SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022

MINUTES

A meeting of the Sweet Home Board of Education was held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 in the Norman Vergils Community Room. President of the Board, Mrs. Jasen, called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

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

PRESENT: Amy Battaglia, Peter Bellanti, Marianne Jasen, Scott M. Johnson, Kailey McDonald, Joshua Feldmann (via Google Meet from Florida, arrived @ 6:35 pm), Musab Abrar (student ex-officio)

ABSENT: Brian Laible

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	5	No	0	Absent	2
Carried	X				

Also present: Michael V. Ginestre, Donald G. Feldmann, 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 the employment history of a particular individual at 6:32 pm.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	5	No	0	Absent	2
Carried	X				

Upon motion made by Mrs. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the following resolution was offered to come out of executive session at 7:09 pm.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	1
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 Board of Education voting meeting held Tuesday, November 15, 2022 is hereby adopted in its entirety.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	1
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 Board of Education meeting held Tuesday, October 11, 2022 and Tuesday, October 18, 2022 be waived and are hereby adopted in their entirety.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	1
Carried	X				

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COMMUNICATIONS

1. BOE members received an email invitation to a WNY Literacy Initiative meeting.

OPEN SESSION

Dirk Rabenold, 5 Jeffrey Drive: A few questions regarding the data presentation – what % of students participated in the testing? Why don't we do as well as neighboring districts? Impressed by how Buffalo came together as a community after the Tops shooting. Thinking about DEI, found a pin from an old NYSSBA convention, "Every Child Matters". Proficiency is where I think our laser like focus should be. This creates diversity, and freedom, and democracy. I hope DEI brings us together.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Middle School Art Walk
Teachers and students from Sweet Home Middle School led a tour with the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

B. Superintendent Update
Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, gave an update to the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

C. 21/22 Assessment Data Grades 3-8
Toyia Wilson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, gave an update to the Board of Education at the voting meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2022.

D. Superintendent Update
Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, gave an update to the Board of Education at the voting meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2022.

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, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, and K.

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 November 2, 2022.

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

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NEW BUSINESS-cont'd…

A. Special Education

2. Preschool class placements for 2022-2023 – Policy #7614

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 2022-2023 placements for preschool students with disabilities be approved as recommended in a memorandum to Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, dated November 2, 2022.

and be it further…

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. 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…

D. Board of Education Goals

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education approve the goals set forth for the Board of Education for the 2022-2023 school year.

and be it further…

E. Corrective Action Plan in Response to External Auditor's Report

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approve the Corrective Action Plan in response to the External Auditor's Report as recommended by the District Audit Committee.

and be it further…

F. Request for Proposal – Driver Education

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education award the in-car instruction portion of the Driver Education bid #2022-23-3 for the 2022-2023 school year to **AAA of Western & Central New York** at the price of **$440.00 per student.**

and be it further…

G. Request for Proposal - Elevator Maintenance

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, award the Elevator Maintenance contract to Bison Elevator in the amount of **$10,680.00**.

and be it further…

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NEW BUSINESS-cont'd…

H. School Bus GPS Contract

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the Contract with Transfinder for GPS devices for the 2022-23 through 2024-25 school years as provided.

and be it further…

I. District Service Substitute Rates, 2022-2023 – Policy 6220

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education establishes the hourly rate of compensation for service substitutes beginning in the 2022-2023 school year as follows:

Service Entry Substitute Hourly Rates	
Program Aides	$17.00

and be it further…

J. Extracurricular Activity Account – Policy 7410

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the following extracurricular activities accounts be opened.

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to take the appropriate action regarding the following extracurricular activities accounts.

- ACCOUNT TO BE OPENED: Grades 7/8 Band

and be it further…

K. Acceptance of Donation

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accept the donation of a used pool table valued at $800 from Chris Endres.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	1
Carried	X				

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

M. Abrar: Halloween spirit week was successful. Had student & staff winners of the costume contest. Great environment for the HS community to come together. Rm. 601 is the temporary student lounge, trying to make it more lounge like. Thinking about senior day trips like Darien Lake. Next big event is the Winter Carnival, in the planning stages. Staff will be nominating students with exceptional drive & leadership for musician and artist of the week, similar to athlete of the week. Many music events coming up. Ms. Wilson joined our student government meeting this week, invited us to join the Strategic Planning Committee. We reviewed positives & negatives from spirit week, one note – we need to promote it earlier in the school year. Created a director of communications position to work on social media. Committees had time to construct 1 goal and will be sending them in. Hoping to incentivize getting to class on time and attendance, working with Pride of SH – Mrs. Paolucci & Mrs. Schultz. Establishing our judicial branch: role will be accountability, making sure all on student gov't are following through on their tasks.

T. Wilson: District Music Festival will be at the HS this year. Restructured to benefit younger students.

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INFORMATIONAL ITEMS-cont'd…

P. Bellanti: GL had their trunk or treat event and a leadership assembly. Virtual Bingo coming this month. Looking forward to the faculty basketball game. Met with Mrs. DeLaPlante. Next week will be Kindness week, capped off with a Turkey Trot. Kudos to Megan Orgek, the Jr. Class president of Skill USA through her BOCES program, she traveled to Albany for a Student Leadership Conference.

S. Johnson: ECASB had legislative team meeting, planning for legislative breakfast. Attended the NYSSBA convention, visited East Syracuse-Manoa School district. Tried to make all their buildings future oriented, they flowed well. Convention had display of electric buses, reports about Uvalde. Enjoyed time outside convention as well. Watched the Supt. get pies in the face at WR. Kailey & I spoke with Mr. Baker, visited the former AAC room. A community member reached out regarding purple heart medal plaques to be posted in public buildings, including schools, is sending a letter to Mr. Baker. The Town of Amherst became a purple heart community. Attended the Girls VB game. Legislative Breakfast is this Saturday, weather permitting.

M. Jasen: Thanks to all who helped out with the Boo Benefit. Marlee Matlin was the speaker at NYSSBA convention, felt her passion. There was a collective bargaining session at convention. Electric bus session focused on infrastructure needed. Stressed having the proper size battery. Thanks to Kailey for collecting on behalf of our Thanksgiving family. Met with Mr. Perry, therapy dogs will be starting soon at HH.

B. Laible: Spoke with Mr. Polino, things are going smoothly. Seeing more non-Covid illnesses. The WR PTO was hoping for a profit of $7500, had $16k. Mr. Polino was taped to the wall, and Mr. Ginestre received the pies in the face. The organization is relieved to be done fundraising for the year, can focus on events. Also had a trunk or treat.

K. McDonald: Nice to see the AAC bustling. Students seem to be enjoying the space, getting extra help in addition to study hall. Mr. Baker remarked that his transition to the HS has been the smoothest move of his career. He seems comfortable and knows the students. Attended the HS PTSA meeting via Zoom, earned $2700 from craft fair (2.5 scholarships). SHEF & the Meat Raffle still accepting gift cards. PTSA is looking for a teacher rep. The brick fundraiser made a $7000 profit from the first sale (translating to 4 of $1200 scholarships). Dec. 8 is parent/teacher conferences. Admin procuring Friday snacks for the senior lounge.

A. Battaglia: Helped with Boo Benefit cleanup. Attended girls VB game. MS PTSA is doing well, up to 104 members. Mindfulness at lunches looking better. No ski club due to no supervisor.

J. Feldmann: Good to be back. Attended the SHEF meeting, fewer mini -grant applications. Primary focus right now is the faculty basketball game fundraiser. Does the ski club supervisor have to be an employee?

D. Feldmann: Working on electrification plan with Wendel, then goes to National Grid to be approved. Not enough power in the grid right now, 2035 deadline may not be realistic. May be more cost effective to lease buses going forward.

M. Ginestre: Visiting Lake Shore SD on November 29 to see their electric bus. Our approach seems more prudent than purchasing one now. Incredible number attended the Boo Benefit, many student volunteers.

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
a. Tenure

RESOLVED: That, the *tenure* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 703 dated November 15, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Vanessa O'Neil-White		

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PERSONNEL-continued…

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. 703 dated November 15, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Christina Richard		

c. Encumbered

RESOLVED: That, the *encumbered appointment* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 703 dated November 15, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Claire Guary	Hannah Sykes	

e. Continuing Activities

Lighthouse Advisor, Middle School, 2022-2023

RESOLVED: That, *Lighthouse Advisor, Middle School*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 703 dated November 15, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Ashlee Lipka (chg.)	Christina Ramsperger (chg.)	Suzanne Rizzo (chg.)

Building Improvement Team, Glendale, 2022-2023

RESOLVED: That, *Building Improvement Team, Glendale*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 703 dated November 15, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Josh Kapuszcak		

Building Improvement Team, Middle School, 2022-2023

RESOLVED: That, *Building Improvement Team, Middle School*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 703 dated November 15, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Denea Czapla	Sarah Flowers	

PLC, Glendale, 2022-2023

RESOLVED: That, *PLC, Glendale*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 703 dated November 15, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Melissa Campbell	Jacquie Stablewski	Lynette Wargo
Amy Canetti	Jill Hopcia	Molly DiPirro
Chandra Kling	Cheryl Aldrich	Nicole Baker
Stacey Trznadel	Alyssa Braun	Jessica Bridon
Karen Young	Mia Banks	

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PERSONNEL-continued…

I. Teaching and Administrative

A. Regular

2. Appointments

e. Continuing Activities

PLC, High School, 2022-2023

RESOLVED: That, *PLC, High School*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 703 dated November 15, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Dan Hammonds	TJ Geraci (chg.)	Sarah Fenner
Julia Ryan (chg.)	Jeff Thomas	

g. Leave of Absence

RESOLVED: That, the *leave of absence* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 703 dated November 15, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Shannon Shepherd		

h. Reinstatement from Leave

RESOLVED: That, the *reinstatement from leave* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 703 dated November 15, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Melinda DiBernardo	Sandy Piatek (chg.)	Shannon Shepherd

j. Co-Curricular Activities

j. Co-Curricular Activities, High School, 2022-2023 school year

RESOLVED: That, the *co-curricular activities, high school,* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 703 dated November 15, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Cory Morrow	Paula Adams	Paula Adams
Lori DePoint	Jane Truesdell	Mark Basehart (chg.)

j. Co-Curricular Activities, Middle School, 2022-2023 school year

RESOLVED: That, the *co-curricular activities, middle school,* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 703 dated November 15, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Jeremy Traverse	Suzanne Rizzo	

B. Substitutes

2. Appointments

a. Long Term Substitutes

RESOLVED: That, the *long term substitutes* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 703 dated November 15, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Amy Lipowski		

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PERSONNEL-continued…

I. Teaching and Administrative

B. Substitutes

2. Appointments

b. Per Diem Substitutes

RESOLVED: That, the *per diem substitutes* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 703 dated November 15, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

C. Interscholastic Activities

1. Interscholastic Activities, High School, (WINTER) 2022-23

RESOLVED: That, the *interscholastic activities appointments, High School, (Winter)* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 703 dated November 15, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Lauren Lewis	Alexis Ciehomski	Brandon Woods
Michael Licata	Jarell Johnson	Andrew Murak
Crystal Carlson	Christopher Monaco	Thomas Smith
James Russo	Kristy Neeson	Lisa Floreano
Brian Turner	Richard Beaudet	Patrick McNelis
Andrea Wodarczak	Christina Mack	Lari MacPeek
Jeanne Hocieniec-Gentile	David Radlich	Donald Lilly
Andrew Stella	Ryan Mislin	Jerell Thompson

II. Service

A. Regular

1. Discontinuance

a. Retirement

RESOLVED: That, the *retirement* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 703 dated November 15, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Brenda Carrasquillo	Sandra Popovich	

b. Resignation

RESOLVED: That, the *resignation* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 703 dated November 15, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Wendy Durkin	Steven Toth	Frank Martinelli
Laurie Crissy	Jessica Dippel	Falon Capenhurst

2. Appointments

a. Regular

RESOLVED: That, the *regular appointment* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 703 dated November 15, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Kathryn Lawton	Holly Minderler	Wendy Durkin
Allyssa Owsian	Kevin Kwoka	Rasha Alshaban
India Varner	Jennifer Bishop	Jacqueline Grisanti
Sherri Floyd	Frank Martinelli	Justin Wisnouskas
Charlene Penson		

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PERSONNEL-continued…

II. Service

A. Regular

2. Appointments

e. Transfer

RESOLVED: That, the *transfer* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 703 dated November 15, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

Lisa Jones	Falon Capenhurst	

f. Leave of Absence

RESOLVED: That, the *leave of absence* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 703 dated November 15, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

Claire Guary	Christopher McCormick	Carol Montanari

g. Reinstatement from Leave

RESOLVED: That, the *reinstatement from leave* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 703 dated November 15, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

Kim Ranney	Olivia Harvey	Karen Mitsopoulos
Joseph Howard	Fran Michaels	Jody Mellerski

B. Substitutes

2. Per Diem Substitutes

RESOLVED: That, the *per diem substitutes* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 703 dated November 15, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	1
Carried	X				

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Mrs. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	1
Carried	X				

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

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