

**SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2020**

**APPROVED
by the
BOARD OF EDUCATION
DECEMBER 15, 2020**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Sweet Home Board of Education was held on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 in the Norman Vergils Community Center. President of the Board, Mr. Johnson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 (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	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

Also present: Anthony J. Day, JoAnn, Balazs, Donald G. Feldmann

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 6:31 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. Battaglia, the following resolution was offered to come out of executive session at 7:06 pm.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

OATH OF OFFICE

District Clerk, Sherry A. McNamara, administered the Oath of Office to Delaney Graham as the new student ex-officio board member and the same entered in the Oath of Office book.

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, November 17, 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 regular Board of Education meeting held Tuesday, October 20, 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. Harris Beach Legal Alert.
2. Letter from Amherst IDA.
3. Phillips Lytle Legal Alert.
4. Ms. McDonald and other BOE members received a letter from an individual who will be sending a newsletter out to all elected officials in the country.
5. Mr. Johnson received a letter from the Erie County Comptroller reiterating concerns from last year
6. Harris Beach Legal Alert.
7. Mrs. Ocasio spoke with parents concerned about testing, she directed them to Mr. Day's presentation and explained how it could help keep schools open.
8. Mrs. Ocasio also heard questions about senior apparel for this year.
9. Mr. Johnson received emails from teachers thankful for everyone's efforts to keep schools open. He also received a phone call from a resident asking about a tax rebate due to the closure in spring.

OPEN SESSION

Not applicable

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**A. School Reopening Update**

Anthony Day, Superintendent of Schools, gave an update to the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, November 10, 2020.

B. BOE Goal/Presentation Calendar Discussion

Anthony Day, Superintendent of Schools, led a discussion with the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, November 10, 2020.

C. School Reopening/Yellow Zone Update

Anthony Day, Superintendent of Schools, gave an update to the Board of Education at the voting meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2020.

D. 21/22 Budget Discussion

Anthony Day, Superintendent of Schools, led a discussion with the Board of Education at the voting meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2020.

E. Items of Interest

•	November 17...	DO: BOE Voting Meeting, 6:30 pm @ NVCC
•	November 26-27...	<i>Thanksgiving Recess No School K-12</i>
•	December 2...	MM: PTA Meeting, 6:45 pm

NEW BUSINESS

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

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 November 2, 2020.

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

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 November 2, 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. 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. 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 for Glendale Elementary from Buffalo State College.

NEW BUSINESS-continued...

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

B. Laible: Attended WR PTO meeting. Part of configuration focus group on Nov. 5 – much positive feedback on how district is keeping schools open and community informed.

J. Feldmann: Attended MS PTSA meeting, they are struggling with how to fundraise and bring in new members under the circumstances. Participated in the ECASB Dave Little presentation, was informative, if biased, did provide actionable info around advocacy. Legislative breakfast was interesting, nice to meet other school's BOE members.

N. Ocasio: Attended HS PTSA meeting, they are grateful for staff support of the poinsettia fundraiser, all proceeds go to fund scholarships, hoping to reach last year's \$ amount. David Little event was interesting, fears of upstate losing influence in NY due to census numbers. Some are thinking Governor's budget will be gloom & doom but will allow for legislature to put items back into the budget. Legislative breakfast was with freshman legislators, passionate about what they do and resounding support for public schools.

M. Jasen: Would like to honor other groups like we did B&G, perhaps nurses in December! Attended HS parent zoom meeting – would like to be notified when homework is turned in and have office hours publicized. Also attended MS parent zoom meeting – remarks that kids need connection, perhaps virtual study groups, clubs, etc. HS parents had similar sentiments. Attended MM PTA meeting – traffic issues around MM, difficulty for remote students in specials classes. Complimentary of Mr. Ryan and Mr. Day regarding communication with parents. Some questions on the nutritional value of school breakfasts. FSC did a wellbeing zoom and I was the only attendee. Anne thought those type of things might be better attended on a staff development day. Perhaps the BOE needs more meetings with all the changing circumstances to keep abreast of all the information. There are GSA clubs at both the MS and HS

A. Day: How about Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7 pm for additional discussions. The weekly updates can be the basis for discussion. We will start on 11/24.

A. Battaglia: At 11/16 parent meeting. Comments included that Mr. Day is very confident and has the patience of a saint. The community is thankful! Today is School Professionals Day so thank you to all in this community for stepping up. Would like to see a presentation from the Guidance Dept. since there will be new plans required soon. Attended some of the NYSSBA conventions. There was a presentation on LGBTQ groups and how schools may have GSA clubs – do we? Is there a feature in staff/student email accounts that allow for a signoff which includes a pronoun. Takes some of the pressure off saying it for students.

K. McDonald: New development going up in my area with 132 lots. Participated in a NYSSBA webinar around policy. Very interesting. Gave us a sample policy and ideas on how to implement. Would like to share resources related to systemic racism in a Google Drive folder with the Board that I have from my doctoral research.

D. Graham: Student gov't has kicked off this year, trying to find a time to have initial meeting, hoping for next week some time.

S. Johnson: Attended 3 staff meetings and 3 parent meetings. Most are comfortable with how things are going. Attended NYSSBA virtual convention, missed being able to talk to folks but able to attend more sessions. All sessions available til the end of the year. Won 2nd place using interacting with app, \$750 donation to district, would like to pass on to FSC. ECASB Executive Board met. Legislative breakfast is virtual. Won Dave Lowrey's contest, \$100 Wegmans gift card, will donate to thanksgiving families. GL PTA meeting moved to tonight due to remote family meeting on Wednesday. Generally positive feedback from 3 parent meetings this week. Disappointed to hear many families want to pull their kids out of school.

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****2. Appointments****b. Regular**

RESOLVED: That, the *regular appointment* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 667 dated November 17, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Elizabeth Borek		
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c. Encumbered

RESOLVED: That, the *encumbered appointment* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 667 dated November 17, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Kristen Noltee		
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e. Continuing Activities**e. Building Improvement Team, Willow Ridge, 2020-2021**

RESOLVED: That, *Building Improvement team, Willow Ridge*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 667 dated November 17, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Julianne Sarnacki (change)	Jessica Wheaton	
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e. Building Improvement Team, Glendale, 2020-2021

RESOLVED: That, *Building Improvement team, Glendale*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 667 dated November 17, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Andrew Stella		
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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. 667 dated November 17, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Julianne Sarnacki	Greg Smorol	Amanda Glenn
Mallory Pisarek	Jessica Wilkinson	

B. Substitutes**1. Long Term Substitutes**

RESOLVED: That, the *long term substitutes*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 667 dated November 17, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Jennifer Paterson	Laura Casadiego	Whitney Atkins
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PERSONNEL-continued...**I. Teaching and Administrative****B. Substitutes****2. Per Diem Substitutes**

RESOLVED: That, the *per diem substitutes* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 667 dated November 17, 2020** 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. 667 dated November 17, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Paul Barone		
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2. Appointments**a. Regular**

RESOLVED: That, the *regular appointment* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 667 dated November 17, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Krista Hangartner	Adam Silver	Mark Vitale
Yvonne Oliver		

f. Leave of Absence

RESOLVED: That, the *leave of absence* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 667 dated November 17, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

Joe Howard	Michael Laible	Sue Webb
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g. Reinstatement from Leave

RESOLVED: That, the *reinstatement from leave* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 667 dated November 17, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

Brandi Mashtore	Paul Bryniarski	
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B. Substitutes**2. Substitutes**

RESOLVED: That, the *substitutes* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 667 dated November 17, 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				

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Mrs. Jasen, seconded by Mrs. Ocasio, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 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