

A Regular Meeting of the Ellington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, July 27, 2022, in the Ellington High School Library Media Center, 37 Maple Street, Ellington, CT 06029.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chair Jennifer Dzen.

PRESENT Chair Jennifer Dzen, Vice-Chair Mike Young, Secretary Jennifer Mullin, Treasurer Liz Nord, Gary Blanchette, Angie Moser, Kerry Socha (6:07 p.m.), Miriam Underwood and Steve Viens

ABSENT Mr. Oliver Barton, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Board Member Marcia Kupferschmid

ALSO PRESENT Dr. Scott V. Nicol, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Brian Greenleaf, Director of Finance and Operations
Dr. Kristy LaPorte, Director of Special Services
Mr. Aaron Fliss, Director of Information Technology
Ms. Jenn Brown, Coordinator of Human Resources

SPECIAL RECOGNITION(S) – None

BOARD CHAIR REPORT – None

CITIZEN & STAFF FORUM – None

CONSENT AGENDA

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1. Approval of minutes: Special Meeting, June 15, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
2. Approval of minutes: Special Meeting, July 19, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
3. Acceptance of the resignation of Rosalia Guerette as a PT Paraprofessional at Center School as of June 16, 2022.
4. Acceptance of the resignation of Wade Allen as a Paraprofessional at BASES as of June 17, 2022.
5. Approval of the employment of Aron Mondschein as a Summer Custodian as of June 20, 2022.
6. Acceptance of the resignation of Susan Rellis as a Paraprofessional at Windermere School as of June 23, 2022.
7. Approval of the employment of Aiden Deptula as a Summer IT Technician as of June 27, 2022.
8. Approval of the employment of Sarah Gosselin as a Summer Teacher for Special Education programs as of June 28, 2022.
9. Acceptance of the resignation of Brenda Gooshaw-Sampson as the Assistant to the Athletic Director 9-12 at Ellington High School as of June 30, 2022.
10. Acceptance of the resignation of Stacy Kluczewski as a Teacher at Ellington High School as of June 30, 2022.
11. Acceptance of the resignation of Lindsay McGinn as a Teacher at Ellington High School as of June 30, 2022.
12. Acceptance of the resignation of Lori Purcaro as a Teacher at Crystal Lake School as of June 30, 2022.
13. Acceptance of the resignation of Victoria Schilling as a Teacher at Ellington Middle School as of June 30, 2022.
14. Approval of the employment of Lily Daitch as a Summer Aide for Special Education Programs as of July 6, 2022.
15. Approval of the employment of Rachel Gerlach as a Summer Aide for Special Education Programs as of July 6, 2022.

16. Approval of the employment of Kathryn O'Donnell as a Summer Aide for Special Education Programs as of July 6, 2022.
17. Approval of the employment of Olivia Wright as a Summer Aide for Special Education Programs as of July 6, 2022.
18. Acceptance of the resignation of Sabrina Wierzchowski as a Cafeteria/Play Aide for Windermere School as of July 6, 2022.
19. Acceptance of the resignation of Darry Thomas as a Teacher at Ellington Middle School as of July 11, 2022.
20. Acceptance of the resignation of Barbara Morales as a Custodian at Central Office as of July 22, 2022.
21. Acceptance of the resignation of Stephanie Sprague as a Nurse at Windermere School as of July 28, 2022.
22. Acceptance of the resignation of Richard Schmedding as Custodian and Night Crew Supervisor at Ellington Middle School as of July 29, 2022.
23. Acceptance of the resignation of Charline Records as a Teacher at Crystal Lake School as of August 1, 2022.
24. Acceptance of the resignation of Elsa Hoffman as a Paraprofessional at Windermere School as of August 7, 2022.
25. Acceptance of the resignation of Erin Grasso as a Teacher at Crystal Lake School as of August 16, 2022.
26. Approval of the employment of Ryan Anderson as a Teacher at Ellington High School as of August 29, 2022.
27. Approval of the employment of Emily Boswell as a Teacher at Center School as of August 29, 2022.
28. Approval of the employment of Kathryn Cafazzo as a Teacher, Systemwide as of August 29, 2022.
29. Approval of the employment of Amy Hetherington-Coy as a Teacher at Ellington Middle School as of August 29, 2022.
30. Approval of the employment of Kate McClellan as a Teacher at Ellington High School as of August 29, 2022.
31. Approval of the employment of Renee Midford as a Teacher at Ellington High School as of August 29, 2022.
32. Approval of the employment of Daniel Stefanski as a Teacher at Ellington High School as of August 29, 2022.
33. Approval of the employment of Patrick Zangari as a Teacher at Ellington High School as of August 29, 2022.

Ms. Dzen asked if anyone wished to remove any item(s) from the Consent Agenda. Ms. Dzen announced that with hearing none, the Consent Agenda is accepted as written.

ANTICIPATED EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION

First: J. Mullin

Second: M. Underwood

To move that the Board of Education move into Executive Session to discuss School safety and security and invite the following into Executive Session: Scott Nicol, Brian Greenleaf, Kristy LaPorte, Walter Lee and Sgt. Brian Santa into the session.

Motion carried.

The Board of Education entered into Executive Session at 6:04 p.m.

The Board of Education exited Executive Session at 7:13 p.m.

REPORT AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Special Reports – None

REGULAR BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy

Board member Moser shared that the Policy Committee met in June. The Policy committee heard a presentation from the EHS student Dress Code Committee to accept the newly written Dress Code policy. The meeting also included looking at policies to repeal, replace and adopt.

Finance – None

Operations – None

Curriculum – None

Communications – None

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Superintendent's Report – None

Directors' Reports

Monthly Financial Report

Mr. Brian Greenleaf, Director of Finance and Operations

Mr. Greenleaf reported that the budget for Fiscal Year '22 closed early to hit audit targets collaboratively with the town. The year closed with a \$33,000 balance.

BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

Board of Selectmen

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Liaison Mullin shared that Michael Madru was sworn in to replace Charlotte Ward at the July 11, 2022 Board of Selectmen meeting.

Ellington High School

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Liaison Moser shared that the schedule will be emailed in August. Link Crew is training August 18-22 to welcome incoming students, Building maintenance is on track and new building teachers will be in the building soon and are all signed up for professional development.

Permanent Building Committee

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Liaison Blanchette reported that Tuesday, August 9th is the next meeting to review the request for qualifications/proposal.

Student Representative Rik Roy gave his report to the Board.

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Shared Services – None

Windermere School – None

CREC/Crystal Lake School – None

Center School – None

Ellington Middle School – None

ACTION ITEMS

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First read to Repeal and Replace Policy 5132, Dress Code

MOTION First: A. Moser
Second: J. Mullin
To approve first read to repeal and replace Policy 5132, Dress Code.
Nay: S. Viens
Motion carried.

First Read to repeal/delete the Ellington Public Schools Policies as outlined in Exhibit A

MOTION First: A. Moser
Second: M. Young
To approve first read to repeal/delete the Ellington Public Schools Policies as outlined in Exhibit A.
Motion carried.

First Read to repeal and adopt the policies as outlined in Exhibit B

MOTION First: A. Moser
Second: J. Mullin
To approve first read to repeal and adopt the policies as outlined in Exhibit B.
Motion carried.

First Read to adopt the policies as outlined in Exhibit C

MOTION First: A. Moser
Second: J. Mullin
To approve first read to adopt the policies as outlined in Exhibit C.
Motion carried.

Approval of football field trip to Camp Niantic, Niantic CT: 8/26/22 - 8/27/22

MOTION First: J. Mullin
Second: L. Nord
To approve football field trip to Camp Niantic, Niantic CT: 8/26/22 - 8/27/22
Motion carried.

Approval of Windermere Educational Specifications

MOTION First: M. Young
Second: M. Underwood
To approve Windermere Educational Specifications.
Motion carried.

Approval of Executive Principal Stipends per Ellington Administrators Association (EAA) Contract

MOTION First: J. Mullin
Second: M. Young
To approve Executive Principal Stipends per Ellington Administrators Association (EAA) Contract.
Abstention: K. Socha
Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

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CORRESPONDENCE – None

ROUNDTABLE – None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION First: J. Mullin
Second: M. Young
To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board (7:29 p.m.)
Motion carried.

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