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, AUGUST 11, 2020**
6:30 p.m.

A G E N D A

I. A. CALL TO ORDER

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLVED: That, the agenda set forth for the regular Board of Education meeting held Tuesday, August 18, 2020 is hereby adopted in its entirety.

III. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That, the reading of the minutes of the reorganization meeting and the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education held July 7, 2020 and the voting meeting held July 28, 2020 be waived and are hereby adopted in their entirety.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Harris Beach Legal Alerts.
2. NFHS article.
3. Hodgson Russ Legal Alerts.

V. AGENDA COMMENTS

VI. OPEN SESSION

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Tax Rates and Assessment
Donald Feldmann, Director of Finance and Plant Services, will give a presentation to the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, August 11, 2020.

B. School Reopening Discussion
Anthony Day, Superintendent of Schools, lead a discussion with the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, August 11, 2020.

C. Items of Interest

Upcoming Events

•	August 18…	BOE Regular Voting Meeting, 6:30pm @ NVCC
•	August 25…	BOE Reopening Voting Meeting, 6:30pm @ NVCC
•	September 7…	Labor Day Holiday
•	September 8…	BOE Study Session, 6:30pm @ NVCC
•	September 8-10…	Staff Opening Days – Superintendent's Conference Days
•	September 11…	Remote Day for Students K-12
•	September 15…	BOE Regular Voting Meeting, 6:30pm @ NVCC

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Special Education

1. Class placements for 2020-2021 – 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 2020-2021 placements for students with disabilities be approved as recommended in a memorandum to Anthony J. Day, Superintendent of Schools, dated August 6, 2020.

2. Preschool class placements for 2020-2021 – 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 2020-2021 placements for preschool students with disabilities be approved as recommended in a memorandum to Anthony J. Day, Superintendent of Schools, dated August 6, 2020.

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 Budget Transfer Report and the Revenue Budget Status report as provided.

C. Tax Rates

ADOPTION AND CERTIFICATION OF SCHOOL BUDGET, HOMESTEAD AND NON-HOMESTEAD PROPORTIONS, AGGREGATE HOMESTEAD AND NON-HOMESTEAD TAX SHARES AND TAX RATE

RESOLVED: That, pursuant to Paragraph 4(b) of the §1903-a of the Real Property Tax Law, the homestead and non-homestead proportions for the fiscal year 2020-2021 are as follows:

Homestead Proportion		.5277
Non-Homestead Proportion		.4723
	TOTAL	1.0000

and be it further

IX. NEW BUSINESS-continued...

C. Tax Rates

RESOLVED: That, pursuant to Paragraph 4(c) of §1903-a of the Real Property Tax Law, the aggregate homestead and non-homestead tax shares for the fiscal year 2020-2021 are hereby fixed and certified to be as follows:

Aggregate Homestead Tax Share	.4097
Aggregate Non-Homestead Tax Share	.5903
TOTAL	1.0000

Total Budget	$ 83,347,690
To be raised by tax	$ 49,532,205

Total homestead share	$ 20,291,912
Amherst homestead share	$ 15,487,507
Tonawanda homestead share	$ 4,804,405
Total non-homestead share	$ 29,240,293
Amherst non-homestead share	$ 27,325,275
Tonawanda non-homestead share	$ 1,915,018

Tax rate to raise such amount (rounded to the nearest cent)

Amherst - homestead	$ 14.028790
Amherst - non-homestead	$ 22.627800
Tonawanda - homestead	$ 38.942769
Tonawanda - non-homestead	$ 62.288329

and be it further

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education approve the "Certification of Aggregate Homestead and Non-Homestead Tax Shares" and "Certification of Tax Budget and Rate" for the 2020-2021 school year

and be it further

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board to sign the documents entitled "Certification of Adoption of School Budget" and "Certification of Tax Budget and Rate" dated August 18, 2020.

D. Surplus Funds

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appropriates surplus funds to the reserve accounts.

(1) FUNDING OF TAX CERTIORARI CLAIM RESERVE FUND

WHEREAS, the District has previously established a tax certiorari claim reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651, paragraph 1-a of the Education Law of New York State; and

WHEREAS, the District by resolution adopted on June 16, 2020 authorized transfer into the tax certiorari claim reserve fund out of the 2019-2020 Surplus, if any; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that there is sufficient 2019-2020 surplus to make a transfer into the tax certiorari claim reserve fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

IX. NEW BUSINESS-continued…

D. Surplus Funds

(1) FUNDING OF RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION RESERVE FUND

WHEREAS, the District has previously established a retirement contribution reserve fund pursuant to Section 6-r of the General Municipal Law of New York State; and

WHEREAS, the District by resolution adopted on June 16, 2020 authorized transfer into the retirement contribution reserve fund out of the 2019-2020 surplus, if any; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that there is sufficient 2018-2019 surplus to make a transfer into the Retirement Contribution reserve fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the sum of **$775,000.00** be allocated out of the District's 2019-2020 surplus into the retirement contribution reserve fund subject to all of the provisions of Section 6-r of the General Municipal Law of New York and all other provisions of law applicable to said reserve fund.

(3) FUNDING OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PAYMENT RESERVE FUND

WHEREAS, the District has previously established an unemployment insurance payment reserve fund pursuant to Section 6-m of the General Municipal Law of New York State; and

WHEREAS, the District by resolution adopted on June 16, 2020 authorized transfer into the unemployment insurance payment reserve fund out of the 2019-2020 Surplus, if any; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that there is sufficient 2019-2020 Surplus to make a transfer into the unemployment insurance payment reserve fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the sum of **$200,000.00** be allocated out of the District's 2019-2020 Surplus into the unemployment insurance payment reserve fund subject to all of the provisions of Section 6-m of the General Municipal Law of New York and all other provisions of law applicable to said reserve fund.

(3) RATIFICATION OF RESERVE FUNDS

Be It Further Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby ratifies and affirms the operation of the following District reserve funds, with balances indicated as of June 30, 2020 (inclusive of the fund transfers set forth above):

Reserve for Debt	$ 3,662,321
Reserve for Employee Benefits	631,649
Reserve for Tax Certiorari	616,600
Reserve for Worker's Compensation	615,097
Reserve for ERS	1,794,333
Reserve for Unemployment	323,831
Reserve for Capital Improvements	1,599,819
Total Reserves	**$ 9,243,649**

IX. NEW BUSINESS-continued…

E. 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.

F. Appointments

The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following appointment, effective August 17, 2020 for the 2020-2021 school year.

1. Section 504 Compliance Officer Kathryn Barillari

G. Committee appointments

The Superintendent of Schools recommends the appointment of the following individuals for the school year 2020-2021.

1. Safety Committee

RESOLVED: That, the following individuals be and are hereby appointed to serve on the district's Safety Committee for the 2020-2021 school year:

Ray Bailey	JoAnn Balazs	Sheryl Burke	Michelle Callowhill
Marissa Dauria	Joleen Dimitroff	Julie Eberle	Bob Ehlenfield
Don Feldmann	Kristin Gernatt	Wendy Januchowski	Marianne Jasen
Bill Julicher	David Kasprowicz	Lynn Kawa	Matt LaRoach
Dina Mann	Nadine Ocasio	Jason Phillips	Marty Pizur
John Radens	Steve Rozler	Ona Strang	Linda VanDette
Joelle VanDewater	Bob Weselak	Jeff White	Rob Woodford

2. Wellness Committee

RESOLVED: That, the following individuals be and are hereby appointed to serve on the district's Wellness Committee for the 2020-2021 school year:

Barb Baer	JoAnn Balazs	Karen Barrett	Gilda Bonnevie
Marissa Dauria	Karen DeLaPlante	Don Feldmann	Marcy Gerlach
Shannon Hutchinson	Christine Kasper	Keli Luchey	Kailey McDonald
Anne Nowak	Marty Pizur	Kristin Puff	Mary Rao
Kristi Sajdak	Greg Smorol	Yelena Suffoletto	Brandon Woods

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

XI. OPEN SESSION

XII. PERSONNEL

I. Teaching and Administrative
A. Regular
1. Discontinuance
b. Resignation

RESOLVED: That, the *resignation,* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 661 dated August 18, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Andrea Parker		

XII. PERSONNEL

I. Teaching and Administrative

A. Regular

2. Appointments

b. Regular

RESOLVED: That, the *teaching appointment,* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 661 dated August 18, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Elif Erman	Hannah Criscione	Julia Tabone

II. Service

A. Regular

1. Discontinuance

b. Resignation

RESOLVED: That, the *resignation* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 661 dated August 18, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

William Kugler	Michelle MacLeod	Wendy Durkin

c. Termination

RESOLVED: That, the *termination* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 661 dated August 18, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Jeff Hocutt		

2. Appointment

a. Regular

RESOLVED: That, the *regular appointment* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 661 dated August 18, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Alexis Ciehomski	Angela Himes	Hellen Nguyen

e. Transfer

RESOLVED: That, the *transfer* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 661 dated August 18, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Cheryl Sciria		

f. Leave of Absence

RESOLVED: That, the *leave of absence* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 661 dated August 18, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Rita Costantino	Ken Jones	

XII. PERSONNEL-continued…

II. Service
A. Regular
2. Appointment
g. Reinstatement from Leave

RESOLVED: That, the *reinstatement from leave* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 661 dated August 18, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

George Lindner		

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

XIV. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

a. Claims Auditors Report, April 2020.

b. Claims Auditors Report, May 2020.

c. Claims Auditors Report, June 2020.