

**SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTING MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020**

**APPROVED
by the
BOARD OF EDUCATION
JANUARY 19, 2021**

MINUTES

A meeting of the Sweet Home Board of Education was held on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 in the Norman Vergils Community Room. President of the Board, Mr. Johnson, called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

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

PRESENT: Amy Battaglia, Joshua Feldmann, Marianne Jasen, Scott M. Johnson, Brian Laible, Kailey McDonald, Nadine Ocasio, Delaney Graham (arrived at 6:53 pm)

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	7	No	0	Absent	0
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, December 15, 2020 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. Jasen, seconded by Mrs. Ocasio, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLVED: That, the reading of the minutes of the voting meeting held Tuesday, November 10, 2020, the minutes of the regular Board of Education meeting held Tuesday, November 17, 2020, and the minutes of the voting meeting held Wednesday, November 25, 2020 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. Phillips Lytle Legal Alert.
2. Letter from New York Foundation for Fair Contracting.
3. Letter from Zoladz Construction.
4. Emails received by BOE@sweethomeschools.org concerning re-opening schools.
5. Mrs. Lewandowski thanked the Board for their donation.

OPEN SESSION

Not applicable

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**A. Capital Project Bid 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 8, 2020.

B. District Update

Anthony Day, Superintendent of Schools, gave an update to the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, December 8, 2020.

C. Nurse Recognition

The Board of Education recognized District Nurses at the voting meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 2020.

D. SHEF Mini-Grant Recognition

The Board of Education recognized SHEF Mini-Grant recipients at the regular voting meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 2020.

E. State Budget Outlook

Donald Feldmann, Director of Finance & Plant Services, led a discussion with the Board of Education at the regular voting meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 2020.

F. District Update

Anthony Day, Superintendent of Schools, gave an update to the Board of Education at the regular voting meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion made by Mrs. Ocasio, seconded by Mrs. Jasen, the following resolutions were offered for consent agenda on items A, B, C, D, E, and F.

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

2. Preschool class placements for 2020-2021 – 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

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

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 2020-2021 placements for preschool students with disabilities be approved as recommended in a memorandum to Mr. Anthony J. Day, Superintendent of Schools, dated December 1, 2020.

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. 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 2021-2022.

and be it further...

D. Acceptance of Donation – Policy 5230

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accept the donation of \$750.00 from NYSSBA and transfer the donation to the Family Support Center.

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 15, 2020 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 15, 2020 presentation.

a.	1512 – Public Participation at School Board Meetings
b.	6121 – Sexual Harassment in the Workplace
c.	6214 – Probation & Tenure
d.	7530 – Child Abuse & Mistreatment

and be it further...

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

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
C200 - Site Work	Zoladz Construction	\$2,141,266.48
C201 – General Trades	Building Innovation Group	\$4,064,860.00
C202 – Plumbing	Michael A. Ferrauilo Plumbing & Heating	\$1,066,000.00
C203 – Mechanical	Nairy Mechanical	\$1,365,700.00
C204 – Electrical	Goodwin Electric	\$1,322,400.00
C205 – Bus Lifts	Vehicle Service Group LLC/Rotary Lift	\$345,132.26
C206 – Temperature Controls	U&S Services	\$297,874.25
C207 – Roofing	Garland/DBS	\$2,084,582.00
C208 – Fuel Island	The Pump Doctor	\$115,595.71
Grand Total of All Contracts:		\$12,803,410.70

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

D. Graham: Have had 3 student government meetings. Zoom makes it easier to get everyone together. Issues in HS with social distancing during passing, considering idea of staggering passing times.

K. McDonald: Thank you to Mr. Day, the community is grateful to have input. You are doing a great job tackling COVID.

A. Battaglia: Section VI low risk sports starting date moved to January 4. Attended the HS parent meeting. Mr. Perry did a nice job, gave updates.

B. Laible: Attended the WR PTO meeting, trying to bring activities and joy to students & families. Did a virtual harvest dance with a DJ on November 20. Nice event. Talk with Mr. Polino monthly, worthwhile getting his front line perspective. Administrators are also doing a great job through all this. A bit disappointed to hear parents are losing faith. I have gained faith in the process, as it's proving what the experts and scientists have been saying, that schools are safe. A 9% community rate means almost 1 in 10 would be positive, which would be 1 in every classroom and that has not been the case. Agree we need to be back on January 4, the data will build confidence. Attended a webinar on institutional racism – will send notes for posting.

J. Feldmann: Some parents would like to see the Day 1, 2, 3, 4 scheduling eliminated. Kids have trouble keeping track. Also attended Mr. Perry's HS meeting updating parents.

N. Ocasio: West Seneca puts hybrid schedule on website calendar. Big loss for ECASB and legislative team that Dr. O'Malley is leaving. Wish her well, she will be fabulous no matter the role she is in. Attended HS meeting also, team doing great job keeping parents informed.

M. Jasen: Will we be sponsoring a family for Christmas? Did we finalize our Board goals?

S. Johnson: Attended HS meeting and GL PTA meeting. GL PTA now has about 50 members. Doing a cookie decorating contest with online voting. Holding a gift card sale. Identified a few families in dire need and staff raised \$1200 for them. Some teachers taking gifts to students. Lighthouse leadership team will be doing a virtual presentation on habits 1 & 2.

OPEN SESSION

Not applicable

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****a. Retirement**

RESOLVED: That, the *retirement*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 669 dated December 15, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Rhonda Lippert	Julianne Sarnacki	
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2. Appointments**c. Encumbered**

RESOLVED: That, the *encumbered appointment*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 669 dated December 15, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Sarah Turnbull	Taylor Gibbon	
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d. Mentoring**(2). Teaching**

RESOLVED: That, the *appointment (mentoring/teaching)*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 669 dated December 15, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Eva Basehart	Jennifer Bennett	
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e. Continuing Activities**j. Building Improvement Team – Elementary Remote, 2020-21 school year**

RESOLVED: That, the *building improvement team, elementary remote*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 669 dated December 15, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Heather Pfeiffer	Marisa Adams	
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j. Building Improvement Team – High School, 2020-21 school year

RESOLVED: That, the *building improvement team, high school*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 669 dated December 15, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

John Sandecki	Angela Himes	
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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. 669 dated December 15, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Jeff Brown	Mallory Pisarek	Bonnie Lorentz
Amanda MacRae-Roesch	Shannon Shepherd	Allie Tomkins

PERSONNEL-continued...**I. Teaching and Administrative****A. Regular****2. Appointments****h. Reinstatement from Leave**

RESOLVED: That, the *reinstatement from leave*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 669 dated December 15, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Jessica Wilkinson	Amanda Glenn	Amanda Macrae-Roesch
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j. Co-Curricular Activities**j. Co-Curricular Activities, High School, 2019-2020 school year**

RESOLVED: That, the *co-curricular activities, high school*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 669 dated December 15, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Kristina Pinkowski	Scott Harriger	Val Lewandowski
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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. 669 dated December 15, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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2. Substitute teachers for 2020-2021 school year

RESOLVED: That, the *Substitutes* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 669 dated December 15, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

RESOLVED: That, the *retirement* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 669 dated December 15, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Debbie Sarkees		
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b. Resignation

RESOLVED: That, the *resignation* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 669 dated December 15, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Ryan Cotter	Linda Caulfield	Lindsay Green
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PERSONNEL-continued...**II. Service****A. Regular****2. Appointment****a. Regular**

RESOLVED: That, the *regular appointment* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 669 dated December 15, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Sudanandan Kanthan	Joseph Brown	Andrew Delprino
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f. Leave of Absence

RESOLVED: That, the *leave of absence* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 669 dated December 15, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Diane Cielinski	Katie Ventresca	Heather Taylor
Kristen Puff		

g. Reinstatement from Leave

RESOLVED: That, the *reinstatement from leave* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 669 dated December 15, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Joseph Howard	Tina Abbott	Dave Wilmore
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B. Substitutes

RESOLVED: That, the *substitutes* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 669 dated December 15, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Mrs. Jasen, seconded by Mrs. Ocasio, the meeting was adjourned to executive session for matters related to the employment history of a particular individual at 8:21 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 9:00 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 9:00 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