

**SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023**

**APPROVED
by
BOARD OF EDUCATION
FEBRUARY 14, 2023**

MINUTES

A meeting of the Sweet Home Board of Education was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 in the Norman Vergils Community Room. President of the Board, Mrs. Jasen, called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Mrs. Jasen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Amy Battaglia, Peter Bellanti, Joshua Feldmann (via Google meet from Pittsburgh, arrived @ 6:13 pm), Marianne Jasen, Scott M. Johnson, Brian Laible, Kailey McDonald (via Google meet from home in Amherst), Musab Abrar (student ex-officio)

ABSENT:

Upon motion made by Mrs. Battaglia, 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	1
Carried	X				

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

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Mrs. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the meeting was adjourned to executive session for matters related to collective bargaining negotiations at 6:07 pm.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	1
Carried	X				

Upon motion made by Mrs. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the following resolution was offered to come out of executive session at 6:30 pm.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

RESOLVED: That, the agenda set forth for the regular Board of Education meeting held Tuesday, January 17, 2023 is hereby adopted in its entirety.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

RESOLVED: That, the reading of the minutes of the regular Board of Education meeting held Tuesday, December 20, 2022 be waived and are hereby adopted in their entirety.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Harris Beach Legal Alerts.
2. Ms. McDonald was asked by a family hosting an exchange student if the student would be able to participate in the graduation ceremony. Mrs. Jasen responded that BOE policy prohibits students who have not met all the graduation requirements from participating. Mr. Ginestre responded that we will find a way to recognize the student.
3. Mr. Laible was asked by a parent if Just for Kids could host a summer camp at the District. Mr. Feldmann responded that he did contact Just for Kids and they are working together on a plan for summer.
4. Mr. Johnson forwarded two letters from the Akron CSD BOE vice president regarding zero emission vehicle requirements for schools.

OPEN SESSION

1. Bill Vaughan – 11 Fairways Blvd.: As a Maplemere parent, I would like to commend the District for all they are doing to fine tune building use, especially at the elementary schools. There is good work being done and I hope we can get the kids back in the cafeterias.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Maplemere Leadership Update**
Principal Jim Ryan, and Maplemere students, gave an update to the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, January 10, 2023.
- B. Superintendent Update**
Michael Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, gave an update to the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, January 10, 2023.
- C. Buildings & Grounds Crew Recognition**
The Board of Education recognized Buildings & Grounds personnel at the voting meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2023.
- D. Superintendent Update**
Michael Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, gave an update to the Board of Education at the voting meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion made by Mrs. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the following resolution was offered for consent agenda on items A, B, C, and D.

A. Special Education**1. Class placements for 2022 – 2023 - 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 2022-2023 placements for students with disabilities be approved as recommended in a memorandum to Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, dated January 4, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS-continued...**A. Special Education****2. Preschool class placements for 2022 – 2023 - 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 special education placements, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That, the 2022-2023 placements for preschool students with disabilities be approved as recommended in a memorandum to Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, dated January 4, 2023.

and be it further...

B. Monthly Financial Reports-Policy 2140

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the Investment Schedule, the Treasurer's Report, the Budget Appropriation Status Report, the Revenue Budget Status Report and the Budget Transfer Report as provided.

and be it further...

C. Revised Policy – Policy 1410 – Second 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 December 20, 2022 the Superintendent of Schools recommended the Board of Education accepted 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 December 20, 2022 presentation.

a.	1510 – Regular Board Meetings and Rules
b.	1720 - Minutes
c.	5130 – Budget Adoption
d.	5150 – Contingency Budget (recommend to delete)
e.	5230 – Acceptance of Gifts, Grants, and Bequests to the District
f.	5570 – Financial Accountability

and be it further...

NEW BUSINESS-continued...**D. Revised Policy – Policy 1410 – First Reading**

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At the regular Board of Education meeting held on January 17, 2023 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 January 17, 2023 presentation.

a.	8110 – Curriculum Development, Resources & Evaluation
b.	8250 – Evaluation of the Instructional Program (recommend to delete)
c.	8320 – Selection of Library & Multimedia Materials
d.	8330 – Objection to Instructional Materials
e.	8331 – Controversial Issues (recommend to delete)
f.	8340 – Instructional Materials

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

M. Abrar: Mr. Ryan came to our Jan. 5 meeting. Will be hosting the Leadership Assembly at MM in February on Black history month. Want the experience to be interactive for the MM students. Have an email out to Ms. Sajdak to set up a meeting. Planning the winter dance, it is going to be February 11, with spirit week preceding, and hopefully a pep rally the Friday of that week. We'd like to honor NHS inductees, athletes, artists, musicians. DEI community working with Student Life and Academics around Multicultural night. Hoping also to have a talent show. Environmental committee is working on Earth day ideas. Music, art & athletics committee planning the pep rally. Want to bring peer tutoring back to the AAC.

A. Battaglia: Attended the SHEF basketball game. MS PTSA is working on their next activity night. They have a google form for kids to provide feedback. New pickup schedule at MS and no beverages to be brought into school.

K. McDonald: Also at the Basketball game. Will be nominating the NWACC partnership for the ECASB Hodgson Russ Collaboration award. Attended the HS PTSA meeting. Will be at the Jan 21 ECASB events.

B. Laible: Took my kids to the basketball game, they had a blast. Attended DEI committee meeting. Also attended the ECASB Finance committee meeting, interesting note – BPS budgeted for 1500 parents to drive their students, but ended up with 4500 parents. There was a discussion about renaming mascots, working with Native American community as part of the process. Also one school has their SRO meet for lunch with different students on a monthly basis. WR Multicultural night this coming Friday. Teaching & Learning sub-committee tomorrow. Mentioned the MM video we saw there to my children and they thought every school should have one, great way to introduce new students to the school.

P. Bellanti: At the basketball game, MS students flooded the floor to celebrate the win with their teachers. Baseball fundraiser at Blaze pizza. Attended the 6th grade concert.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS-continued...

S. Johnson: Attended the Polar Express show at HH. Policy Committee discussed upcoming changes re: curriculum & materials. Also at the basketball game. DEI meeting discussion of possibly renaming Columbus Day on our calendar. There are 42 languages spoken here. Tom Lucia from the Town of Amherst DEI committee is looking to connect with schools. Attended the HS PTSA meeting, they are taking brick orders and discussing upcoming Regents week. Was at the girls basketball game when they came from behind to win. Attended the Hodgson Russ client conference with JoAnn & Finune. Many options for sessions, attended 4 of them. The Legislative Breakfast & Advocacy training coming this Saturday.

M. Jasen: The HH Polar Express show was super. Attended the SHEF basketball game. HH PTA meeting – have a skating party and meat raffle coming up. Dollars for Scholars – are we continuing the scholarship as is. Updated last a few years ago. Met with Mr. Perry – the atmosphere at HH is so good! We are all set with the scholarship language including the change suggested by Kailey.

OPEN SESSION

Called

PERSONNEL

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

I. Teaching and Administrative**A. Regular****2. Appointments****b. Regular**

RESOLVED: That, the *regular appointment*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 705 dated January 17, 2023** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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c. Encumbered

RESOLVED: That, the *encumbered appointment*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 705 dated January 17, 2023** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Allison Shields	Michael Morse	
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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. 705 dated January 17, 2023** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Sandy Piatek	Krista Stephan	Edward Hayes
Michelle Christensen	Michael Tojek	Rachel Carbreys (chg.)
Jacqueline Wzientek (chg.)		

h. Reinstatement from Leave

RESOLVED: That, the *reinstatement from leave*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 705 dated January 17, 2023** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Edward Hayes	Keri Davis	Lacie Cristofanelli
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PERSONNEL-continued...I. Teaching and AdministrativeB. Substitutes2. Appointmentsa. Long Term Substitutes

RESOLVED: That, the *long term substitutes* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 705 dated January 17, 2023** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Carly Hardick	Hannah Sullivan	Matthew Grosso
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b. Per Diem Substitutes

RESOLVED: That, the *per diem substitutes* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 705 dated January 17, 2023** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

c. Student Teachers for Spring 2023

RESOLVED: That, the *Student Teachers* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 705 dated January 17, 2023** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

II. ServiceA. Regular1. Discontinuanceb. Resignation

RESOLVED: That, the *resignation* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 705 dated January 17, 2023** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Jody Mellerski	Ona Strang	Kathryn Lucia
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c. Termination

RESOLVED: That, the *termination* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 705 dated January 17, 2023** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Jessica MacNeil		
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2. Appointmenta. Regular

RESOLVED: That, the *regular appointment* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 705 dated January 17, 2023** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Joshua Pantera	Natalis Santos	Robert Zwack
Jason Sandekian	Sheri Palame	

c. Permanent Civil Service

RESOLVED: That, the *permanent civil service appointment* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 705 dated January 17, 2023** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Sheila Nguyen	Jacob Hughes	
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PERSONNEL-continued...**II. Service****A. Regular****2. Appointment****e. Transfer**

RESOLVED: That, the *transfer* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 705 dated January 17, 2023** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Rachelle D'Ettorre	Gerilyn Styn	
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f. Leave of Absence

RESOLVED: That, the *leave of absence* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 705 dated January 17, 2023** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Jeffrey Hughes	Carly Hardick	David MacDonnell
Thomas Silverblatt	James Nowicien	Mirvat Rizeq
Amy Reinhart		

g. Reinstatement from Leave

RESOLVED: That, the *reinstatement from leave* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 705 dated January 17, 2023** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Mary Demmick	James Nowicien	Thomas Silverblatt
Mike Nichols	Gerilyn Styn	David MacDonell

B. Substitutes**2. Per Diem Substitutes**

RESOLVED: That, the *per diem substitutes* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 705 dated January 17, 2023** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Mrs. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				



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