

**SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020**

**APPROVED
by the
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OCTOBER 20, 2020**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Sweet Home Board of Education was held on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 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

ABSENT:

Upon motion made by Mrs. Ocasio, seconded by Mrs. Jasen, 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. Ocasio, the following resolution was offered to come out of executive session at 7:07 pm.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

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, September 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 Board of Education voting meetings held Tuesday, August 18, 2020 and Tuesday, August 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. Mrs. Ocasio received a message about livestreaming the meetings.
2. Mrs. Jasen spoke with parent who remarked that the first day of school went well at Maplemere, and that Mr. Ryan did a great job.
3. Ms. McDonald received a communication about the re-opening of sports stating that kids need the supervised outlet sports provide and we need to provide it safely.
4. Mr. Johnson also received a communication re: livestreaming.

OPEN SESSION: Agenda Topics – Policy 1512

Called

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**A. Athletics Update**

Marissa Dauria, Director of Athletics, gave an update to the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

B. Re-opening Discussion

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

C. Code of Conduct/Safety Plan Updates

JoAnn Balazs, Assistant Superintendent, gave an update to the Board of Education at the voting meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2020.

D. Local Wellness Guidelines

Donald Feldmann, Director of Finance & Plant Services, gave an update to the Board of Education at the voting meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2020.

E. Athletics Update

Marissa Dauria, Director of Athletics, gave an update to the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

F. Re-opening Discussion

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

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, D, E, F, H & I.

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 September 1, 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 students 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 September 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. 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...

NEW BUSINESS-continued...**D. School District Calendars, 2020-2021 – Policy 8410****1. District Attendance Calendar**

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the 2020-2021 district attendance calendar as presented.

and be it further...

E. SEQRA

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, proposes capital improvements under a Capital Outlay Project to be undertaken including interior and exterior door replacement at our High School facility, in the Town of Amherst, New York (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, Section 617.5 of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") regulations (6 NYCRR Part 617) provides that certain activities are Type II Action which are not subject to review under SEQRA and such activities include maintenance or repair activities involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility; replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site; and street and right-of-way openings for the purpose of repair or maintenance of existing utility facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Project constitutes maintenance or repair activities involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Education hereby resolves that it is the determination of the District that the Project is a Type II action which is not subject to review under SEQRA.

and be it further...

F. Appointments

The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following appointment, for the 2020-2021 school year.

1. Records Officer Falon Capenhurst

and be it further...

H. Amherst Security Professionals Authorization

WHEREAS, the Board of Education ("Board") of the Sweet Home Central School District (the "District") desires to continually enhance the safety of the school environment; and

WHEREAS, in light of security issues that have occurred at schools around the country, the Board of Education has determined that it is in the best interests of the safety of students, staff, and visitors, to enhance the School Resource Officer program by contracting with Amherst Security Professionals to provide armed security , and

WHEREAS, the security guards who work for Amherst Security Professionals have extensive training in responding to safety and security issues that could take place in schools including response to armed individuals; and

NEW BUSINESS-continued...**H. Amherst Security Professionals Authorization**

WHEREAS, Board of Education Policy No. 3415 allows for exceptions to the general prohibitions on the possession of weapons in schools on school district property for law enforcement officers and for individuals who have the written authorization of the Sweet Home Central School District Board of Education or its designee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Board of Education hereby directs and authorizes the Superintendent to execute the Agreement for the 2020-2021 school year between the District and Amherst Security Professionals, as attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board of Education hereby authorizes Amherst Security Professionals Security Guards to carry firearms on school property while carrying out the duties of their positions under the following conditions:
 - a. the Security Guards are retired members of a police or sheriff's department, or division of state police; and
 - b. the Security Guards are licensed to possess the firearms by New York State and/or the County of Erie; and
 - c. the Security Guards are registered as an armed security guard pursuant to the New York Security Guard Act of 1992 (New York General Business Law Article 7-A) and meets all requirements to be an armed security guard under State law; and
 - d. the Security Guards undergo any additional training as required by the District; and
2. The Superintendent of Schools or designee is authorized to execute any and all written authorizations required by law as related to such positions and is directed to ensure that all requirements of law are adhered to with respect to the possession by the Security Guards of firearms on campus.
3. The Superintendent of Schools or designee is further authorized to take any and all other actions as may reasonably be required in furtherance of this resolution.

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the Contract & Memorandum of Understanding with Amherst Security Professionals for Security Guard services for the 2020-21 school year as provided.

and be it further...

I. Acceptance of Donation

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accept the donation from Panasonic Solar North America of the items listed below:

- Uline Surgical Masks (1,100) – valued at approximately \$330
- Nitrile Gloves (1,000) – valued at approximately \$110
- Master Combination Locks (200) – valued at approximately \$1,600
- Mobile Dry Erase Boards (3) – valued at approximately \$1,200

NEW BUSINESS-continued...

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:

G. School Resource Officer Contract

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the Contract with the Town of Amherst and the Amherst Police Department for School Resource Officer services for the 2020-21 school year as provided.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X	Abstain	1 (McDonald)		

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

B. Laible: Watched Patrick Mix fight, very entertaining.

K. McDonald: Morning welcome back to school speech was inspiring. There's an atmosphere of community that seems important now. Glad to hear first two days went well, people are excited to see classmates and colleagues.

J. Feldmann: What is the format for next week – zoom/youtube? Folks may want to weigh in on Athletics.

N. Ocasio: Attended NYSSBA Policy workshop, will share notes, very informative. At some point will we reconvene the Policy Committee – are they subject to open meetings law. Did we agree to the 25th for our retreat? Who are the Building Liaisons going to be? Attended delegate assembly meeting, approved committee assignments, awards dinner will be a drive thru event. Congrats to Heart Award winners – worked with Dane as a volunteer packing meals during the closure. Jessica is also amazing. The Amherst Town Planning Board has a gun shop on its agenda tonight.

A. Day: Retreat will be Sept. 25. We will be mostly in buildings, discuss the self study and goals.

J. Balazs: We are waiting on the updated Policy manual and Audit from E1B before bringing the Policy Committee back.

M. Jasen: Went well this morning with staff. Congrats to Mr. Johnson on his daughter's wedding. ECASB profile of Mr. Johnson sent out, congratulations to him on his many accomplishments.

S. Johnson: Also attended the NYSSBA policy workshop. Happy with how this morning went. Attended the GL PTA meeting, put together their budget. Also attended the Alumni Association meeting.

OPEN SESSION - Policy 1512

Jessica Stephens – 855 Edgewater Dr: Thank you to the District, especially compared to other districts, for coming together and having a good solid plan. Have sent late emails and gotten answers right away. As Mr. Feldmann mentioned there is a demand for the meetings to be live streamed – will take poor quality over no video. People will understand and have patience. Zoom is more in sync.

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. 663 dated September 15, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Lauren Zaleski	Stephanie Bickelman	Ashley Streebel
Kamryn Romanow	Rebecca Haley	Brooke Starke
Ashley Bell	Carol Kamph	Madeline Loiacano

c. Encumbered

RESOLVED: That, the *encumbered appointment*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 663 dated September 15, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Ajani Wall		
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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. 663 dated September 15, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Maggi McDonald	Kelly Corcoran	Neal McLoughlin
Ryan McCaffery	Nicole Martucci	Maureen Henderson
Jacquie Stablewski	Ashleigh Emery	Mikal Brennan
Michelle Christensen	Kim Kwoka	Kim Major
Jim Brennan	Wenda Moran	Lindsey Perry
Jackie Starks	Joleen Dimitroff	Steve Rozler
Derek Baker	Robert Polino	

e. Building Improvement Teams**Building Improvement Team, Glendale, 2020-2021 school year**

RESOLVED: That, the *Building Improvement Team, Glendale*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 663 dated September 15, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Patricia Prinzbach	Alessandra Ahmad	Danielle Papero
Amy Zack	Diana Calandra	Melinda DiBernardo
Leigh Ann Hildreth	Molly DiPirro	

PERSONNEL-continued...**I. Teaching and Administrative****A. Regular****2. Appointments****e. Building Improvement Teams****Building Improvement Team, Heritage Heights, 2020-2021 school year**

RESOLVED: That, the *Building Improvement Team, Heritage Heights*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 663 dated September 15, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Maggi McDonald	Jennifer Battel	Susan Stephens
Lindsey Perry	Trish Miranda	Ashleigh Emery
Morgan Chase	Frank LiCausi	Linda VanDette

Building Improvement Team, Maplemere, 2020-2021 school year

RESOLVED: That, the *Building Improvement Team, Maplemere*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 663 dated September 15, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Michelle Miller	Sharrie Scully	Jessica Bialkowski
Joelle VanDewater	Sarah Gefell	Kendra Herbold
Jessica Gentner	Julie Roberto	Karen Barrett

Building Improvement Team, Willow Ridge, 2020-2021 school year

RESOLVED: That, the *Building Improvement Team, Willow Ridge*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 663 dated September 15, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Sarah Giese	Kelly O'Brien	Ray Wawrzyniak
Emily Mielcarek	Julie Sarnacki	Maureen Henderson
Jami Chatt	Jim Brennan	Jacquie Stablewski
Cassie Irwin		

Building Improvement Team, Middle School, 2020-2021 school year

RESOLVED: That, the *Building Improvement Team, Middle School*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 663 dated September 15, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Sarah Petrie	Jennifer Bennett	Jeremy Traverse
Neal McLoughlin	Jenine Nowakowski	Nikki Hattersley
Dawn Kauderer-Kromer	Mary Jo LaMastra	Morris Fried
Brent Peterson	Amy Reinhart	

PERSONNEL-continued...**I. Teaching and Administrative****A. Regular****2. Appointments****e. Building Improvement Teams****Building Improvement Team, High School, 2020-2021 school year**

RESOLVED: That, the *Building Improvement Team, High School*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 663 dated September 15, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Alicia Fiebelkorn	Scott Harriger	Pamela Hornung
Heidi Jones	Dominique Mediak-Pirigyi	Scott Murray
Shari Seefeldt	Melissa Skurzewski	Brianna VanHarrison
Debbie Spence		

f. Transfer

RESOLVED: That, the *transfer* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 663 dated September 15, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Brent Peterson	Alex Walker	Derek Zgoda
Paul Szymendera	Chris Hershey	

g. Leave of Absence

RESOLVED: That, the *leave of absence* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 663 dated September 15, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

John Elliott	Amanda MacRae-Roesch	Keri Davis
Michelle Marczak	Shannon Shepherd	Shannon Shepherd

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. 663 dated September 15, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Cory Morrow	Rachel Ross	
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k. Building Chairperson, CSE

RESOLVED: That, the *Building Chairperson, CSE*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 663 dated September 15, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Beth Cornwall-Crawford	Beth Cornwall-Crawford	Katelyn DiRosa
Katelyn DiRosa	Christian Hershey	Christian Hershey
Lacie Cristofanelli	Elizabeth Sigurdson	

PERSONNEL-continued...**I. Teaching and Administrative****B. Substitutes****2. Appointments****a. Long Term Substitutes**

RESOLVED: That, the *long term substitutes* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 663 dated September 15, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Alexis Ciehomski	Kristen Noltee	Lindsey Spengler
Sarah Turnbull	Shane Rifanburg	Taylor Gibbon
Brooke VanGorden	Brian Rosman	

b. Substitute teachers for 2020-2021 school year

RESOLVED: That, the *substitutes* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 663 dated September 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. 663 dated September 15, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Nancy Hattler		
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b. Resignation

RESOLVED: That, the *resignation* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 663 dated September 15, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Wendy Durkin	Allison Cady	Keith Yaeger
Edward Browne	Lori Beth Miller	Todd Edwards
Jammie Putnam		

2. Appointment**a. Regular**

RESOLVED: That, the *regular appointment* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 663 dated September 15, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Thomas Clark	Cheryl Sciria	Whitney Atkins
Haley Freiheit	Thomas Silverblatt	Robert Peters
Jared Omerhodzic (chg)	Wendy Durkin	Frederick Kintzel IV
Stephanie Drabinski	Taylor Gibbon	Lindsay Green
Brooke VanGorden	Brian White	Thomas Buckley
Steven Cipolla	Anthony Cipolla	Dominic Caruana

PERSONNEL-continued...

II. Service
A. Regular
2. Appointment
f. Leave of Absence

RESOLVED: That, the *leave of absence* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 663 dated September 15, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Joseph Bradt	Deana Richardson	Deana Richardson
Debbie Opala	Melissa Poirer	Paul Bryniarski
Christina Abbott	Jennifer Rogers	Dave Wilmore
Taylor Gibbon	Brooke VanGorden	Brian Rosman
Katie Ventresca		

g. Reinstatement from Leave

RESOLVED: That, the *leave of absence* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 663 dated September 15, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Wendy Durkin		
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2. Substitutes

RESOLVED: That, the *substitutes* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 663 dated September 15, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X	Abstain	1 (McDonald)		

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Mrs. Jasen, seconded by Mrs. Ocasio, the meeting was adjourned at 10:01 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