

**SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF AMHERST AND TONAWANDA**

B O A R D O F E D U C A T I O N

STUDY SESSION

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024

Immediately following the voting meeting

A G E N D A

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLVED: That, the agenda set forth for the regular Board of Education meeting held Tuesday, April 16, 2024 is hereby adopted in its entirety.

II. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That, the reading of the minutes of the voting meetings held Tuesday, March 12, 2024 and Tuesday, March 19, 2024 be waived and are hereby adopted in their entirety.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from the Amherst IDA

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. 2024/25 Budget Update

Donald Feldmann, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Plant Services, will give an update to the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, April 9, 2024.

B. Superintendent Update

Michael Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, will give an update to the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, April 9, 2024.

C. Student Supports Update

Toyia Wilson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction will give an update to the Board of Education at the voting meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

D. Superintendent Update

Michael Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, will give an update to the Board of Education at the voting meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

E. Upcoming Events

April 5-8...	<i>No School Pre-K – 12, Spring Recess</i>
April 9...	DO: BOE Study Session, 6:30 pm @ NVCC
April 11...	GL: PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm WR: PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm HS: PTSA Meeting, 6:30 pm @ HS Library
April 15...	DO: Alumni Association Meeting, 5 pm @ NVCC DO: SHEF Meeting, 6 pm @ NVCC HH: PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm MS: PTSA Meeting, 6:30 pm
April 16...	DO: BOE Voting Meeting, 6:30 pm @ Northwest Amherst Comm. Ctr.
April 17...	MM: PTA Meeting, 6 pm GL: PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm
April 22...	DO: DEI Committee Meeting, 4:15 – 6:15 pm @ NVCC
April 23...	DO: District Safety Committee Meeting, 4:15 – 5:30 pm @ NVCC
April 25...	HH: STEM evening MM: Art Show, 6:30 – 8:30 pm WR: Science Night & Book Fair, 6 - 8 pm MS: Spring Activity Night, 6:30 – 8 pm

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Board of Education Study Session
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V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT-continued...

E. Upcoming Events

April 29 – May 3...	GL/MM: Teacher Appreciation Week
May 1...	MM/WR: Chorus Concert, 7 pm @ HS Aud

VI. OPEN SESSION: Agenda Topics – Policy 1512

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Budget Adoption 2024 – 2025 – Policy 5130

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education approve and adopt for the 2024 - 2025 school year a school budget with the total expenditure of **\$100,410,422** with a breakdown as follows:

FUNCTION	BUDGETED 2024-25
Board of Education	\$50,660
Central Administration	\$302,696
Finance Services	\$570,174
Legal Services	\$317,180
Human Resources	\$535,780
Records Management	\$2,500
Education/Community Services	\$8,900
Operations & Maintenance	\$6,054,611
Central Printing & Mailing	\$211,554
Central Data Processing	\$674,874
Special Items	\$863,776
Curriculum Development & Supervision	\$438,760
School Supervision	\$1,783,664
Research, Planning & Eval	\$413,421
In-Service Training	\$276,560
Teaching –Regular Schools	\$33,161,639
Special Education	\$10,269,131
Occupational Education	\$1,135,581
Teaching Special Schools	\$202,820
Instructional Media	\$1,913,875
Pupil Services	\$3,073,067
Co-Curricular Services	\$146,002
Interscholastic Athletics	\$704,250
Transportation	\$7,337,733
Community Service	\$47,500
Employee Benefits	\$21,917,795
Debt Service	\$7,735,918
Interfund Transfers	\$260,000
TOTAL BUDGET	\$100,410,422

VII. NEW BUSINESS-continued...

A. Budget Adoption 2024 – 2025 – Policy 5130

The following will be the order in which items should appear on the voting machines for the purpose of voting on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm at the Vergils Community Center at Sweet Home High School:

- I. 2024-2025 Budget \$100,410,422
- II. Proposition #2 Extension of Maplemere Modular Classroom Lease
- III. Proposition #3 Election of two (2) school board members, one for a five (5) year term July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2029, and one for a one (1) year term July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

B. 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 March 28, 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 students with disabilities, and

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

WHEREAS, all parents have approved said 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 March 28, 2024.

C. 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.

VII. NEW BUSINESS-continued...

D. Bids – Policy 5410

1. Art – Art Teacher Bid

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, award the Art – Art Teacher bid 2024-25-5 to the following vendors at the unit price offered per item specified for a total bid of **\$14,936.60**.

Blick	\$3,026.36
Cascade	\$643.41
National Art	\$1,251.46
Pyramid School Products	\$2,466.23
Quill	\$1,692.33
School Specialty	\$5,856.81
Total	\$14,936.60

2. Athletic Uniform Bid

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, award the Athletic Uniform bid #2024-25-18 to the following vendors at the unit price offered per item specified for a total bid of **\$24,526.62**.

AdPro Sports	\$21,071.62
BSN Sports, LLC	\$3,455.00
Total	\$24,526.62

E. Annual District Vote – Policy 1611

1. Chief Election Inspector

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education appoint, Karen Galli, qualified voter in the district, to act as **Chief Election Inspector** at said school district's Annual Vote to be held at Sweet Home High School, Norman Vergils Community Center, 1901 Sweet Home Road, in the Town of Amherst, on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 from 7 am to 9 pm and to perform such duties and to take such action as prescribed by law.

2. Inspectors of Election

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education appoint the following, each being a qualified voter in the district, to act as **Inspectors of Election** at said district Annual Vote per attached memo and to perform such duties and to take such action as prescribed by the Education Law:

- Lorraine Beaudet
- Dolly Krose
- Ida Pause
- Lyn Custodi
- John Montanari
- Peggy Zeranti

F. Erie 1 BOCES

1. Erie 1 BOCES Budget

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Sweet Home Central School District Board of Education hereby adopts the BOCES administrative budget for 2024-25, as presented.

Administrative Services \$4,008,100

VII. NEW BUSINESS-continued...

F. Erie 1 BOCES

2. BOCES Board Members

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education of the Sweet Home Central School District cast one vote for each open seat (two (2) open seats total) for the election of the following individuals to the BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES effective July 1, 2024.

- Nominees: Edward Cavan, Renee Wilson

F. School District Calendars, 2024-2025 – Policy 8410

1. District Attendance Calendar

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the 2024-2025 district attendance calendar as presented.

2. District Payroll Calendar

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the 2024-2025 district payroll calendar as presented.

3. District Holiday Calendar

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the 2024-2025 district holiday calendars as presented.

G. 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.

H. Contract for iPads/Laptops with Apple Inc. (Lease)

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education of the Sweet Home Central School District hereby agrees to enter into the attached contract with the Apple Inc. for a four-year period to authorize Apple Inc. to furnish certain computer services to the District pursuant to Education Law 1950 (4) (JJ) for an amount not to exceed \$537,915.00 and authorizes 4 annual payments to be made to Apple Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$134,478.75 per year.

Be it further RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Sweet Home Central School District hereby authorizes the Board President to execute on behalf of the district.

I. Flag Football Assistant

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Sweet Home School District upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools hereby agrees to add Flag Football Assistant as an indexed coaching position.

VII. NEW BUSINESS-continued...

J. Revised Coaching Stipends – SHEA Contract

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education of the Sweet Home Central School District upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools hereby approves the updated coaching stipend index positions as presented.

K. Stem & Leadership Funding

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education of the Sweet Home Central School District hereby approves the partnership as proposed by Erie County Legislator Jeanne Vinal.

L. DASNY Bond Financing

VIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

IX. OPEN SESSION

X. PERSONNEL

I. Teaching and Administrative

A. Regular

2. Appointments

g. Leave of Absence

RESOLVED: That, the *leave of absence*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 722 dated April 16, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Lisa Brzeczowski	John Seiler	Shannon Shepherd
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C. Interscholastic Activities

1. Interscholastic Activities, Spring, 2023-24

RESOLVED: That, the *Interscholastic Activities appointments, Spring* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 722 dated April 16, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Jerell Thompson		
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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. 722 dated April 16, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Marikay Wachala		
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b. Resignation

RESOLVED: That, the *resignation* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 722 dated April 16, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Vinny Capo	Bradley Neupert	Ronald Walker
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X. PERSONNEL-continued...

II. Service

A. Regular

2. Appointment

a. Regular

RESOLVED: That, the *regular appointment* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 722 dated April 16, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

FNU Sivadas Kunnathpura Raghavan	Sudha Sivadas	Michael Tripp
Ronald Walker		

c. Termination

RESOLVED: That, the *termination* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 722 dated April 16, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Brian White	Pamela Becker	Lori Joy
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g. Reinstatement from Leave

RESOLVED: That, the *leave of absence* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 722 dated April 16, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Kelly Orlikowski	Brian White	
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XI. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

- a. Calendar of Events
- b. ECASB Annual Dinner Information
- c. Wayne Schlifke Award Flyer

XII. ADJOURNMENT