

**SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2020**

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

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Sweet Home Board of Education was held on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at the Norman Vergils Community Center. President of the Board, Mr. Johnson, called the meeting to order at 6:28 pm.

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

PRESENT: Amy Battaglia, Joshua Feldmann, Marianne Jasen, Scott M. Johnson, Brian Laible, Nadine Ocasio

ABSENT: Kailey McDonald

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	6	No	0	Absent	1
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 particular individuals at 6:28 pm.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	1
Carried	X				

Upon motion made by Mrs. Jasen, seconded by Mrs. Ocasio, the following resolution was offered to come out of executive session at 6:47 pm.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	1
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, August 18, 2020 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 of the reorganization meeting and the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education held July 7, 2020 and the voting meeting held July 28, 2020 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. NFHS article – featuring an article recommending no singing in school.
3. Hodgson Russ Legal Alerts.
4. Scott Johnson’s notes from Hodgson Russ WebEx.
5. Hodgson Russ Presentation.
6. Mrs. Ocasio sent communications from parents to Mr. Day regarding the start of school.
7. Mrs. Jasen spoke with several parents very appreciative of the zoom meetings.

AGENDA COMMENTS

None

OPEN SESSION

Called

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**A. Tax Rates and Assessment**

Donald Feldmann, Director of Finance and Plant Services, gave a presentation to the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, August 11, 2020.

B. School Reopening Discussion

Anthony Day, Superintendent of Schools, led a discussion with the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 and the regular voting meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 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, F, and G.

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

NEW BUSINESS-continued...**A. Special Education****1. Class placements for 2020-2021 – Policy 7613**

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 August 6, 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 August 6, 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 Budget Transfer Report and the Revenue Budget Status report as provided.

and be it further...

C. Tax Rates**ADOPTION AND CERTIFICATION OF SCHOOL BUDGET, HOMESTEAD AND NON-HOMESTEAD PROPORTIONS, AGGREGATE HOMESTEAD AND NON-HOMESTEAD TAX SHARES AND TAX RATE**

RESOLVED: That, pursuant to Paragraph 4(b) of the §1903-a of the Real Property Tax Law, the homestead and non-homestead proportions for the fiscal year 2020-2021 are as follows:

Homestead Proportion	.5277
Non-Homestead Proportion	<u>.4723</u>
TOTAL	1.0000

and be it further

RESOLVED: That, pursuant to Paragraph 4(c) of §1903-a of the Real Property Tax Law, the aggregate homestead and non-homestead tax shares for the fiscal year 2020-2021 are hereby fixed and certified to be as follows:

Aggregate Homestead Tax Share	.4097
Aggregate Non-Homestead Tax Share	<u>.5903</u>
TOTAL	1.0000

NEW BUSINESS-continued...**C. Tax Rates****ADOPTION AND CERTIFICATION OF SCHOOL BUDGET, HOMESTEAD AND NON-HOMESTEAD PROPORTIONS, AGGREGATE HOMESTEAD AND NON-HOMESTEAD TAX SHARES AND TAX RATE**

Total Budget	\$ 83,347,690
To be raised by tax	\$ 49,532,205
Total homestead share	\$ 20,291,912
Amherst homestead share	\$ 15,487,507
Tonawanda homestead share	\$ 4,804,405
Total non-homestead share	\$ 29,240,293
Amherst non-homestead share	\$ 27,325,275
Tonawanda non-homestead share	\$ 1,915,018
Tax rate to raise such amount (rounded to the nearest cent)	
Amherst - homestead	\$ 14.028790
Amherst - non-homestead	\$ 22.627800
Tonawanda - homestead	\$ 38.942769
Tonawanda - non-homestead	\$ 62.288329

and be it further

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education approve the "Certification of Aggregate Homestead and Non-Homestead Tax Shares" and "Certification of Tax Budget and Rate" for the 2020-2021 school year

and be it further

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board to sign the documents entitled "Certification of Adoption of School Budget" and "Certification of Tax Budget and Rate" dated August 18, 2020.

and be it further...

D. Surplus Funds

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appropriates surplus funds to the reserve accounts.

(1) FUNDING OF TAX CERTIORARI CLAIM RESERVE FUND

WHEREAS, the District has previously established a tax certiorari claim reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651, paragraph 1-a of the Education Law of New York State; and

WHEREAS, the District by resolution adopted on June 16, 2020 authorized transfer into the tax certiorari claim reserve fund out of the 2019-2020 Surplus, if any; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that there is sufficient 2019-2020 surplus to make a transfer into the tax certiorari claim reserve fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

(2) FUNDING OF RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION RESERVE FUND

WHEREAS, the District has previously established a retirement contribution reserve fund pursuant to Section 6-r of the General Municipal Law of New York State; and

NEW BUSINESS-continued...**D. Surplus Funds**

WHEREAS, the District by resolution adopted on June 16, 2020 authorized transfer into the retirement contribution reserve fund out of the 2019-2020 surplus, if any; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that there is sufficient 2018-2019 surplus to make a transfer into the Retirement Contribution reserve fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the sum of **\$775,000.00** be allocated out of the District's 2019-2020 surplus into the retirement contribution reserve fund subject to all of the provisions of Section 6-r of the General Municipal Law of New York and all other provisions of law applicable to said reserve fund.

(3) FUNDING OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PAYMENT RESERVE FUND

WHEREAS, the District has previously established an unemployment insurance payment reserve fund pursuant to Section 6-m of the General Municipal Law of New York State; and

WHEREAS, the District by resolution adopted on June 16, 2020 authorized transfer into the unemployment insurance payment reserve fund out of the 2019-2020 Surplus, if any; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that there is sufficient 2019-2020 Surplus to make a transfer into the unemployment insurance payment reserve fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the sum of **\$200,000.00** be allocated out of the District's 2019-2020 Surplus into the unemployment insurance payment reserve fund subject to all of the provisions of Section 6-m of the General Municipal Law of New York and all other provisions of law applicable to said reserve fund.

(4) RATIFICATION OF RESERVE FUNDS

Be It Further Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby ratifies and affirms the operation of the following District reserve funds, with balances indicated as of June 30, 2020 (inclusive of the fund transfers set forth above):

Reserve for Debt	\$ 3,662,321
Reserve for Employee Benefits	631,649
Reserve for Tax Certiorari	616,600
Reserve for Worker's Compensation	615,097
Reserve for ERS	1,794,333
Reserve for Unemployment	323,831
Reserve for Capital Improvements	1,599,819

Total Reserves	\$ 9,243,649
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and be it further...

E. 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...**F. Appointments**

The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following appointment, effective August 17, 2020 for the 2020-2021 school year.

1. Section 504 Compliance Officer Kathryn Barillari

and be it further...

G. Committee appointments

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

1. Safety Committee

RESOLVED: That, the following individuals be and are hereby appointed to serve on the district's Safety Committee for the 2020-2021 school year:

Ray Bailey	JoAnn Balazs	Sheryl Burke	Michelle Callowhill
Marissa Dauria	Joleen Dimitroff	Julie Eberle	Bob Ehlenfield
Don Feldmann	Kristin Gernatt	Wendy Januchowski	Marianne Jasen
Bill Julicher	David Kasprowicz	Lynn Kawa	Matt LaRoach
Dina Mann	Nadine Ocasio	Jason Phillips	Marty Pizur
John Radens	Steve Rozler	Ona Strang	Linda VanDette
Joelle VanDewater	Bob Weselak	Jeff White	Rob Woodford

2. Wellness Committee

RESOLVED: That, the following individuals be and are hereby appointed to serve on the district's Wellness Committee for the 2020-2021 school year:

Barb Baer	JoAnn Balazs	Karen Barrett	Gilda Bonnevie
Marissa Dauria	Karen DeLaPlante	Don Feldmann	Marcy Gerlach
Shannon Hutchinson	Christine Kasper	Keli Luchey	Kailey McDonald
Michael Morrow	Anne Nowak	Marty Pizur	Kristin Puff
Mary Rao	Kristi Sajdak	Greg Smorol	Yelena Suffoletto
Brandon Woods			

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	1
Carried	X				

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Battaglia: The administration is doing an amazing job getting us ready to reopen.

K. McDonald: Glad to have been a part of the graduation ceremony, it was wonderful to have it on the field and I hope it stays there in the future. I commend everyone for handling this reopening task and all the communication taking place.

B. Laible: Trying to attend as many meetings as possible. Graduation was great, would also like to see it there in the future. Getting positive feedback on the reopening process.

N. Ocasio: Shared an article on singing and recommendations around that. Graduation was lovely, liked seeing everyone sitting on the field. Appreciative of the opportunity to speak. Sat in on the Hodgson Russ webex – very insightful.

M. Jasen: New format for parent zoom meetings is more productive. Congrats to Mr. Campolo for his Sportsmanship Award.

S. Johnson: Made all the zoom parent meetings but missed graduation. Glad others were able to attend. Thought the Hodgson Russ webex was great. All the zoom meetings have gone well, questions have become more detailed and there are less complaints.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS-continued...

A. Day: Have concerns that we are seeing the same parents over and over in the zoom meetings and many parents are never connecting.

OPEN SESSION

Dirk Rabenold, 5 Jeffrey Drive – Congratulations on doing something near impossible under the guidelines and bringing kids back to school. Hopefully it all works out this fall. Thank you for your hard work.

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. 661 dated August 18, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Andrea Parker		
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2. Appointments**b. Regular**

RESOLVED: That, the *teaching appointment*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 661 dated August 18, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Elif Erman	Hannah Criscione	Julia Tabone
Sarah Lipinski		

g. Leave of Absence

RESOLVED: That, the *leave of absence* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 661 dated August 18, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Jeffrey White	Alexandra Tomkins	Michelle Murray
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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. 661 dated August 18, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

RESOLVED: That, the *resignation* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 661 dated August 18, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Delphine Broeker		
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PERSONNEL-continued...**II. Service****A. Regular****1. Discontinuance****b. Resignation**

RESOLVED: That, the *resignation* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 661 dated August 18, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

William Kugler	Michelle MacLeod	Wendy Durkin
Sarah Lipinski		

c. Termination

RESOLVED: That, the *termination* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 661 dated August 18, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Jeff Hocutt		
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2. Appointment**a. Regular**

RESOLVED: That, the *regular appointment* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 661 dated August 18, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Alexis Ciehowski	Angela Himes	Hellen Nguyen
Martin Fernando	Brad Neupert	Michael Panaro
Jessica Schmiri		

e. Transfer

RESOLVED: That, the *transfer* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 661 dated August 18, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Cheryl Sciria	Lorraine Beaudet	
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f. Leave of Absence

RESOLVED: That, the *leave of absence* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 661 dated August 18, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Rita Costantino	Ken Jones	Cynthia Garner
Colleen Finton		

g. Reinstatement from Leave

RESOLVED: That, the *reinstatement from leave* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 661 dated August 18, 2020** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

George Lindner		
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PERSONNEL-continued...

II. Service
A. Regular
2. Substitutes

RESOLVED: That, the *substitutes* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 661 dated August 18, 2020** 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				

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Mrs. Ocasio, seconded by Mrs. Jasen, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes		No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				



Sherry A. McNamara
Secretary, Board of Education
District Clerk
Sweet Home Central School District