

**SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTING MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024**

**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Sweet Home Board of Education was held on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at the Norman Vergils Community Center. President of the Board, Mrs. Battaglia, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

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

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

**ABSENT:**

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	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

Also present: Michael V. Ginestre, Donald G. Feldmann, Toyia Wilson

**ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion made by Mr. Bellanti, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the meeting was adjourned to executive session for matters related to student discipline and safety concerns at 6:30 pm.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

Upon motion made by Mr. Bellanti, seconded by Mr. Johnson, 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				

**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 Board of Education voting meeting held Tuesday, September 10, 2024 is hereby adopted in its entirety.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

**A. SEQRA – MS CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Sweet Home Central School District, Erie County, New York (the “District”), after consultation by District officials with the District’s retained architectural firm of Young + Wright Architectural (the “Architect”), has resolved that the District should undertake a capital outlay project involving certain modest improvements at the District’s Middle School building, such work being anticipated to include, but not necessarily be limited to, the removal and replacement of the exterior road signage and various doors, as well as all associated work (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the estimated maximum cost of the Project (inclusive of all preliminary and incidental costs) has been determined by the Architect to be \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, the Project is to be financed by the application of \$100,000 of funds earmarked for such purpose as a “Transfer to Capital Fund” in the District’s approved (2024-2025) budget, with the work on the Project being expected to be completed during the 2024-2025 fiscal year of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District wishes to reserve the right to expand, contract, or modify the scope of the Project in light of the level of future construction bids received, with the understanding that the estimated maximum cost of the Project will not exceed \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with New York State Education Department (“SED”) guidance and policy, the District/Board of Education is the appropriate agency to be the lead agency to undertake Project review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”); and

WHEREAS, Section 617.5 of the SEQRA Regulations (6 NYCRR Part 617) provides that certain activities are Type II actions that are not subject to review under SEQRA and that such activities include “routine activities of educational institutions,” “maintenance or repair 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...unless such action meets or exceeds any [Type I] thresholds in section 617.4”; and

WHEREAS, the Project constitutes such routine activities of educational institutions; maintenance or repair activities; and/or in-kind, same-site replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction activities; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding (a/k/a the “MOU” or the “Letter of Resolution”) between the State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (“OPRHP”) (a/k/a the State Historic Preservation Office or “SHPO”) and SED, and the terms of the MOU’s exemption form, a project is exempt from SHPO review if, among other possible reasons, a building is 50 years old or older but has previously been evaluated by SHPO and found not to meet the criteria for inclusion in the State and National Registers of Historic Places (the “Registers”); and

**NEW BUSINESS-continued...**

**A. SEQRA – MS CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECT**

WHEREAS, as indicated in the Cultural Resource Information System (“CRIS”), SHPO has determined in 2019 that the Middle School building is “not eligible” for listing on the Registers because it does not meet the criteria for inclusion in the Registers; and

WHEREAS, because the Middle School building is “not eligible” for listing on the Registers, and the Architect has determined that the proposed work is exempt from review by SHPO (given that it has no anticipated impacts on historic and archeological resources under the terms of the MOU), the Architect may nonetheless choose to submit information on the proposed work to SHPO for confirmation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the final determination of the District’s Board of Education that the Project is a Type II action, which is not subject to review under SEQRA, and that the Project will not result in a significant adverse impact on the environment; and be it further

RESOLVED, that funding for the Project has been included as a “Transfer to Capital Fund” line item (not exceeding \$100,000 in amount) in the District’s approved budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, with the understanding that the Project will be completed during the 2024-2025 fiscal year of the District; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution will take effect immediately.

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**B. Overnight Field Trip Request – Policy 8460**

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following Overnight Field Trip Requests:

- Dr. Freddie Thomas MS, Swim Tournament, Rochester, NY, Sept 20-21. 2024 (Leaders –Patrick McNelis/Debra Spence)

**ADJOURN**

Upon motion made by Mr. Bellanti, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the voting meeting was adjourned to the study session at 7:12 pm.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

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