

**SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021**

**APPROVED
by
BOARD OF EDUCATION
JANUARY 18, 2022**

MINUTES

A meeting of the Sweet Home Board of Education was held on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at Willow Ridge Elementary School. 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, Roman Haen (student ex-officio)

ABSENT: Kailey McDonald

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	6	No	0	Absent	1
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, December 21, 2021 is hereby adopted in its entirety.

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

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 voting meeting held Tuesday, November 16, 2021 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				

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Harris Beach Legal Alerts
2. Phillips Lytle Legal Alert
3. Mr. Feldmann was asked about publicizing Mel Ott Little League.
4. Mrs. Jasen received a communication from David Lowrey and a holiday card for the Board from NYSSBA.

OPEN SESSION

Called

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**A. SHEF Mini-Grant Recipient Recognition**

The Board of Education recognized SHEF mini-grant recipients at the study session on Tuesday, December 14, 2021.

B. Capital Project Update

Donald Feldmann, Director of Finance & Plant Services, and members of the project team updated the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, December 14, 2021.

C. Superintendent Update

Michael Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, gave an update to the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, December 14, 2021.

D. Willow Ridge Lighthouse Team

The Willow Ridge Lighthouse team presented to the Board of Education at the voting meeting on Tuesday, December 21, 2021.

E. Superintendent Update

Michael Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, gave an update to the Board of Education at the voting meeting on Tuesday, December 21, 2021.

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 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 2021-2022 placements for students with disabilities be approved as recommended in a memorandum to Mr. Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, dated December 7, 2021.

2. Preschool class placements for 2021-2022 – 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 2021-2022 placements for preschool students with disabilities be approved as recommended in a memorandum to Mr. Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, dated December 7, 2021.

and be it further...

NEW BUSINESS-continued...**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-Classroom Activity 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. 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.

ACCOUNTS TO BE OPENED:

- Boys Swimming
- Wrestling

and be it further...

E. 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 21, 2021 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 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...

NEW BUSINESS-continued...**F. Capital Improvement Project 2019 Bids**

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education award the Construction bids and alternates to the following bidders:

Contract	Contractor	Total Project Costs
C303 – Mechanical	Johnson Controls	\$4,922,037.00
C305 – Public Address Systems	U&S Services	\$1,137,555.00
C306 – Temperature Controls	U&S Services	\$ 747,150.00
C307 – Roofing	Garland/DBS Inc.	\$2,401,112.00
Grand Total of All Contracts:		\$9,207,854.00

and be it further...

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

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

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	1
Carried	X				

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

R. Haen: Student Gov. DEI Committee seeking partnership with HS Lighthouse team to further student/teacher relationships. Group is meeting with Ms. Dauria to further leadership opportunities in Athletics. Another committee seeking to assist with after school homework. Student Life Committee considering a possible fashion show. Interest in building a garden in the courtyard. Music & Arts Committee seeking to further school spirit – art hallway seems cool to everyone. Perhaps do more in each area hallway to make it more welcoming. Meeting with Mr. Perry & Mr. Ginestre regarding the winter dance poll. Did some planning for a post winter break agenda. Next steps regarding the dance are finding chaperones/meeting with HS staff. Hopeful to have the dance in February. Morale seems to be dwindling -hoping the dance would lift it.

M. Ginestre: Student gov't reps met with Mr. Feldmann, Mrs. Sajdak and myself regarding the school lunch program. The regulations were explained, the students ideas were heard and appreciated, and the farm to school grant was discussed. Roman's work led to that meeting.

K. McDonald: Impressed with what student gov't is doing. Perhaps could have a compost education center and outpost at the Community Center. Also perhaps a larger garden than the courtyard. Might give the HS project more longevity. Missed the meat raffle. Attended the HS PTSA meeting, sold more poinsettias this year but earned less due to prices. Already have enough \$ for this year's student scholarships. Mr. Perry is building up remediation for freshmen, working on transportation for the students. The AAC has been very successful, looking to add AP prep. Masking in improving. Employers have contacted him, want to hire SH grads, would like to offer apprenticeships leading to jobs. Attended the Policy Committee meeting, but am stepping down and Brian will join.

B. Laible: WR PTO also is looking at grants and a garden project, perhaps student gov't could also work with the Elementary buildings. Attended the Policy Committee meeting. Attended the WR PTO meeting, sponsored the Winter Wonderland. First year of student led Parent/Teacher Conferences. Reviewed the financial statements at the ECASB Finance Committee meeting, \$300k they haven't spent, may invest. Foundation I am part of is donating \$4000 to SHEF, asking that it be directed to the Family Support Center this year. One of the administrators went to Willow Ridge! In October there were changes to the public service and teacher loan forgiveness programs, extending them. Hopefully teacher candidates know about these programs.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS-continued...

J. Feldmann: The Meat raffle was lots of fun. Also attended a SHEF meeting.

A. Battaglia: Parent/Teacher conferences were virtual, very accommodating.

P. Bellanti: Attended the GL PTA meeting. They are doing gift card sale, virtual bingo, a virtual dance party in January. GL also is supporting a Hat & Mitten donation program and having an online cookie decorating contest. Couldn't attend the Meat Raffle but others at our table enjoyed it. Attended the NYSUT WNY Regional Director's meeting – they have 5 initiatives for State Ed. DEI was one of them.

S. Johnson: Bonnie & I delivered a Thanksgiving dinner. Attended the ECASB Legislative meeting, had training on researching bills. Discussed the legislative breakfast. Potential for doing a spring legislative dinner. Watched the webinar on trauma in kids. Attended the Policy Committee meeting, webinar by NYSSBA previewing this year's NYS budget and legislative agenda.

M. Jasen: Attended concerts. Have emailed Barry Entwistle about the public brochure. HH PTA meeting was cancelled. Will meet with Mr. Smorol. Saw an article about our partnership with Depew for Boys Hockey. What is the Town of Amherst thinking about marijuana sales? Liked the front page of our Your Schools advertising for service positions. The HS music concert livestream worked well.

J. Balazs: Partner with UB School of Social Work. A grant to bring administrators together on DEI issues was just approved.

The Board of Education observed a moment of silence for Randy Cialone, Heritage Heights parent and PTA President who recently passed away.

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**
 - e. Continuing Activities**

PLC, Middle School, 2021-2022

RESOLVED: That, *PLC, Middle School*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 685 dated December 21, 2021** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Jeff Miller	Patricia Reich	
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PLC, High School, 2021-2022

RESOLVED: That, *PLC, High School*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 685 dated December 21, 2021** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Mark Ricupito	Sarah English	Josh Hicks
Mia Miranda	Jordan Martin	Christine Utzig
Mark Basehart	TJ Geraci	Dominique Mediak-Pirigyi
Jim Marone	Amy Myers	Breean Martin
Brian Koziol	Tim Cardinal	Mary Jo Giufre
Zach Trunzo	Jon Campolo	Matthew LaRoach

PERSONNEL-continued...**I. Teaching and Administrative****A. Regular****2. Appointments****e. Continuing Activities****PLC, Glendale, 2021-2022**

RESOLVED: That, *PLC, Glendale*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 685 dated December 21, 2021** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Lynn Kawa (remove)		
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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. 685 dated December 21, 2021** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Elizabeth Sigurdson (chg.)		
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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. 685 dated December 21, 2021** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Tim Goodman		
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B. Substitutes**1. Long Term Substitutes**

RESOLVED: That, the *long term substitutes* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 685 dated December 21, 2021** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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2. Substitute teachers for 2021-2022 school year

RESOLVED: That, the *Substitutes* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 685 dated December 21, 2021** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

C. Interscholastic Activities**1. Interscholastic Activities, High School, 2021-22**

Bryan McMullen		
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PERSONNEL-continued...II. ServiceA. Regular1. Discontinuanceb. Resignation

RESOLVED: That, the *resignation* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 685 dated December 21, 2021** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Mike Maluso	Brad Neupert	Peter Korte
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2. Appointmenta. Regular

RESOLVED: That, the *regular appointment* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 685 dated December 21, 2021** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Jacqueline Brooks	Olivia Harvey	Kristina Joy
Peter Korte	David Megason	Jessica Visone
Robert Barnes	Yevgeniy Kazhdan	Rebecca Harmon

e. Transfer

RESOLVED: That, the *transfer* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 685 dated December 21, 2021** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Kristine Pieper	Santanee Lee	
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f. Leave of Absence

RESOLVED: That, the *leave of absence* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 685 dated December 21, 2021** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Alison Mohr	Afreen Kaiser	James Nowocien
Desiree Mirabelli	Desiree Mirabelli	Karen Barrett (remove)
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g. Reinstatement from Leave

RESOLVED: That, the *reinstatement from leave* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 685 dated December 14, 2021** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Karen Kneiting		
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B. Substitutes

RESOLVED: That, the *substitutes* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 685 dated December 14, 2021** 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				

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 7:52 pm.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	1
Carried	X				

Upon motion made by Mrs. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the following resolution was offered to come out of executive session at 8:08 pm.

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 8:09 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