year’s budget.

Budget Vote & Board Member Election (revised timeline): Superintendent Miller discussed the revised time-line for the Budget Vote & Board Member Election as well as the Budget Hearing. He stated that the ECS has been working with Attorney Andrew Freedman from Hodgson, Russ regarding the new format and changes. Superintendent Miller stated that Mr. Freedman liked the forms ECS is using, so he is sharing them with other districts. He added that there is a lot of work that needs to be done in a short amount of time. The change from the Governor came through late in the afternoon on Friday, May 1st. The new vote date is June 9, 2020 and all voting will be done via absentee ballot. Projections right now are somewhere between \$4,000-\$5,000. This amount goes above the amount the district had budgeted.

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Superintendent's Report:

Robert Miller

1. The number of essential workers reporting to ECS will begin to increase. Maren and Erich are now handling the homework packets and delivery. The work force will expand in the next few weeks to help with the cleaning out of the lockers. They will be coordinated with deliveries if possible.
2. Continuity of Education Plan returned for a few revisions.
3. Homework pick-ups and deliveries this Friday, May 15, 2020.
4. Survey regarding reliable internet and cell service in the district.
5. End of year planning: awards banquets, NHS, musical concerts, school musical, Graduation.
6. Letters will be delivered (with homework packets) to parents this Friday, May 15, 2020 and a letter will be mailed to parents of 12th grade students.
7. Video Conferencing with students

Principals Reports:

Erich Ploetz: MS/HS Principal

1. Interscholastic competition. Quiz Bowl senior team will be competing in the National competition (May 29-31, 2020) on-line. The team is made up of Juniors: Alex Hunt, Jalee Evans, Adam Silvernail and Bryce Butler. Congratulations to the team members and Mrs. Ann Chamberlain (coach).

Maren Bush: Elementary Principal/Director of Curriculum

1. ELA/Math Homebased Learning Tracker has been shared with teachers. Social Studies and Science pages have been added. The hope is that this will be a great resource in helping with the "Reopening Plan".
2. Parent Survey – support staff making phone calls. As of Monday, May 11, 2020, 22% do not have reliable cell service and 32% do not have reliable internet service.
3. Elementary Spirit Committee – activities this week
4. Elementary teachers are finishing 3rd quarter report cards.

Discussion: Deb Golley stated that Maren and Erich are doing a great job with the Facebook page.

School Business Executive Report:

Aimee Kilby – No Report

Consent Items:

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Calarco, 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 28, 2020
- b. Acknowledgement of the April 29, 2020 Claims Auditor Report

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Committee Reports:

None

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Discussion Items:

Senior Trip & Prom: Superintendent Miller stated that there is still hope that the senior trip and prom will still happen, but there are still questions. He stated that the class can hold out for a bit more, but then some decisions need to be made. He added that the district may have to get Hodgson, Russ involved. Superintendent Miller turned the discussion over to Mrs. Kilby & Mrs. Nason, Sr. Class Advisors. Mrs. Nason stated that the prom has not been canceled. She stated that she has spoken with each of the vendors and they are still holding on for ECS. She stated that every vendor except the DJ will give the deposits back if the prom needs to be canceled. When the students were polled, she stated that most of them were good with going into July for a prom. The question would be how long do you want to hold out and push out into July? She stated that she and Mrs. Kilby are looking for guidance. Erich Ploetz (MS/HS Principal) stated that he felt the prom could be held in July, but students would not like to go much longer than that. He stated that if the senior trip goes into August some students will not be able to attend because they will be going away to college and moving on with their lives. Superintendent Miller stated that perhaps if the district says the senior trip has to be taken by July 31st, the district would have to find out how to legally distribute the funds from the class. President Van Wicklin stated that he felt there was a reasonable chance Disney will be open by July 30th. Carl Calarco stated that Mrs. Nason mentioned a poll of the seniors. He stated that the poll is a good idea and it should be who can participate in the senior trip and prom and up to what date. Superintendent Miller stated that the prom does not have to be on a weekend. It could be held on a weekday. Board members thanked Mrs. Nason and Mrs. Kilby for their hard work.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Personnel:

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Murphy, upon the recommendation of Robert Van Wicklin, Board President, approval of an amendment to the Superintendent's (Robert Miller) Employment Agreement effective May 12, 2020 through May 11, 2025.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Golley, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, to accept a letter of resignation for retirement purposes from Marjorie Halloran effective June 30, 2019 (Mrs. Halloran's last day of work in the district will be June 29, 2019).

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Golley, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the tenure appointment of Chelsea Cole in Elementary Education. Miss Cole has her Professional Certificate in Childhood Education (1-6) and her Initial Certificate in Early Childhood Education (Birth – Grade 2). Tenure is effective September 1, 2020.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the tenure appointment of Kristin Rocco in Special Education. Mrs. Rocco has her Professional Certificate in Students With Disabilities (Grades 7-12) Generalist & Students With Disabilities (Grades 5-9) Generalist. Tenure is effective September 1, 2020.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

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Moved by Calarco, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Ellicottville Central School District and the Ellicottville Central School Related Professional Association as presented to the Board which provides for modifications to Article No. 14 – VACATIONS of the parties’ Collective Bargaining Agreement, due to District’s desire to address ongoing District operations during the school closure and Association member’s concerns.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Golley, seconded by Chudy, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Ellicottville Central School District and the Ellicottville Central School, School Business Executive as presented to the Board which provides for modifications to Article No. 3: Vacation Carry Over of the parties’ CBA, due to District’s desire to address ongoing District operations during the school closure and Association member’s concerns.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Ellicottville Central School District and the Ellicottville Central School Confidential Management Office Staff as presented to the Board which provides for modifications to Article No. 3: Vacation Carry Over of the parties’ CBA, due to District’s desire to address ongoing District operations during the school closure and Association member’s concerns.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Golley, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Ellicottville Central School District and the Ellicottville Central School MS/HS Principal as presented to the Board which provides for modifications to Article No. 1: VACATION AND HOLIDAYS of the parties’ Contract, due to District’s desire to address ongoing District operations during the school closure and Association member’s concerns.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Chudy, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Ellicottville Central School District and the Ellicottville Central School Elementary Principal / Director of Curriculum as presented to the Board which provides for modifications to Article No. 1: VACATION AND HOLIDAYS of the parties’ Contract, due to District’s desire to address ongoing District operations during the school closure and Association member’s concerns.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Calarco, seconded by Hellwig, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, to accept a letter of resignation for retirement purposes from Gay Fitzpatrick effective June 30, 2020.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

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Moved by Chudy, seconded by Golley, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, to accept a letter of resignation for retirement purposes from Glenn Hall effective June 30, 2020.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Murphy, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, to accept a letter of resignation for retirement purposes from Patricia Waldron effective June 30, 2020.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Golley, seconded by Calarco, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Glenn Hall to the substitute teacher list (certified) at a rate of \$105 per day effective July 1, 2020.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Hellwig, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Gay Fitzpatrick to the substitute teacher list (certified) at a rate of \$105 per day effective July 1, 2020.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Golley, seconded by Murphy, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Patricia Waldron to the substitute teacher list (certified) at a rate of \$105 per day effective July 1, 2020.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Policy

Moved by Golley, seconded by Murphy, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, 2nd reading and approval of Policy #7224 Class Rank – COVID 19.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

First reading of policy #7220 Graduation Requirements/Early Graduation/Accelerated Programs
Discussion: Superintendent Miller stated that once the policy is approved, Mrs. Nason can obtain a grant for \$10,000 for supplies and books for the personal finance class. This policy will make personal finance a graduation requirement beginning with the Class of 2023.

CSE/CPSE Recommendations:

Moved by Golley, 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 (#900500437, 900500063, 900501261, 900501259, 900501301, 900501365, 900501149, 900501376) at its meeting on May 12, 2020 and approves all necessary arrangements as the most reasonable and appropriate special service(s) and/or program(s) for the implementation of those recommendations (April 24 – May 6, 2020).

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

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Executive Session

Moved by Golley, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, to enter into executive session at 7:02 p.m. to discuss 2 contractual items.

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 8:11 p.m. and return to the regular meeting.

Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried

Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by Chudy, seconded by Zlockie, to adjourn the regular meeting of May 12, 2020 at 8:11 p.m.

Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried

District Clerk

Deputy District Clerk