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, DECEMBER 12, 2023**
6:30 p.m.

A G E N D A

I. A. CALL TO ORDER

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

II. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLVED: That, the agenda set forth for the regular Board of Education meeting held Tuesday, December 19, 2023 is hereby adopted in its entirety.

IV. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That, the reading of the minutes of the meetings held Wednesday, November 8, 2023 and Tuesday, November 21, 2023 be waived and are hereby adopted in their entirety.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Harris Beach Legal Alert

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. BOE Recognition
The Board will recognize Kristin Kosha at the study session on Tuesday, December 12, 2023.

B. Superintendent Update
Michael Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, will give an update to the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, December 12, 2023.

C. 22/23 Assessment Data Grades 3-8
Toyia Wilson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, will give an update to the Board of Education at the voting meeting on Tuesday, December 19, 2023.

D. Superintendent Update
Michael Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, will give an update to the Board of Education at the voting meeting on Tuesday, December 19, 2023.

E. Upcoming Events

•	December 11…	HH: PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm
•	December 12…	DO: Safety Committee Meeting, 4:15 pm, @ NVCC DO: BOE Study Session, 6:30 pm @ NVCC DO: Elementary Gold Band, Gr 9 Band Concert, 7 pm @ MS Aud
•	December 13…	DO: Dollars For Scholars Meeting, 8 am @ DO DO: BOE meeting @ Young & Wright Offices, 2 pm MS: Elementary Gold Orchestra & Gr 7-8 Orchestra Concert, 7 pm @ MS Aud
•	December 14…	WR: PTO Meeting, 6:30. pm

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT-continued…

E. Upcoming Events

•	December 18…	DO: DEI Family/Community Engagement & Student Supports Subcommittee Meeting, 4:15 @ NVCC HS: Holiday Concert, 7:30 pm @ HS Aud
•	December 19…	DO: BOE Regular Voting Meeting, 6:30 pm @ NVCC
•	December 20…	HH: Chorus Concert, 6:30 pm GL: Chorus Concert, 7 pm @ HS Aud
•	December 25 – January 1 …	***Winter Recess – No School Pre-K-12***
•	January 4…	WR: PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm

VIII. OPEN SESSION: Agenda Topics – Policy 1510

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Special Education

1. Class placements for 2023-2024 – Policy 7613

WHEREAS, Public Law 94-142, the Individuals with Disability 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 2023-2024 placements for students with disabilities be approved as recommended in a memorandum to Dr. Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, dated December 5, 2023.

2. Preschool class placements for 2023-2024 – Policy 7614

WHEREAS, Public Law 94-142, the Individuals with Disability 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 students 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 2023-2024 placements for preschool students with disabilities be approved as recommended in a memorandum to Dr. Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, dated December 5, 2023.

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.

IX. NEW BUSINESS-continued…

C. Transportation Bid

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, enter into a transportation contract with **WNY Bus Company** for the 2023-24 school year for a total cost of **$388.00 per day.**

D. Revised Policy – Policy 1410 – First 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 19, 2023 the Superintendent of Schools recommended 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 December 19, 2023 presentation.

a.	**3420 – Non-Discrimination & Anti-Harassment in the District**
b.	**5140 – Administration of the Budget**
c.	**6121 – Sexual Harassment in the Workplace**
d.	**6550 – Leaves of Absence**

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. Acceptance of Donation – Policy 5230

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accept the donation of $500 to support Glendale families in need.

G. Overnight Field Trip Request – Policy 8460

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following Overnight Field Trip Requests:

- Watkins Glen HS Swim Tournament, Watkins Glen, NY, Jan. 2024 (Leaders – Morris Fried/Patrick McNelis)

H. Charter Agreements

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Annual Unit Charter Agreements with the following organizations:

- Greater Niagara Frontier Council, Cub Scout Pack No. 444
- Greater Niagara Frontier Council, Boy Scout Troop No. 444

IX. NEW BUSINESS-continued…

I. High School Course Planning Guide – Policy 8110 (Revision)

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves revisions to the Sweet Home High School Student Curriculum Handbook 2023-2024 as provided.

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

XI. OPEN SESSION: Policy 1510

XII. PERSONNEL

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. 716 dated December 19, 2023** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Brian Kisker		

2. Appointment
g. Leave of Absence

RESOLVED: That, the *leave of absence* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 716 dated December 19, 2023** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Melinda DeBernardo	Charles Dunlap	Michelle Iwankow
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j. Co-Curricular Activities

j. Co-Curricular Activities, High School, 2023-2024 school year

RESOLVED: That, the *co-curricular activities, high school,* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 716 dated November 19, 2023** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Lori DePoint (chg.)	Cory Morrow (chg.)	Lona LaChiusa (chg.)

C. Interscholastic Activities
1. Interscholastic Activities, High School, Winter, 2023-24

RESOLVED: That, the *interscholastic activities appointments, High School, Winter* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 716 dated December 19, 2023** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Renaldo Rodgriguez		

XII. PERSONNEL-continued...

II. Service

A. Regular

1. Discontinuance

b. Resignation

RESOLVED: That, the *resignation* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 716 dated December 19, 2023** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Tyler Sajdak		

2. Appointment

a. Regular

RESOLVED: That, the *regular appointment* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 716 dated December 19, 2023** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Sharon Tuzzolino	Jessica Clayson-Galvin	Frederick Eckles
Kimberly Mohan	Gregory Robbins	April Webster

f. Leave of Absence

RESOLVED: That, the *leave of absence* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 716 dated December 19, 2023** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Michael Laible		

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

XIV. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

a. Calendar of Events 2023-2024.
b. Field Trip Requests through December 8, 2023.
c. 2023/24 Music Department Calendar.