SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022

MINUTES

A meeting of the Sweet Home Board of Education was held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 in the Norman Vergils Community Room. President of the Board, Mrs. Jasen, called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

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

PRESENT: Amy Battaglia, Peter Bellanti, Joshua Feldmann, Marianne Jasen, Scott M. Johnson, Brian Laible, Kailey McDonald, Roman Haen (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	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

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

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 and collective bargaining negotiations at 6:33 pm.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

Upon motion made by Mrs. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the following resolution was offered to come out of executive session at 7:04 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, May 10, 2022 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 the Regular Board of Education meeting held Tuesday, April 19, 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				

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COMMUNICATIONS

1. Mr. Laible was contacted by a Swim Club interested in facility rental.
2. Mrs. Jasen received information about the Baseball Meat Raffle.
3. Mr. Johnson and Ms. McDonald were invited to visit Ready Academy.

OPEN SESSION – AGENDA TOPICS – Policy 1512

Paul Szymendera, 166 Chasewood: On behalf of SHEA, we appreciate the support the Board of Education has always shown our teachers respect and that our experiences matter. We appreciate the Board as well. The Sweet Home Way has taken on a life of its own. Last week Ms. McDonald mentioned bring back the open forums with bargaining units and other groups. Our need for communication is greater than ever. We all want to see our buildings safe and welcoming.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Calendar Presentation
JoAnn Balazs, Assistant Superintendent, gave an update to the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, May 3, 2022.

B. Superintendent Update
Michael Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, gave an update to the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, May 3, 2022.

C. Building Condition Survey Update
Don Feldmann, Director of Finance & Plant Services, and members of the Young & Wright Architectural team gave an update to the Board of Education at the voting meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

D. Superintendent Update
Michael Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, gave an update to the Board of Education at the voting meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 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, E, F, G, H, and I.

A. Special Education

1. Class placements for 2021-2022 – 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 2021-2022 placements for students with disabilities be approved as recommended in a memorandum to Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, dated April 27, 2022.

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NEW BUSINESS-continued…

A. Special Education

2. Preschool class placements for 2021-2022 – 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 2021-2022 placements for preschool students with disabilities be approved as recommended in a memorandum to Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, dated April 27, 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. 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 2022-23-17 to the following vendors at the unit price offered per item specified for a total bid of **$14,871.43.**

Collins Sports Medicine	$3,686.44
Medco	$5,112.76
Quill	$1,157,86
School Health Corp.	$4,914.37
Total	**$14, 871.43**

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 #2022-23-8 to the following vendors at the unit price offered per item specified for a total bid of **$52,644.79**.

ADA Sports	$702.00
BSN Sports	$10,927.18
Colorado Timing Systems	$195.00
Gopher	$11,620.18
Laux	$7,784.52
MFAC	$576.00
Pyramid School Products	$9,436.18
Riddell	$2,877.61
S&S Worldwide	$227.29
School Health Corp	$701.10
Sportsman's	$7,597.73
Total	$52,644.79

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NEW BUSINESS-continued…

C. Bids – Policy - 5410

3. Roof Maintenance & Repairs Bid

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, award the roof maintenance & repair bid #2022-23-22 to **Grove Roofing Services, Inc.** at the hourly rates presented for the 2022-23 school year.

Grove Roofing Services, Inc.		
Hourly Rates - Daytime		
Foreman	Journeyman	Apprentice
$99.00	$88.00	$55.00
Hourly Rates – Emergency Repairs		
Foreman	Journeyman	Apprentice
$112.00	$98.00	$66.00

4. Football Helmet & Shoulder Pad Reconditioning

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, awards the football helmet and shoulder pad reconditioning bid #2022-11 to **Riddell** for a total bid of **$5,580.00**.

and be it further…

E. 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 April 19, 2022 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 10, 2022 presentation.

a.	**7110 – Comprehensive Student Attendance**
b.	**7541 – Sexual Harassment of Students**
c.	**7542 – Bullying in the Schools (recommend to delete)**
d.	**7543 – Hazing of Students**
e.	**7544 – Dignity for All Students**
f.	**8130 – Equal Educational Opportunities**
g.	**8210 – Safety Conditions & Prevention Education**
h.	**8220 – Career & Technical (Occupational) Education**
i.	**8240 – Instruction in Certain Subjects**
j.	**8280 – Instruction for English Language Learners**

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NEW BUSINESS-continued…

F. Erie 1 BOCES

1. Erie 1 BOCES Budget (correction)

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 2022-23, as presented.

Administrative Services	$3,746,638

and be it further…

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.

and be it further…

H. Agreement with the Town of Amherst

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools be and hereby is authorized to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Amherst for the purchase of fuel commencing on May 14, 2022, such Agreement to be in form as presented to the Board of Education, with such changes as the Superintendent, with the advice of counsel for the District, may determine to be in the best interests of the District.

and be it further…

I. Annual District Vote – Policy 1611

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 (remove)
- Karen Galli (add)

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

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

D. School District Calendars, 2022-2023 – Policy 8410

1. District Attendance Calendar

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the 2022-2023 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 2022-2023 district payroll calendar as presented.

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NEW BUSINESS-continued…

D. School District Calendars, 2022-2023 – Policy 8410

3. District Holiday Calendar

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the 2022-2023 district holiday calendar as presented.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X	Abstain	1 (Bellanti)		

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

R. Haen: Student Government will meet to work on unfinished business and wrap up for the year -hope to pass on unfinished items to next year's team. Have received positive feedback from students and staff regarding Panther Pride week.

P. Bellanti: Was on the GL Principal committee, also a member of the interview committee for the new E1B Supt. Congrats to all winter athletes who received All WNY, Scholar Athlete, All ECIC. Congrats to Sally Kuss and her volleyball teams as well. Friday night Community event was fun, great to see so many students. GL has their fun run and PTA officer vote upcoming.

S. Johnson: Attended the Safety Committee meeting. Officer Awald said schools have gone back to pre-COVID drills. Also attended the Alumni board meeting, Hall of Fame. Attended the ECASB Legislative committee meeting. HS PTSA working thru the scholarship awarding process. Unified game and pep rally were terrific. Ladies awesome at flag football. Met with staff and students today at Ready – talked about Big Picture program, internships. Congrats to Mallory Pisarek for getting into the WNY Teachers Hall of Fame.

K. McDonald: Attended the ECASB Legislative meeting. I understand there used to be community forums with the Board – maybe we could bring that back. Attended the DEI Committee meeting – working on mission and vision statements. Congrats to all those involved in Panther Pride week. HS PTSA wrapping up a successful year, big plans for next year. Kids at Ready are proud of what they are doing. Staff is clearly all in.

J. Feldmann: Thanks Kailey for attending the Legislative meeting while I was out of town. Attended the SHEF board meeting – may reach out to bldg. PTA/PTO/PTSAs to help staff. MM fundraising has been outstanding this year. Also at community day, 7th, 8th & HS jazz band concerts. Mr. Petrie doing a great job at the MS. Also at MS Activity night and the MS hockey games.

B. Laible: Attended the NWACC ribbon cutting. Teacher Appreciation week happening. Community night very enjoyable. WR PTO Science and Book Fair night is May 20.

A. Battaglia: Attended many athletic events. Great to see the first full spring season. Would like to let Teachers & Nurses and everyone who works with students to know they are appreciated. Attended Pride week activities. HS Orchestra concert was well done. MS PTSA meeting postponed.

M. Jasen: Attended the Health and Safety Committee meeting, JoAnn doing a great job with guiding and assessment – no changes to the safety plan. Excited about the NWACC. Meat Raffle was fun and raised about $8k for Dollars for Scholars. Concert season is upon us. It's nurse's week, thank you to all our nurses for getting us thru the pandemic. June 3 is the HH color dash, they are looking for a DJ. Will we make spring homecoming a tradition? Starting July 1 – free zoom meetings will have a 40 minute length limit.

OPEN SESSION – Policy 1512

Jessica Stephens, 855 Edgewater Dr: WR PTO has two big events coming up – Science night on May 20 and Multicultural night on May 27.

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OPEN SESSION – Policy 1512 – continued…

Jodie Roberts, 139 Jeffrey Dr: Believe students need to go back to normal. There've been discussions about kids eating in the classroom, principal said there are less problems, but kids are on their devices and they need a break from that and to socialize with peers. Was told students are happier than ever – fewer discipline problems, but children's silence doesn't mean happiness. Disappointed in the lack of information from the district on this topic.

Jenna DePasquale, 8582 Lakemont Dr: Teacher here for 27 years. Found out about some changes to HS spaces through a contractor, not the appropriate person. We should be part of the decision making process, feel very disconnected. Want to be part of the One Community and for the first time in 27 years, I don't feel a part of it.

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

1. Discontinuance

a. Retirement

RESOLVED: That, the *retirement* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 691 dated May 10, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Bob Weselak		

b. Resignation

RESOLVED: That, the *resignation* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 691 dated May 10, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Christian Hershey	Nicole Scott	Karen DeLaPlante

2. Appointments

b. Regular

RESOLVED: That, the *regular appointment* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 691 dated May 10, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Karen DeLaPlante	Finune Shaibi	

f. Transfer

RESOLVED: That, the *transfer* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 691 dated May 10, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Stephen Shepherd		

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PERSONNEL-continued…

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. 691 dated May 10, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Shari Seefeldt	Debbie Zehler	Sharrie Scully
Rich Lowe	Sharon Notaro	Kim Gugino

h. Reinstatement from Leave

RESOLVED: That, the *reinstatement from leave* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 691 dated May 10, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Jami Chatt		

B. Substitutes

1. Long Term Substitutes

RESOLVED: That, the *long term substitutes* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 691 dated May 10, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Gerard Frank	Rachel Polanski	Cheryl Nowakowski
Anne Pacouloute		

2. Per Diem

RESOLVED: That, the *per diem substitutes* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 691 dated May 10, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

3. Student teachers for 2021-2022 school year

RESOLVED: That, the *student teachers* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 691 dated May 10, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Thor Vanhehei	Tyra Ahmed	

II. Service

A. Regular

1. Discontinuance

a. Retirement

RESOLVED: That, the *retirement* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 691 dated May 10, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Tina Abbott	Kathy King	Dave Kler
Karen Galli		

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PERSONNEL-continued...

II. Service

A. Regular

1. Discontinuance

b. Resignation

RESOLVED: That, the *resignation* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 691 dated May 10, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Debbie Gorton		

2. Appointments

a. Regular

RESOLVED: That, the *regular appointment* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 691 dated May 10, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Blythe Kaczmarczyk	Theresa Moore	

c. Permanent Civil Service

RESOLVED: That, the *permanent civil service appointment* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 691 dated May 10, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Olivia Harvey		

f. Leave of Absence

RESOLVED: That, the *leave of absence* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 691 dated May 10, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Brenda Carrasquillo	Joseph Borden	Sue Callea
Michelle Callowhill	Cheryl Nowakowski	Kevin Hammett
Harinder Dhillon		

g. Reinstatement from Leave

RESOLVED: That, the *reinstatement from leave* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 691 dated May 10, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Suzanne Malesky		

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

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 and collective bargaining negotiations at 8:44 pm.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

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Upon motion made by Mrs. Battaglia, seconded by Ms. McDonald, the following resolution was offered to come out of executive session at 10:01 pm.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Ms. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Bellanti, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 pm

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

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

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