

**SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OF AMHERST AND TONAWANDA**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**STUDY SESSION**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024**

**6:30 PM**

**A G E N D A**

**I.     A.     CALL TO ORDER**

**B.     PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**C.     ROLL CALL**

**II.    OATH OF OFFICE - Mayesha Subaita**

**III.   APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

RESOLVED:     That, the agenda set forth for the regular Board of Education meeting held Tuesday, October 15, 2024 is hereby adopted in its entirety.

**IV.    MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED:     That, the reading of the minutes of the Board of Education meetings held Tuesday, September 10, 2024 and Tuesday, September 17, 2024 be waived and are hereby adopted in their entirety.

**V.     COMMUNICATIONS**

**VI.    UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**VII.   SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**A.     District Audit, 2023-2024**

Auditors from Lumsden and McCormick will be in attendance at the study session on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 to present to the Board of Education findings from the audit report performed on the general account as well as student accounts for school year 2023-2024.

**B.     NYSSBA Proposed Bylaw Amendments & Resolutions**

The Board of Education will conduct a discussion regarding the NYSSBA proposed Amendments & Resolutions at the study session on Tuesday, October 8, 2024.

**C.     Superintendent Update**

Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, will give an update to the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, October 8, 2024.

**D.     Superintendent Update**

Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, will give an update to the Board of Education at the voting meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2024.

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**VII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT-continued...**

**E. Items of Interest**

•	October 5...	DO: Homecoming Community Day Carnival, 12 – 2 pm HS: Homecoming Football Game, 2 – 5 pm
•	October 7...	DO: Alumni Association Mtg, 5 pm @ NVCC HH: PTA Meeting, 5:30 pm DO: SHEF Meeting, 6 pm @ NVCC MS: PTSA Meeting, 6:30 pm @ MS Library
•	October 8...	DO: Building Use Committee Meeting, 4:30 GL: PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm DO: BOE Study Session, 6:30 pm @ NVCC
•	October 10...	HS: PTSA Meeting, 6:30 pm
•	October 11...	WR: Fun Run, 10 – 2:30 pm
•	October 14...	<i>Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day – No School K-12</i>
•	October 15...	DO: BOE Voting Meeting, 6:30 pm @ NVCC
•	October 16...	DO: Dollars for Scholars Meeting, 8 am @ DO DO: BOE Retreat, 9 am – 3 pm
•	October 18...	HH: Haunted Halls GL: Student Lighthouse Pumpkin Run, 5 pm GL: Trunk or Treat Event, 6 pm
•	October 19...	DO: Dollars for Scholars Craft Show & Basket Raffle, 9 am – 3 pm @ HS WR: Harvest Dance, 5-7 pm
•	October 20-22...	DO: NYSSBA Convention, NYC
•	October 25...	MM: Trunk or Treat Night, 6-7:30 pm MS: Fall Activity Night, 6:30 – 8 pm
•	October 28...	DO: District DEI Committee, 4:15 pm @ NVCC
•	November 4...	DO: Alumni Association Mtg, 5 pm @ NVCC HH: PTA Meeting, 5:30 pm DO: SHEF Meeting, 6 pm @ NVCC MS: PTSA Meeting, 6:30 pm @ MS Library
•	November 5...	<i>DO: Staff Development Day, No School Pre-K - 12</i>
•	November 6...	MM: PTA Meeting, 6 pm
•	November 7...	WR: PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm HS: Symphony, Concert Chorale & Wind Ensemble Concert, 7:30 pm

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

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**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

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**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Special Education**

**1. Class placements for 2024-2025 – Policy 7613**

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 30, 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 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 2024-2025 placements for preschool students with disabilities be approved as recommended in a memorandum to Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, dated September 30, 2024.

**B. District Audit Report, 2023-2024**

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve and accept the Sweet Home Central School District of Amherst and Tonawanda "**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**" for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 and the Extra classroom Activity Funds report dated June 30, 2024, and be it further

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools to submit, as required, an approved copy of the Sweet Home Central School District of Amherst and Tonawanda "**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**" for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 and the Extra Classroom Activity Funds report dated June 30, 2024 to the State Education Department, and be it further

RESOLVED: That, the Director of Finance and Plant Services be authorized to publish these "**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**" in a newspaper(s) that has general circulation in the school district.

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**IX. NEW BUSINESS-continued...**

**C. 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, Budget Transfer Report, and the Extra Classroom Account Report as provided.

**D. 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:

- NYSSMA Festival, Fredonia, NY, Nov. 2024 (Leader – Cory Morrow)

**E. Request for Proposal – Willow Ridge Soil Testing**

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and Young & Wright Architectural, award the Willow Ridge Geotechnical Investigation contract to **Kenney Geotechnical Engineering Services** in the amount of **\$6,700.00**.

**F. Extracurricular Activity Account – Policy 7410**

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the following extracurricular activities accounts be opened.

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to take the appropriate action regarding the following extracurricular activities accounts.

- ACCOUNT TO BE OPENED: HS Track & Field

**G. 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.

**X. OPEN SESSION - Policy 1510**

**XI. PERSONNEL**

**I. Teaching and Administrative**

**A. Regular**

**2. Appointments**

**a. Tenure**

RESOLVED: That, the *tenure appointment*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 730 dated October 15, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Kimberly Harrison		
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**XI. PERSONNEL-continued...**

**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. 730 dated October 15, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Sarah Wright ( <i>chg.</i> )		
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**e. Continuing Activities**

**Building Leadership Team, Glendale, 2024-2025**

RESOLVED: That, *Building Improvement Team, Glendale*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 730 dated October 15, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Jennie Alessi	Joelle Vandewater	Amy Canetti
Phyllis Kacalski	Ryan Mislin	Joelle Loughrey
Chandra Kling	Leigh Ann Hildreth	Molly DiPirro
Ashley Kingston	Lauren Webber	

**Building Leadership Team, Heritage Heights, 2024-2025**

RESOLVED: That, *Building Improvement Team, Heritage Heights*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 730 dated October 15, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Margaret McDonald	Jill Grugnale	Jennifer Battel
Lindsey Perry	Tracy Langlotz	Chelsea Buttino
Jackie Mahoney	Heather Reichmuth	Kim Gugino
Patti Merrifield	Sheryl Burke	

**Building Leadership Team, Maplemere, 2024-2025**

RESOLVED: That, *Building Improvement Team, Maplemere*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 730 dated October 15, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Julie Taboni	Sharrie Scully	Sarah Nowak
Carrie Bonghi	Robert Lynch	Rachel Campbell
Jessica Andriatch	Julie Roberto	Bonnie Lorentz
Karen Barrett	Susan Wattle	

**XI. PERSONNEL-continued...**

**I. Teaching and Administrative**

**A. Regular**

**2. Appointments**

**e. Continuing Activities**

**Building Leadership Team, Willow Ridge, 2024-2025**

RESOLVED: That, *Building Improvement Team, Willow Ridge*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 730 dated October 15, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Brooke Starke	Lauren Hiller	Brooke Bainbridge
Mariya Barnum	Michelle Iwankow	Mark Ramsay
Kiele Barbalate	Marisa Adams	Jamie Riddoch
Kristen Puff	Beverly McKim	

**Building Leadership Team, Middle School, 2024-2025**

RESOLVED: That, *Building Improvement Team, Middle School*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 730 dated October 15, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

David Etkin	Jennifer Bennett	Jennifer Heidinger
Kelly Corcoran	Nikki Hattersley	Jenine Nowakowski
Morris Fried	Patricia Reich	Cheryl Palmer
Dawn Kauderer-Kromer	Patti Wilemski	Karen Mitsopoulos

**Building Leadership Team, High School, 2024-2025**

RESOLVED: That, *Building Improvement Team, High School*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 730 dated October 15, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Lona LaChiusa	Mary Beth Bruce	Melissa Skurzewski
Mark Ricupito	Debra Spence	Almaris Miranda
Melissa Minorczyk	Kristen Piurek	Scott Harriger
Jeremy Murphy	Sheila Connors	Cassandra Solis
Lorraine Beaudet		

**Lighthouse Advisor, 2024-2025**

RESOLVED: That, *Lighthouse Advisor*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 730 dated October 15, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Kelly Gravel	Danielle Papero	Kailee Humbert
Emma Mulcahy	Jessica Andriatch	Sarah Nowak
Elif Erman	Hannah Criscione	Karen Johel
Emily Balisteri	Ashlee Lipka	Lari MacPeek
Ajani Wall	Hailey Hoffman	Christine Utzig
Mary Beth Bruce		

**XI. PERSONNEL-continued...**

**I. Teaching and Administrative**

**A. Regular**

**2. Appointments**

**g. Leave of Absence**

RESOLVED: That, the *leave of absence*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 730 dated October 15, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Rebecca Mansell	Diana Calandra	Melinda DiBernardo
Patricia Reich		

**h. Reinstatement from Leave**

RESOLVED: That, the *reinstatement from leave*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 730 dated October 15, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Alyssa Braun	Jessica Sears	
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**j. Co-Curricular Activities**

**j. Co-Curricular Activities, Elementary, 2024-2025 school year**

RESOLVED: That, the *co-curricular activities, district*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 730 dated October 15, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Jessica Wheaton	Melissa Udy	Deborah Zehler
Kelly Gravel		

**j. Co-Curricular Activities, Middle School, 2024-2025 school year**

RESOLVED: That, the *co-curricular activities, high school*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 730 dated October 15, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Jennifer Bennett	Christina Ramsperger	Neal McLoughlin
Lari MacPeek	Jeremy Traverse	Lindsay Crimmins
Lisa Cheskin-Brzeczowski	Jason Scheer	Gavin Petrie
Nikki Hattersley	Joseph Quader	Thomas Smith
Gavin Petrie	Christopher Monaco	Michelle Dorobiala
Christopher Monaco	Michelle Dorobiala	Christopher Monaco
Jocelyn Canaday	Thomas Smith	Sarah Petrie
Jacqueline Stablewski	Sarah Petrie	Ryan Kaminski
Jacqueline Stablewski	Gavin Petrie	

**XI. PERSONNEL-continued...**

**I. Teaching and Administrative**

**A. Regular**

**2. Appointments**

**j. Co-Curricular Activities**

**j. Co-Curricular Activities, High School, 2024-2025 school year**

Ashley Shutt	Rachel Carbrey	Scott Aquilino
Brian Turner	Lisa Feyes	Scot Harriger
Kristina Pinkowski	Heidi Mussachio	Scott Szabo
Heidi Mussachio	Scott Szabo	Debra Spence
Cory Morrow	Kimberly Harrison	Robert Cooke
Cory Morrow	Lori Depoint	Robert Cooke
Cory Morrow	Anna Stang	Dean Bavisotto
Jon Campolo	Jane Woloss	Carolyn Freeman
Deborah Zehler	Scott Harriger	James Marone
Rebecca Mansell	Jane Woloss	Melissa Minorczyk
Scott Aquilino		

**j. Co-Curricular Activities, District, 2024-2025 school year**

RESOLVED: That, the *co-curricular activities, district*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 730 dated October 15, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Stephen Budnack	Stephen Budnack	Jacqueline Wzientek
Jacqueline Wzientek	Cory Morrow	Nicole Kuss

**k. Building Chairperson**

**k. Building Chairperson, CSE, 2024-2025 school year**

RESOLVED: That, the *Building Chairperson, CSE*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 730 dated October 15, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Lauren Hearn	Katelyn DiRosa	Samantha Kio
Lacie Cristofanelli	Elizabeth Sigurdson	

**k. Building Chairperson, SST, 2024-2025 school year**

RESOLVED: That, the *Building Chairperson, SST*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 730 dated October 15, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Lauren Hearn	Katelyn DiRosa	Samantha Kio
Lacie Cristofanelli	Elizabeth Sigurdson	



XI. 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. 730 dated October 15, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Christina L'Hommedieu	Florentina Berns	
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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. 730 dated October 15, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Thaddeus Geraci	Jake Kieffer	
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II. Service

A. Regular

1. Discontinuance

b. Resignation

RESOLVED: That, the *resignation* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 730 dated October 15, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Teisha Mcelfresh	Sarah Jackson	Jason Sandekian
Tristan Koch	Sarah Bello	Theresa Moore
Ivan Carmichael		

c. Termination

RESOLVED: That, the *termination* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 730 dated October 15, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Scott Hagle		
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e. Abolition of Positions

RESOLVED: That, the *abolition of positions* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 730 dated October 15, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

- o As a result of lunches moving back into the elementary school cafeterias, some Food Service Helper positions at the elementary schools have been eliminated and re-purposed as Cafeteria Monitors. See HR memo dated September 19, 2024.

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**XI. PERSONNEL-continued...**

**II. Service**

**A. Regular**

**2. Appointments**

**a. Regular**

RESOLVED: That, the *regular appointment* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 730 dated October 15, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Anh Nguyen	Maria Erdt	Shweta Jain
Adele Eagan	Cassie Bone	Saydie Baldwin
June D'Orazio	Rachel Sullivan	Kyle Cliff

**e. Transfer**

RESOLVED: That, the *transfer* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 730 dated October 15, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Linda Pollino		
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**g. Reinstatement from Leave**

RESOLVED: That, the *reinstatement from leave* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 730 dated October 15, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Mariana Garcia Parearroyo	Marilena Zarcone	Mary Demmick ( <i>chg</i> )
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**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

**XIII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

- a. NYSSBA Proposed Bylaw Amendments & Resolutions, 2024.
- b. Field trip requests through October 4, 2024.
- c. ECASB Rick Timbs Dinner Flyer.
- d. ECASB Legislative Breakfast Flyer.