

**SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING – DISTRICT SAFETY PLAN & CODE OF CONDUCT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024**

MINUTES

A meeting of the Sweet Home Board of Education was held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 in the Norman Vergils Community Center. President of the Board, Mrs. Battaglia, called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

Mrs. Battaglia led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence was observed in honor of the victims of the Tops Market shooting which occurred two years ago on this date.

PRESENT: Amy Battaglia, Peter Bellanti, Joshua Feldmann Marianne Jasen, Scott M. Johnson, Brian Laible, Hunter Tryloff (student ex-officio)

ABSENT:

Upon motion made by Mr. Bellani, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board of Education accepted the roll as called.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

Also present: Michael V. Ginestre, Donald G. Feldmann, JoAnn Balazs, Toyia Wilson

PUBLIC HEARING – DISTRICT SAFETY PLAN & CODE OF CONDUCT

Mrs. Balazs presented on the 2024-25 District Safety Plan and Code of Conduct at the public hearing.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon motion made by Mr. Bellanti, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLVED: That, the agenda set forth for the regular Board of Education meeting held Tuesday, May 14, 2024 is hereby adopted in its entirety.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Upon motion made by Mr. Bellanti, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLVED: That, the reading of the minutes the Board of Education meetings held Tuesday, April 9, 2024, Tuesday, April 16, 2024 and Tuesday, April 30, 2024 be waived and are hereby adopted in their entirety.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from the Amherst IDA.
2. Harris Beach Legal Alerts.
3. Mrs. Jasen spoke with a parent who loved the new Sweet Home Source magazine.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

A. Superintendent Update

Michael Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, gave an update to the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, May 7, 2024.

B. Computer Based Testing Update

Elizabeth Kosakowski, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, gave an update to the Board of Education at the voting meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2024.

C. Superintendent Update

Michael Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, gave an update to the Board of Education at the voting meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2024.

OPEN SESSION: Agenda Topics – Policy 1512

1. Peter Hojczyk (Tonawanda resident) – Magazine arrived today, too late to attend Budget Hearing. Sweet Home Budget over \$100m, the entire Town of Tonawanda budget is Around \$100m – why is Sweet Home so high? Citizenship required to vote on budget, what proof is required? What is the cost of the DEI initiative? Why buy electric buses when they don’t work in the cold, the batteries explode and cause fires?

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion made by Mr. Bellanti, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the following resolution was offered for consent agenda on items B, C, D, E, F, G, and H.

B. Monthly Financial Reports – Policy 2140

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accept the Investment Schedule, the Treasurer’s Report, the Budget Appropriation Status Report, the Revenue Budget Status report, the Budget Transfer report, and the Extra-Curricular Account Report as provided.

and be it further...

C. Bids – Policy - 5410

1. Health Medical Supplies Bid

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, award the Health Medical Supplies bid 2024-25-17 to the following vendors at the unit price offered per item specified for a total bid of **\$29,993.82**.

Collins Sports Medicine	\$4,062.35
Henry Schein	\$8,860.85
Medco	\$7,123.65
Pyramid	\$1,220.78
Quill	\$283.72
School Health	\$2,051.63
School Nurse	\$6,390.84
Total	\$29,993.82

NEW BUSINESS-continued...

C. Bids – Policy - 5410

2. Athletic and Physical Education Supplies Bid

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, award the Athletics and Physical Education Supplies bid #2024-25-8 to the following vendors at the unit price offered per item specified for a total bid of **\$66,106.03**.

ADA Sports	\$840.00
BSN Sports	\$24,953.35
Gopher	\$5,455.09
Laux	\$16,697.36
Longstreth Sporting Goods, LLC	\$610.22
MFAC	\$2,869.00
Pyramid School Products	\$3,863.69
S&S Worldwide	\$1,103.48
School Health Corp	\$764.19
School Specialty	\$716.26
School Imports	\$109.00
Sportsman	\$8,224.39
Total	\$66,106.03

3. School Bus Parts Bid

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, award the School Bus Parts Bid #2024-25-19 to the following vendors at the unit price offered per item specified for a total bid of **\$30,016.70**.

Bus Parts Warehouse	\$319.30
Finger Lakes Chemical	\$35.76
Fleet Maintenance Inc.	\$2,619.00
Leonard Bus Sales	\$1,431.35
Matthews Buses	\$3,806.75
McCarthy Tire	\$960.00
NAPA Auto Parts	\$2,462.60
NY Bus Sales	\$3,524.28
Parmenter, Inc.	\$5,582.48
Superior Lubricants	\$3,108.90
Truck Pro, Inc.	\$4,833.08
Vehicle Maintenance Program	\$1,333.20
Total	\$30,016.70

and be it further...

D. Dispose of Obsolete Property – Policy 5250

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorize the district to participate in competitive bidding procedures for the disposal of obsolete property.

and be it further...

NEW BUSINESS-continued...

E. Revised Policy – Policy 1410 – First Reading

Board of Education By-Law #1410 states that “Board of Education policy and rules and by-laws shall be adopted, amended and/or suspended...only when the addition, amendments or suspension is first introduced in writing and is subsequently moved and seconded at a public meeting at least 27 calendar days prior to the time when such adoption, amendment and/or suspension may be voted upon.”

At the regular Board of Education meeting held on May 7, 2024 the Superintendent of Schools recommends the Board of Education accept the first reading of the following revised policies.

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following revised policies as provided in the May 7, 2024 presentation.

a.	1640 – Absentee, Military & Early Mail Ballots
b.	7350 – Timeout & Physical Restraints

and be it further...

F. Athletic Team Merger

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorizes the continuance of a merged Boys Varsity Hockey Team between Sweet Home Central School District, Depew Union Free School District and North Tonawanda City School districts for the 2024-2025 school year.

and be it further...

G. Transportation Contract – McKinney Vento Students

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, enter into a piggyback transportation contract with **Ken-Ton Schools & WNY Bus Company** for the 2024-25 school year for a total cost of approximately **\$318.96 per day**.

and be it further...

H. School Psychologist Intern

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve Rachel Goss as the School Psychology Intern from the University of Buffalo from May 2024 through June 2025 per the attached recommendation.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

NEW BUSINESS-continued...

Upon motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Jasen, the following resolution was offered:

A. Special Education

1. Class placements for 2023-2024 – Policy 7613

WHEREAS, Public Law 94-142, the Individuals with Disabilities Act, and Chapter 853, Laws of 1976 (New York State Education Act), requires Board of Education approval for all placements of students with disabilities, and

WHEREAS, the District Committee on Special Education has reviewed all placements, and

WHEREAS, all parents have approved said special education class placements, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That, the 2023-2024 placements for students with disabilities be approved as recommended in a memorandum to Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, dated April 29, 2024.

2. Preschool class placements for 2023-2024 – Policy 7614

WHEREAS, Public Law 94-142, the Individuals with Disabilities Act, as amended by P.L. 99-457, New York State Compliance, Chapter 243 of the Laws of 1989, requires Board of Education approval for all placements of preschool student with disabilities, and

WHEREAS, the District Committee on Preschool Special Education has reviewed all placements, and

WHEREAS, all parents have approved said preschool special education placements, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That, the 2023-2024 placements for preschool students with disabilities be approved as recommended in a memorandum to Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, dated April 29, 2024.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	5	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X	Abstain	1 (Bellanti)		

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

H. Tryloff: Attended the District Safety Meeting. Have a photo contest for Teacher Appreciation week. Sponsoring a Student Government scholarship for a student government member for 2 graduating seniors with 2 years of service each. One time payment up to \$500 per student - hope to have it in place next year. Will have thank you's as final farewell to staff and other students. Student gov't continuing its relationship with MM students – invited to lead their leadership day.

M. Jasen: Attended the District Safety Meeting. Workplace violence policy was released to everyone. Considering convex mirrors in hallways. The belonging survey will be going out soon – a staff and parent version – results will be reviewed by the DEI committee. MS kids went to Shea's. Our students are nominated for Kenny awards this year. Met with Mr. Ryan. Appreciated all the work that goes into the IEP meetings and all the Special Programs department does for our kids. Attended the MM PTA meeting – fun run a success, officers all set for next year, leadership day and field day upcoming. Mr. Ryan has a goal for next year to improve new student transitions, will be working on his plan over the summer.

J. Feldmann: Attended the SHEF meeting – looking for ideas to improve attendance at the Dress for Success event. Planning for another meat raffle and will be bringing back the faculty basketball game next year.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS-continued...

B. Laible: Attended the WR PTO meeting – some interest in next year’s leadership positions. A great deal of work goes into planning for Teacher Appreciation week. Attended MM/WR chorus concert and 5th and 8th grade band concerts. Elementary kids enjoyed visits by HS athletes.

S. Johnson: Attended the last legislative team meeting for the year. Attended the DEI committee meeting, the District Safety meeting, a NYSSBA webinar on the state budget, an AI seminar by Phillips Lytle, the Alumni committee meeting and a unified basketball game. Patrick Gallivan and Bill Conrad both attended the ECASB Legislative breakfast. Talked about the removal of Save Harmless, waiver for retirees in education and the review of Foundation aid.

P. Bellanti: Attended many sporting events and a NYSUT meeting with many politicians. Varsity Softball is having a fundraiser for autism. Spring sports are starting playoffs, good luck to our teams.

A. Battaglia: Attended many sporting events. The HS PTSA is ready for awards night, their brick sales are doing well, planning for prom. HH PTA also met.

OPEN SESSION – Policy 1512

Called

PERSONNEL

Upon motion made by Mr. Bellanti, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the following resolution was offered for consent agenda on personnel items I, A and B, and II.

I. Teaching and Administrative

2. Appointments

b. Regular

RESOLVED: That, the *appointment*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 724 dated May 14, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Chandra Jagielo		
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g. Leave of Absence

RESOLVED: That, the *leave of absence*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 724 dated May 14, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Mary Jo Giufre	Kathryn Littlefield	Scott Murray
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h. Reinstatement from Leave

RESOLVED: That, the *reinstatement from leave*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 724 dated May 14, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Mariya Barnum	Kendra Herbold	Beth Swierski
Lynn Kawa	Mary Jane Siffringer	Scott Murray
John Seiler	Shannon Shepherd	

PERSONNEL-continued...

I. Teaching and Administrative

2. Appointments

B. Substitutes

a. Long Term Substitutes

RESOLVED: That, the *long term substitutes* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 724 dated May 14, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Alison Mackey	Arika Notaro	Shane Rifansburg
Kelly Lux		

b. Per Diem Substitutes

RESOLVED: That, the *per diem substitutes* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 724 dated May 14, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

c. Student Teachers for Fall 2024

RESOLVED: That, the *Student Teachers* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 724 dated May 14, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

C. Interscholastic Activities

1. Interscholastic Activities, Winter, 2023-24

RESOLVED: That, the *Interscholastic Activities appointments, Spring* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 724 dated May 14, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Kelly Gardner		
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II. Service

A. Regular

1. Discontinuance

a. Retirement

RESOLVED: That, the *retirement* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 724 dated May 14, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Deborah Crist	Jeffrey Hughes	
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b. Resignation

RESOLVED: That, the *resignation* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 724 dated May 14, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Christina Carlini	Nighat Imran	Richard Stuewe
Beomsu Kim	Sabina Akter	Lorraine Beaudet

PERSONNEL-continued...

II. Service
A. Regular

1. Discontinuance
c. Termination

RESOLVED: That, the *termination* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 724 dated May 14, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Samuel Alaimo	Angelle Yula	Angelle Yula
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2. Appointments
a. Regular

RESOLVED: That, the *regular appointment* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 724 dated May 14, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Richard Stuewe	Deanna Johnson	Jennifer Trybuskiewicz
Lorraine Beaudet		

c. Permanent Civil Service

RESOLVED: That, the *permanent civil service appointment* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 724 dated May 14, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Karen Donofrio	Christine Magyar	Renee Sroczyk
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e. Transfer

RESOLVED: That, the *transfer* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 724 dated May 14, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Debbie Opala	Sara Martucci	Katherine Meldrum
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f. Leave of Absence

RESOLVED: That, the *leave of absence* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 724 dated May 14, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Michael Laible	James Nowocien	Barbara Sweet
Mirvat Rizeq	Peter Korte	Jill McGloin
Kelly Lux		

g. Reinstatement from leave

RESOLVED: That, the *leave of absence* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 724 dated May 14, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Christine Baker-Jeffrey	Lee Sanchez	
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PERSONNEL-continued...

II. Service
A. Regular
2. Appointments
h. Salary Adjustment/Confidential Employee Agreements

RESOLVED: That, the *salary adjustment & confidential employee agreements* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 724 dated May 14, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Deborah Crist		
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B. Substitutes
2. Per Diem Substitutes

RESOLVED: That, the *per diem substitutes* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 724 dated May 14, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

Upon motion made by Mr. Bellanti, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the meeting was adjourned to executive session for matters related to the employment history of a particular individual and contract negotiations at 7:55 pm.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

Upon motion made by Mr. Bellanti, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the following resolution was offered to come out of executive session at 9:32 pm.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Mr. Bellanti, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 pm.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

Sherry A. McNamara
 Secretary, Board of Education
 District Clerk
 Sweet Home Central School District

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