

**SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024**

**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Sweet Home Board of Education was held on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at the Norman Vergils Community Center. President of the Board, Mrs. Battaglia, called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Mrs. Battaglia led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**PRESENT:** Danyelle Anthon, Amy Battaglia, Peter Bellanti, Marianne Jasen, Scott M. Johnson, Dirk Rabenold

**ABSENT:** Brian Laible

Upon motion made by Mr. Bellanti, seconded by Mr. Johnson, 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: Michael V. Ginestre, Donald G. Feldmann, Toyia Wilson

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Upon motion made by Mr. Bellanti, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLVED: That, the agenda set forth for the regular Board of Education meeting held Tuesday, September 17, 2024 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 Mr. Bellanti, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the minutes were amended regarding Mr. Rabenold's statements during Items of Information. The reading of the minutes from the August 20, 2024 voting meeting were then 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. Mr. Rabenold relayed a question regarding the difference between backpack policies at the High School and Middle School. Dr. Ginestre affirmed that the MS rules are pre-covid rules where no backpacks are allowed during school, students have an option to go their lockers at three points during the school day, but there is an option for clear backpacks.
2. Mr. Rabenold said a parent contacted him with a concern regarding the Texas Roadhouse soliciting school supplies for Sweet Home.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

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

Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, gave an update to the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, September 10, 2024.

**B. Assessment Data & PLP Update**

Toya Wilson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, gave an update to the Board of Education at the voting meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 2024.

**C. BOE Self Evaluation Review**

The Board of Education reviewed their self-evaluation at the voting meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 2024.

**D. Superintendent Update**

Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, gave an update to the Board of Education at the voting meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 2024.

**OPEN SESSION: Agenda Topics – Policy 1510**

Called

**NEW BUSINESS**

Upon motion made by Mr. Bellanti, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the following resolution was offered for consent agenda on items A, B, and C.

**A. Special Education****1. Class placements for 2024 – 2025 – 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 2024-2025 placements for students with disabilities be approved as recommended in a memorandum to Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, dated September 4, 2024.

**2. Preschool class placements for 2024 – 2025 – 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

**NEW BUSINESS-continued...**

**A. Special Education**

**2. Preschool class placements for 2024 – 2025 – Policy 7614**

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

RESOLVED: That, the 2024-2025 placements for preschool students with disabilities be approved as recommended in a memorandum to Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, dated September 4, 2024.

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, the Budget Transfer Report, and the Extra Curricular Account 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.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	1
Carried	X				

A motion was made by Mr. Rabenold to table item D. The motion was not seconded.

Upon motion made by Mr. Bellanti, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the following resolution was offered:

**D. Professional Learning Plan**

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the Professional Learning Plan as written.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	5	No	0	Absent	1
Carried	X	Abstain	1 (Rabenold)		

Upon motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Anthon, the following resolution was offered:

**E. Acceptance of Donations**

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accept a donation from the Sweet Home Baseball Booster Club of \$3,848.00 for the purchase of the Hack Attack Pitching Machine.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	5	No	0	Absent	1
Carried	X	Abstain	1 (Bellanti)		

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

*M. Jansen:* Scott was featured in the On Board publication! The new attendance measures were also mentioned in the recent On Board issue. Waiting for more information on NY's cell phone action. Are we doing flags for 9/11?

*M. Ginestre:* BOCES has no updates on the cell phone regulations yet.

*D. Feldmann:* We may need to update the Health & Wellness procedures regarding attendance protocols.

*S. Johnson:* The best part of the NYSSBA convention is connecting with colleagues. Attended a SHEF meeting as the new Board representative. Their October meeting will be at Raymour & Flanigan, who will be hosting a canned good drive. SHEF is also helping coordinate the faculty basketball game coming in November. We will review the NYSSBA resolutions at our first October meeting.

*B. Lable:* Attended the MS PTSA meeting, interesting to have students as part of the meeting, some are children of the leadership. They are electing officers and getting ready for events. There will be a meeting on 9/12 at the Ellicott Creek fire hall with Town Highway Dept.

*D. Rabenold:* Attended the HH PTA meeting, they had a good crowd, duties have been assigned. They have concerns about the turning lane disappearing near the HH entrance. A teacher presented on Aimsweb. Looks to be a good tool for progress monitoring. Their main fundraiser will be the fun run and they are looking for sponsors for the event. The ECASB finance committee is meeting Sept. 12.

*D. Anthon:* There is a BOCES graduation webinar tomorrow, and GL PTA meets this week.

*P. Bellanti:* Attended the MS walkthrough and schedule handout day, as well as Boys and Girls Volleyball games. Was at the Friday night Football game vs. Orchard Park. Congratulations to Rocco Panepinto who set a senior passing record.

*A. Battaglia:* Reminder to all to do your self evaluation. Can't attend Thursday's delegate meeting. Resolutions need to be gone over at the October study session.

**OPEN SESSION - Policy 1510**

Called

**PERSONNEL**

Upon motion made by Mr. Bellanti, seconded by Mr. Johnson, 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. 729 dated September 17, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Tavis Baish		
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**2. Appointments**

**b. Regular**

RESOLVED: That, the *regular appointment*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 729 dated September 17, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Tavis Baish	Catherine Kearney	Krystal Chavez (chg.)
Taylor Howard		

**PERSONNEL-continued...**

**I. Teaching and Administrative**

**A. Regular**

**2. Appointments**

**d. Mentoring**

**(1). Administrative**

RESOLVED: That, the *appointment (mentoring/administrative)*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 729 dated September 17, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Elizabeth Kosakowski	Lindsay Marcinelli	
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**(2). Teaching**

RESOLVED: That, the *appointment (mentoring/teaching)*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 729 dated September 17, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Jessica Andriatch	Joelle Loughrey	Jessica Wilkinson
Ashleigh Emery	Kim Gugino	Maggi McDonald
Jackie Mahoney	Lisa Floreano	John Elliott
Sheila Connors	Melissa Skurzewski	Melissa Minorczyk
Almaris Miranda Rivera	Veronica Truskey	Kari Mantione
Julie Taboni	Kerry Steinagle	Kelly Corcoran
Lacie Cristofanelli	Neil McLoughlin	Keri Davis
Jennifer Bennett	Mariya Barnum	Christina Ramsperger
Denea Czaplá	Kimberly Kwoka	Amy Cress
Morgan Chase	Ryan McCaffery	Elif Weiser
Melissa Erikson	Meghan McGowan	Mark Izydorczak

**g. Leave of Absence**

RESOLVED: That, the *leave of absence*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 729 dated September 17, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Susan Stephens		
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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. 729 dated September 17, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Kathryn Littlefield		
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**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. 729 dated September 17, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Kathryn Littlefield		
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**m. ASAP**

RESOLVED: That, the *ASAP appointment*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 729 dated September 17, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Mary Beth Bruce	Thaddeus Geraci	Mark Izydorczak
Nicholas Newman	Julia Ryan	Daniel Tracz

**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. 729 dated September 17, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Kelly Gardner	Elyssa Rogers	Kim Ranney
Taylor Howard		

**2. Substitute teachers for 2024-2025 school year**

RESOLVED: That, the *substitutes* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 729 dated September 17, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

**C. Interscholastic Activities**

**1. Interscholastic Activities, High School, (FALL) 2024-2025**

RESOLVED: That, the *interscholastic activities appointments, High School, Fall* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 729 dated September 17, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Sarah Wright	Christy May	Brigid Kennedy
Julia Jarvis	Erik Wright	Brandon Perry

PERSONNEL-continued...

II. Service

A. Regular

1. Discontinuance

a. Retirement

RESOLVED: That, the *resignation* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 729 dated September 17, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

David MacDonell		
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b. Resignation

RESOLVED: That, the *resignation* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 729 dated September 17, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Dominic Dallesandro	Christina Richard	Alexis Radel
James Merlino	Alyssa Schmitt	Afreen Qaiser
Natalie McDonald	Stephen Fisher	Anne Marie Escott
Joseph Noack	Kismat Banni	Diana Raymond
Holly Rounseville		

c. Termination

RESOLVED: That, the *termination* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 729 dated September 17, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Tawnji Gribble		
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2. Appointment

a. Regular

RESOLVED: That, the *regular appointment* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 729 dated September 17, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Carla Semaan	Philip Martinez	Dominic Dallessandro
Lori Klenke	Elizabeth Barbato	Lauren Morreale
Tristan Koch	Rahatun Nessa	Anh Nguyen
Annaliese DiCarlo	Kismat Banni	Diana Raymond
Haile Casto	James Merlino	Sarah Bello
Sarah Bello	Raymond Mangione	Mary Picciotto
Daniel Robinson	Thomas Tiedeman	Deborah Yourston
Angela Dispenza	Stephen Fisher	Sufia Begum
Elizabeth Madden	Michelle Wozniak	Sheila Leavy
Joseph Rice	Kaitlin Linneborn	Michael Maluso
Suzanne Steinbach	Austin Botkins	Scott Hagle
Chinenye Ibegbu		

**PERSONNEL-continued...**

**II. Service**

**A. Regular**

**2. Appointment**

**e. Transfer**

RESOLVED: That, the *transfer* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 729 dated September 17, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Jacob Hughes		
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**f. Leave of Absence**

RESOLVED: That, the *leave of absence* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 729 dated September 17, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Diana Trankle	Kim Ranney	Khawla Qureshi
Angelina Faso	Marianna Garcia-Partearroyo	Adomale Nordee
Angelina Faso	Kenneth Jones	Mary Demmick
Marilena Zarcone	John Shields	

**g. Reinstatement from Leave**

RESOLVED: That, the *reinstatement from leave* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 729 dated September 17, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

James Nowocien	Jeanette Miller	Ali Aljebori
Paul Marko	Angelina Faso	Adomale Nordee
Mary Demmick	Robert Peters	

**B. Substitutes**

**2. Per Diem Substitutes**

RESOLVED: That, the *per diem substitutes* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 729 dated September 17, 2024** 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				

Upon motion made by Mr. Bellanti, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the meeting was adjourned to executive session at 7:40 pm for matters related to student discipline.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	1
Carried	X				



Upon motion made by Mr. Bellanti, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the following resolution was offered to come out of executive session at 8:24 pm.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	1
Carried	X				

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion made by Mr. Bellanti, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	1
Carried	X				

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

