

**SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022**

**APPROVED
by
BOARD OF EDUCATION
FEBRUARY 15, 2022**

MINUTES

A meeting of the Sweet Home Board of Education was held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at Sweet Home Middle School. President of the Board, Mrs. Jasen, called the meeting to order at 6:54 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

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 18, 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 of the regular Board of Education meeting held Tuesday, December 21, 2021 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. Mrs. Jasen heard from parents thankful for kids being kept in school. Mrs. Jasen also heard from a parent who had concerns about kids being in school.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Athletics Update

Marissa Dauria, Athletic Director, gave an update to the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, January 11, 2022.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (Continued)**B. Superintendent Update**

Michael Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, gave an update to the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, January 11, 2022.

C. Middle School Tour

The Middle School team led a tour with the Board of Education at the voting meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

D. Superintendent Update

Michael Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, gave an update to the Board of Education at the voting meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 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, and G.

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 January 5, 2022.

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 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 January 5, 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 accepts the Investment Schedule, the Treasurer's Report, the Budget Appropriation Status Report, the Revenue Budget Status Report and the Budget Transfer Report, and Extra-Curricular Account Report as provided.

and be it further...

NEW BUSINESS (continued)**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. New Course Proposal – Policy 8110

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following new course proposal:

- **College Mathematics, ECC Course MT 125**

and be it further...

E. High School Course Planning Guide – Policy 8110

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Sweet Home High School Student Curriculum Handbook 2022-2023.

and be it further...

F. 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 21, 2021 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 21, 2021 presentation.

a.	1330 – Appointments & Designations by the Board of Education
b.	1331 – Duties of the District Clerk
c.	1510 – Board of Education Meetings
d.	1512 – Public Participation at School Board Meetings (recommend to delete)
e.	1640 – Absentee Ballots
f.	1710 – Quorum (recommend to delete)
g.	2120 – Use of Parliamentary Procedure (recommend to delete)

and be it further...

G. Revised Policy – Policy 1410 – First Reading

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NEW BUSINESS (continued)**G. Revised Policy – Policy 1410 – First Reading**

At the regular Board of Education meeting held on January 18, 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 January 18, 2022 presentation.

a.	3230 – Public Complaints
b.	3310 – Public Access to Records
c.	3420 – Non-Discrimination & Anti-Harassment in the School District
d.	3520 – Extraordinary Circumstances
e.	5640 – Smoking/Tobacco Use

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

R. Haen: Student Gov't meeting was postponed due to snow day. Progressing on talks with HS Admin re: Winter Dance – what do we need to work on to make it safe & possible for everyone. Considering a dance outdoors during school hours and working on solutions with High School Assistant Principal and Mr Zgoda with snow activities and DJ, teachers already onsite. Met with school lunch about getting halal burgers, to be more inclusive for our Muslim students. Athletic committee is working on personalizing sports apparel and customizing by adding names. Interest in raising awareness on Mental Health by investing resources into virtual settings and social media and discussions during study halls. Creating student bonds and creating a safe atmosphere. This is still at the idea stage.

K. McDonald: HS PTSA Meeting coming up. Gratitude to those handing out tests so quickly & efficiently. Case numbers went up but it's good that we caught them early. There was an article published in ECASB's Advocacy Alliance monthly news about SH student government association. Encourage all to read. Our model has encouraged other districts. Attended the HS PTSA meeting, scholarship season is starting. They currently have 3 scholarships being offered and are fully funded. They may add a 4th scholarship next year. Doing a spring Delta Donic gift card fundraiser. Promoting these as teacher appreciation gifts. Mr. Perry talked about plans for regent's week – will be an extension of 2nd semester for students to catch up on work. He mentioned professional development – relationship building to make students feel safe has been moved to March. Everyone is excited about girl's flag football.

P. Bellanti: Picked up tests, was well set up. Also attended a winter sporting event this past weekend – boys basketball game. Attended the Glendale PTA meeting 1/19/22. Virtual dance party which went well 1/14. Soup can drive for SHEF, and Maplemere challenged the other elementary buildings. Glendale, taking it a step further, having grade level competition and using leaderboards. ECASB delegate assembly meeting next week.

A. Battaglia: MS PTSA meeting was cancelled. Attended the Finance committee meeting January 6th which was straightforward.

J. Feldmann: Attended MM PTA meeting, SHEF meeting – fundraising going well on both fronts. MM is trying to keep things as normal as possible.

M. Jasen: Had monthly meeting with Mr. Smorol. HH PTA meeting was somber due to Randy's passing. Someone stepped up to be the PTA president. Attended zoom safety meeting discussing initiatives for 21-22, mass notification system will be in all bldgs. Threat assessment program with Don Shomette, and training with counselors on mental health. Covidtests.gov is open.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (continued)

S. Johnson: Policy committee meeting last month. Legislative meeting next month will be virtual. Safety meeting today (1/18/22), new was SRO present, lockdown drills all scheduled. Discussed policy 5681, sending changes and recommendations back to committee. ECASB meeting this week. High School PTSA meeting scheduled.

M. Ginestre: Wished Mrs. Dimitroff the best and congratulated her on her retirement which will be voted on tonight. She has been nothing but professional and Glendale and the District will miss her.

OPEN SESSION

Jeri Dicosmo - 378 Meyer rd. Lives across from Mel-Ott baseball, wanted to bring awareness to Benderson/Delta Sonic planned rezoning of a 14 acre parcel to Industrial. 10008 sq ft proposed warehouse. She has attended 3 town meetings, offered objections. Inquired about what chemicals to be mixed and stored there. She has received no assurances except from Benderson's attorney. She wanted to bring this to your attention since it's so close to the MS. Think back to PPE fire off Wehrle. what if something happened here - this factory will be full of chemicals. noxious fumes, run off detention pond is near end of Mel Ott fields. These things happen, maybe there's a better location. Encourage you all to zoom into next town board meeting, Jan 18.

Sheila Goldberg - 306 Meyer rd. Benderson is a \$300B Florida based company that owns Delta Sonic, with locations in NY, PA, IL. They own the parcel behind Meyer Rd, on Ridge Lea, ends near thruway and would like it rezoned. there's be a tall building, a 300 car parking lot – the size of 2 football fields which will have trucks coming 9am to 9 pm daily bringing chemicals to be blended into soap. Rezoning is a 2 yr process, we just found out before Thanksgiving. She has been trying to find out what chemicals will be involved. Benderson claims they're not hazardous. Project manager doesn't know. She called Benderson's atty and was told no Chemical names. Want SH district aware, if there's chemical spill it will impact parents, students of SH. If the fumes/winds blow other way will impact HS/UB.

Jonathan Koscinski - senior - 105 Hilton, student government, Amherst Republican committee. As a community need to protect most valuable asset - youth. It's disturbing to suggest this project so close to MS. He expressed concern about risks to students and staff.

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. 687 dated January 18, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Joleen Dimitroff		
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- 2. Appointments**
 - a. Tenure**

RESOLVED: That, the *teaching tenure appointments* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 687 dated January 18, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Wendy Januchowski	Amanda Woodward	
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PERSONNEL (continued)**I. Teaching and Administrative****A. Regular****2. Appointments****c. Encumbered**

RESOLVED: That, the *encumbered appointments* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 687 dated January 18, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Shane Rifanburg		
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e. Continuing Activities**PLC, High School, 2021-2022**

RESOLVED: That, *PLC, High School*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 687 dated January 18, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Dominique Mediak-Pirigyi (remove)	Kristen Piurek	
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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. 687 dated January 18, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Keri Davis		
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j. Co-Curricular Activities**j. Co-Curricular Activities, Middle School, 2021-2022 school year**

RESOLVED: That, the *co-curricular activities, middle school*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 687 dated January 18, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Tim Goodman (remove)	Matthew Refermat	
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j. Co-Curricular Activities, High School, 2021-2022 school year

RESOLVED: That, the *co-curricular activities, high school*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 687 dated January 18, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Kim Harrison	Robert Cooke	Robert Cooke
Cory Morrow	Lori DePoint	Cory Morrow
Andrea Letcher	Andrea Letcher	Christine Steward

B. Substitutes**2. Appointments****b. Substitute teachers for 2021-2022 school year**

RESOLVED: That, the *Substitutes* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 687 dated January 18, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

PERSONNEL (continued)**I. Teaching and Administrative****B. Substitutes****2. Appointments****c. Student Teachers for Spring 2022**

RESOLVED: That, the *student teachers* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 687 dated January 18, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

II. Service**A. Regular****1. Discontinuance****b. Resignation**

RESOLVED: That, the *resignation* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 687 dated January 18, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Angela Himes	Laurie Crissy	Cassandra Kelly
Andrew Delprino		

2. Appointments**a. Regular**

RESOLVED: That, the *regular appointment* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 687 dated January 18, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Laurie Crissy	Kylie Prizel	Dorothy MacVittie
Cassandra Kelly	Matthew Urban	Claire Cavarello

g. Reinstatement from Leave

RESOLVED: That, the *reinstatement from leave* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 687 dated January 18, 2022** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Lia Dziomba	Mirvat Rizeq	
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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 8:18pm

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