



Superintendent Report

Sweet Home Central School District

Michael V. Ginestre
March 8, 2022



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Sweet Home Welcomes

Jeff Stone
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Katie Barillari and Team
Special Education Update





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2022-23 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Sweet Home Board of Education

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

2022-23 Budget

Capital Improvements Reserve Fund

2017



■ Capital Reserve Fund

- *RESOLVED, that the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Sweet Home Central School District, Erie County, New York (the “District”) is hereby authorized to establish a capital improvements reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law of the State of New York (the “Fund”); that the Fund shall be known as the “Capital Improvements Reserve Fund, 2017” of the District; that the Fund shall be established for the purpose of financing, in whole or in part, the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, expansion, renovation, alteration and improvement of buildings, facilities, sites and real property by the District, including, in all cases, the acquisition of necessary furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus; that the ultimate amount of such Fund shall be not greater than \$5,000,000 (plus interest earned thereon); that the probable term of such Fund shall be not longer than fifteen (15) years; and that the permissible sources from which the Board is authorized to appropriate monies to such Fund from time to time shall be (a) unappropriated fund balance of the District, (b) State aid received as reimbursement for expenditures by the District in connection with District capital improvements (whether or not such improvements were financed in whole or in part from the Fund), (c) the proceeds from the sale of unneeded District real or personal property and (d) such other sources as the Board or the voters of the District may direct from time to time*

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■ Capital Improvements Reserve Fund 2017 Consideration

- *Amend purpose of Reserve Fund to allow for purchase of vehicles and equipment outside of a Capital Improvement Project*
- *Approve at Board level first*
- *Ask voters to approve change on May ballot*
- *Ask voters to authorize spending out of the reserve to replace District vehicles and equipment*
 - Buildings & Grounds vans, tractors, snow removal equipment, transportation smaller vehicles (Suburbans, mini-vans, etc)
 - Placed an additional \$500,000 in this reserve in August 2021
 - Any purchase out of this reserve would have a ZERO tax impact

2022-23 Budget Capital Improvements Reserve Fund 2017



■ Capital Improvements Reserve Fund 2017 Proposed Expenditure

- *Total Purchases Not to Exceed \$500,000*
 - Quantity 3 - Ford F350 XL Plow Truck @ \$42,500 = \$127,500 (Buildings & Grounds / Facilities)
 - Quantity 4 - Ford Transit High Roof Maintenance Vans @ \$42,850 = \$171,400 (Facilities)
 - Quantity 3 - Ford Transit Connect Vans @ \$25,625 = \$76,875 (Mail Courier / Transportation)
 - Quantity 1 - Ford Box Truck @ \$50,000 - \$50,000 (Information Technology Department)
 - Quantity 1 - John Deere 8800A TerrainCut Mower @ \$73,525 = \$73,525 (Buildings & Grounds)
- *Total Expected Expenditure = \$499,300*

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■ Capital Improvements Reserve Fund 2017 MAY BALLOT

PROPOSED PROPOSITION

- *RESOLVED, that the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Sweet Home Central School District, Erie County, New York (the "District") is hereby authorized (A) to amend the purpose of the District's Capital Improvements Reserve Fund, 2017 (the "Fund") to specifically allow for the use of monies therein to finance, in whole or in part, the District's acquisition of various vehicles, machinery and pieces of equipment for use in the transportation, construction and maintenance programs of the District (with the understanding that this is to be in addition to, and not in replacement of, the Fund's original purpose) and (B) consistent with and following from such amendment, to make the following purchases from the Fund in the 2022-2023 fiscal year of the District: (i) three Ford F-350 XL plow trucks at an estimated maximum cost of \$42,500 each, (ii) four Ford Transit high roof maintenance vans at an estimated maximum cost of \$42,850 each, (iii) three Ford Transit Connect vans at an estimated maximum cost of \$25,625 each, (iv) one Ford box truck at an estimated maximum cost of \$50,000 and (v) one John Deere 8800A TerrainCut mower at an estimated maximum cost of \$73,525 (with all such dollar amounts reflecting reasonable current estimates but in any event totaling not more than \$500,000, inclusive of a \$700 rounding/contingency amount).*



Capital Improvements Reserve Fund 2017

QUESTIONS??

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Masking/New Guidance

- The pandemic is still here.
- Masks optional for anyone who enters a SH building during and after-school hours.
- Mask optional on buses.
- Everyone has a choice and they should feel comfortable with their choice about their health and well being.
- District will continue to provide masks, surgical and N95s.
- More test kits have arrived at SH. Strongly encouraging anyone who has been exposed to test.



Department of Health



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Masking/New Guidance

- *Masking required for all upon return from isolation during days 6-10 after COVID-19 infection.*
- Masking for 10 days after exposure is strongly recommended.
- Testing on Day 5 after exposure is strongly recommended.
- Contact tracing continues.



Department of Health



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Masking/New Guidance

- All mitigation measures continue, including:
 - Ventilation
 - Distancing (to limit exposure and close contacts)
 - Testing at school and at home with permission.
 - Required testing of non-vaccinated employees
 - Hand hygiene, cough/sneeze etiquette
 - Encourage students and staff to stay home when sick and call their school nurse.
 - Daily notification.



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Transportation Update

- Planning for 2022-2023 is of concern as several retirements of drivers are imminent.
- District is turning over all rocks to develop solutions including:
 - Recruit and Retain Efforts
 - Exploring current practices
 - Exploring start/stop times
 - Close-distance walking
 - Etc.



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Electric Busing Information

- Proposed that by 2027, all new bus purchases are to be zero emissions, with 2035 targeted as the date all buses are zero emissions.
- Bus Costs
 - Diesel Bus \$125K-\$200K
 - Electric Bus \$350K-\$425K
- Operating Costs
 - Diesel Bus \$.40-\$.50c/mile
 - Electric Bus \$.18-\$.22c/mile
- Maintenance Costs
 - Save between 25 to 50 percent



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Charging Infrastructure

- Must partner with utility company to determine charging arrangement, number of buses, and route parameters.
- Each bus has a battery capacity and drain is determined by miles, hill profile, and cabin heating.
- Utility connection sized for peak load. Level charging reduces demand.
- Vehicle-to-Grid sends power back to utility when bus is idle and utility needs power.



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Lessons Learned

- High upfront costs.
- Lower maintenance costs.
- Less amount of parts to maintain.
- Aid is currently available, but districts with lower aid ratios will be slower to adopt.
- District to begin long-term planning with architects to prepare.



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Test Kit Distribution April Break

- Each student and staff member will receive a rapid test kit to take home before break, similar to February break.
- Each kit has two tests. One test to be administered the weekend before break ends.
- Second test to be administered 3-4 days after classes resume..
- Supply of N95 masks are also available. These do not require fit testing. Staff have them at disposal now.



Welcome to Erie County, NY
Erie County, NY Department of Health



Department of Health



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North Amherst Community Center

- Lease approved on the facility at the Feb. 28 Amherst Town Board Meeting.
- Language is in “perfection” stage.
- Committee is being considered by Amherst Town Recreation as we speak to solidify plans and services.
- Opening date slated for the fall of 2022.



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Willowridge/Parkview Project

- Met with Amherst Town Supervisor Brian Kulpa and North Tonawanda Mayor Austin Tylec on March 4 to discuss neighborhood enhancements to the Willowridge and Parkview Areas of the district.
- March 15 Community Forum hosted by the town for input. Flyer available on Website tomorrow.



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Sweet Home Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Initiative March 15 BOE Meeting to update:

- Review the Feb. 28 District DEI Committee Meeting
- Discuss best practices shared at NYSCOSS Conference
- Discuss progress toward developing mission and vision statements, together with proposed DEI Policy



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Questions from the Board?

STRENGTH OF MIND AND BODY

Discipline yourself to be at your best to conquer adversity and challenge.

Preparation * Perseverance * Resilience * Focus * Energy

QUALITY RELATIONSHIPS

Build a support network of people that inspire you and challenge you to thrive.

Honesty * Empathy * Thoughtfulness * Respect * Trust

ACCOUNTABILITY

Take ownership of your life direction and master the sea.

Discipline * Responsibility * Reliability * Independence * Problem Solving

COURAGE TO LEAD

Believe in something that can improve the human condition, and show others the way.

Character * Humility * Communication * Service * Inspiration

