

**SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTING MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021**

**APPROVED
by the
BOARD OF EDUCATION
JUNE 15, 2021**

MINUTES

A meeting of the Sweet Home Board of Education was held on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 in the Norman Vergils Community Room. President of the Board, Mr. Johnson, called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm.

Mr. Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Amy Battaglia (arrived @ 6:49 pm), Joshua Feldmann, Marianne Jasen, Scott M. Johnson, Brian Laible, Kailey McDonald, Nadine Ocasio, Delaney Graham (student ex-officio)

ABSENT:

Upon motion made by Mrs. Jasen, seconded by Mrs. Ocasio, 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: Anthony J. Day, JoAnn, Balazs, Donald G. Feldmann

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon motion made by Mrs. Jasen, seconded by Mrs. Ocasio, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLVED: That, the agenda set forth for the regular Board of Education meeting held Tuesday, May 11, 2021 is hereby adopted in its entirety.

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. Jasen, seconded by Mrs. Ocasio, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLVED: That, the reading of the minutes the Regular Board of Education meeting held Tuesday, April 20, 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. Letter from Amherst IDA.
2. Harris Beach Legal Alerts.
3. Board members received an email regarding end of year festivities/prom.
4. Ms. McDonald had a question regarding an HB alert regarding Special Education students aging out.
5. Mrs. Ocasio received a few calls about the MS reopening. The Administration & Officer Julicher were doing a great job, but it's hectic in the parking lot at the end of the day.
6. Mr. Feldmann received a phone call from someone advocating for full return to school to include remote access if possible.

OPEN SESSION – AGENDA TOPICS – Policy 1512

1. Dirk Rabenold: 5 Jeffrey Dr. – Where does the \$500k extra sales tax revenue figure into the budget. Where did the outside funds come from?

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- A. SHEF Mini-Grant Award Recipient**
Anthony Day, Superintendent of Schools, recognized award recipients at the study session on Tuesday, May 4, 2021.
- B. Calendar Presentation**
JoAnn Balazs, Assistant Superintendent, gave an update to the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, May 4, 2021.
- C. Reopening Update**
Anthony Day, Superintendent of Schools, gave an update to the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, May 4, 2021.
- D. Capital Project Update**
Don Feldmann, Director of Finance & Plant Services, gave a presentation to the Board of Education at the voting meeting on Tuesday, May 11, 2021.
- E. Summer Planning**
Anthony Day, Superintendent of Schools, gave an update to the Board of Education at the voting meeting on Tuesday, May 11, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion made by Mrs. Jasen, seconded by Mrs. Ocasio, the following resolution was offered for consent agenda on items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, and J.

- A. Special Education**
 - 1. Class placements for 2020-2021 – 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 2020-2021 placements for students with disabilities be approved as recommended in a memorandum to Anthony J. Day, Superintendent of Schools, dated April 28, 2021.
 - 2. Preschool class placements for 2020-2021 – 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

NEW BUSINESS-continued...**A. Special Education****2. Preschool class placements for 2020-2021 – Policy 7614**

WHEREAS, all parents have approved said preschool special education placements, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That, the 2020-2021 placements for preschool students with disabilities be approved as recommended in a memorandum to Anthony J. Day, Superintendent of Schools, dated April 28, 2021.

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 and the Budget Transfer 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 2020-21-17 to **Medco & Collins Sports** at the unit price offered per item specified for a total bid of **\$5,661.46**.

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 #2020-21-8 to the following vendors at the unit price offered per item specified for a total bid of **\$36,730.08**.

Aluminum Athletic Equipment	\$45.00
BSN Sports	\$12,538.02
Colorado Timing Systems	\$780.00
Gopher	\$3,507.98
Korney Board Aides	\$875.97
Lancaster Archery	\$96.43
Laux	\$1,920.58
Longstreth	\$361.80
MFAC	\$965.00
Pyramid School Products	\$3,693.32
Riddell	\$4,145.00
S&S Worldwide	\$832.35
School Health Corp.	\$795.13
Sportsman's	\$4,758.50
Varsity Spirit Fashions	\$415.00
Total	\$36,730.08

NEW BUSINESS-continued...**C. Bids – Policy – 5410****3. School Bus Parts Bid**

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, award the School Bus Parts Bid #2021-22-19 to the following vendors at the unit price offered per item specified for a total bid of **\$40,009.74**.

Advance Auto Parts	\$2,976.13
Finger Lakes Castle	\$2,563.18
Hurtubise Tire	\$6,464.00
Kenworth Northeast Group	\$315.96
Leonard Bus Sales	\$1,958.35
Matthews Buses, Inc.	\$2,297.01
McCarthy Tire	\$5,268.40
NAPA Auto Parts	\$4,053.53
Parmenter	\$4,113.40
Superior Lubricants	\$8,337.60
Tri-Star Distributing	\$356.30
Truck Pro, Inc.	\$290.68
Vehicle Maintenance Program	\$750.00
Total	\$39,744.54

and be it further...

D. 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...

E. School District Calendars, 2021-2022 – Policy 8410**1. District Attendance Calendar**

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the 2021-2022 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 2021-2022 district payroll calendar as presented.

3. District Holiday Calendar

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the 2021-2022 district holiday calendars as presented.

and be it further...

F. Building Condition Survey

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, appoint **Young & Wright Architectural** to perform our SED mandated Building Condition Survey at a cost of **\$112,134.00**.

and be it further...

NEW BUSINESS-continued...**G. 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 May 11, 2021 the Superintendent of Schools recommended the Board of Education accept the first reading of the following revised policy.

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following revised policy as provided in the May 11, 2021 presentation.

a.	7511 – Immunization of Students
b.	7545 – Student Gender Identity

and be it further...

H. Amended Corrective Action Plan

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approve the Amended Corrective Action Plan in response to the Internal Auditor’s Report as recommended after New York State review.

and be it further...

I. SEQRA Capital Outlay Project

A RESOLUTION, DATED MAY 11, 2021, OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE “DISTRICT”) DECLARING THE DISTRICT’S PROPOSED CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECT (INVOLVING MODEST UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS AT THE DISTRICT’S HIGH SCHOOL) TO BE A TYPE II ACTION UNDER SEQRA, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE INCLUSION OF FUNDING FOR SUCH PROJECT IN THE DISTRICT’S PROPOSED 2021-2022 BUDGET.

WHEREAS, the Sweet Home Central School District, Erie County, New York (the “District”), after consultation by District officials with the District’s retained architectural firm, Young + Wright Architectural (“YWA”), has resolved that the District should propose to undertake, during the District’s pending (2021-2022) fiscal year, a capital outlay project involving modest upgrades and improvements to the District’s High School, such work being anticipated to include, but not necessarily to be limited to, the removal and disposal of existing deteriorating interior and exterior doors and the installation of new, code-compliant doors, with new access hardware, thereby improving accessibility and safety, and all associated work (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the estimated maximum cost of the Project (inclusive of all preliminary and incidental costs) has been determined by YWA to be \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, the District is proposing that the Project be financed by the application of \$100,000 of funds to be earmarked for such purpose as a “Transfer to Capital Fund” in the District’s pending (i.e., 2021-2022) budget, with the work on the Project being anticipated to occur (and be completed) during the 2021-2022 fiscal year of the District; and

NEW BUSINESS-continued...**I. SEQRA Capital Outlay Project**

WHEREAS, in accordance with State Education Department guidance and policy, the District/Board of Education is the appropriate agency to be the lead agency to undertake Project review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"); and

WHEREAS, Section 617.5 of the SEQRA regulations (6 NYCRR Part 617) provides that certain activities are Type II actions which are not subject to review under SEQRA and that such activities include "maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility" and "replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site...;" and

WHEREAS, the Project constitutes such maintenance, repair, or in-kind, same-site replacement, rehabilitation, or reconstruction activities; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the 2017 Memorandum of Understanding (a/k/a Letter of Resolution or "MOU") between the State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation ("OPRHP") (a/k/a State Historic Preservation Office or "SHPO") and SED, and the terms of MOU's exemption form, a project is exempt from SHPO review if, among other possible reasons, a building is 50 years old or older but has previously been evaluated by SHPO and found not to meet the criteria for inclusion in the State and National Register ("Registers"); and

WHEREAS, SHPO has determined that the High School building is "not eligible" for listing on the Registers because it does not meet the criteria for inclusion in the Registers; and

WHEREAS, YWA nonetheless submitted Project information to SHPO and received confirmation on March 30, 2021 that no properties, including archeological and/or historic resources, listed on or eligible for listing on the Registers will be impacted by the Project, given that it has no anticipated impacts on cultural resources under the terms of the Letter of Resolution between SHPO and the New York State Education Department;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the final determination of the District's Board of Education that the proposed Project is a Type II action, which is not subject to review under SEQRA, and that the proposed Project will not result in a significant adverse impact on the environment; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the proposed Project shall be included as a "Transfer to Capital Fund" line item (not exceeding \$100,000 in amount) in the District's proposed budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year (with appropriate additional notification to District voters regarding the anticipated details of the work to be given in connection with the District's regular budget approval process), so that such Project may be initiated and completed (assuming voter approval of the District's proposed budget) during the District's 2021-2022 fiscal year; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

and be it further...

NEW BUSINESS-continued...**J. 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:

- Middle School Flag Football
- Panther Eye

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

D. Graham: Leadership with Starpoint & Iroquois. Main goal for next year is to promote open discussion around diversity. They are appreciative of Board goal #5!

K. McDonald: Health & Wellness committee went over immunization policy, attendance policy. Hoping for a standardized attendance system across buildings. Also attend the Policy committee meeting. Congrats to Delaney on the art show. Where are we on the redesign of Vergils to include student artwork.

A. Battaglia: Attended HH PTA meeting. Working on moving up day, friendship day. Talked about next year – most officer positions will be open. Trying to keep up with sports, especially volleyball – the team is doing well.

J. Feldmann: MS PTSA meeting - lots of talk about 6th grade being back and parking lot traffic jams, 8th grade moving up day. SHEF had a meeting, looking to continue weekend backpack program over the summer. Mini-grant recipients gratefully for the outreach by Mr. Day to be included at the BOE meeting. Talked in past about refitting the aesthetics for Vergils – we should also work on sound and video.

A. Day: Company coming next week Tuesday to look over sound/video of this room.

B. Laible: Spoke with Mr. Polino, Teacher Appreciation week. PTO did much to celebrate – snack, lottery tickets. Talked about moving up day.

N. Ocasio: Someone will need to fill my spot on the Policy committee. Safety committee met – revised Code of Conduct and Safety plan. Started the 5 year lead testing program again. Results will be back in a few months. Request from teachers for additional building access – will have some Saturday hours. Capital project update in safety meeting. Kasprowitz looking to do threat assessment training around reporting with students. Congrats to Student Council & Delaney who advocated for guests at prom. Advocacy works! Reminder to get out for budget vote next week and to vote for one of the two candidates.

M. Jasen: Teacher & School Nurse appreciation week. Thanks to all – couldn't do it without them. Have we had many requests for absentee ballots? Health & Safety committee met. MM PTA – many events coming up. Is the district supporting end of year events? What about food distribution for summer. Have the grants been approved yet?

D. Feldmann: Filing the application for summer food – Kristi Sajdak is planning on the same process as last year, in buildings and at remote locations for distribution. Started the grant process last year, at \$600k in projects so far. Would like to recognize Steve Rozler for all the work he is doing around the capital project.

S. Johnson: ECASB legislative team met. Alumni assoc. has a chicken dinner fundraiser soon. MM had a leadership meeting. GL PTA meeting soon. All involved in the Supt. search process.

OPEN SESSION – Policy 1512

Jessica Stephens, 855 Edgewater – Remote Academy students had a virtual field trip to the COSI museum in Columbus. They loved it! Will we have a clinic if the Pfizer vaccine is offered for 12-15 year olds? Is there anyway to get a percentage of all staff who've been vaccinated? WR PTO is hosting a chicken barbeque soon. Is there kindergarten graduation this year?

Response – A. Day: HIPAA rules prevent us from asking who has been vaccinated. The county is hoping to set up a vaccine clinic for teens at ECC North for area students. We will host one if supply and demand allow.

PERSONNEL

Upon motion made by Mrs. Jasen, seconded by Mrs. Ocasio, the following resolution was offered for consent agenda on personnel items I and II.

I. Teaching and Administrative**A. Regular****1. Discontinuance****b. Resignation**

RESOLVED: That, the *resignation* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 676 dated May 11, 2021** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Elizabeth Borek		
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2. Appointments**g. Leave of Absence**

RESOLVED: That, the *leave of absence*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 676 dated May 11, 2021** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Kerri Iraci		
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h. Reinstatement from Leave

RESOLVED: That, the *reinstatement from leave*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 676 dated May 11, 2021** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Kristen Piurek		
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C. Interscholastic Activities**1. Interscholastic Activities, High School, 2020-2021**

RESOLVED: That, the *interscholastic activities appointments, High School* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 676 dated May 11, 2021** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Anthony Calabrese (chg.)	Lisa Floreano	Kristy Neeson
Tomarris Bell	Madison Gerber	Derek Dunstan
Gavin Janas	Sean Whitehead	

PERSONNEL-continued...

II. Service
A. Regular
1. Discontinuance
a. Retirement

RESOLVED: That, the *retirement* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 676 dated May 11, 2021** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Mike Piddisi	Linda Cruse	Jayne Scordo
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2. Appointment
a. Regular

RESOLVED: That, the *regular appointment* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 676 dated May 11, 2021** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Daniel Wantuck	Joseph Borden	Erica Duerr
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The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

Upon motion made by Mrs. Jasen, seconded by Mr. Feldmann, to adjourn to executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular individual at 8:55 pm.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

Upon motion made by Mrs. Jasen, seconded by Mrs. Ocasio, the following resolution was offered to come out of executive session at 9:20 pm.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Mrs. Jasen, seconded by Mrs. Ocasio, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 pm.

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