

**SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024**

**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Sweet Home Board of Education was held on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at the Norman Vergils Community Center. President of the Board, Mrs. Battaglia, called the meeting to order at 6:14 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 at 6:15 pm for matters related to the employment history of a particular individual.

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 6:41 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, November 19, 2024 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 Mr. Bellanti, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLVED: That, the reading of the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held Tuesday, October 15, 2024 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. Harris Beach Legal Alert
2. Mr. Rabenold said a parent inquired about kindergarten class sizes at Maplemere.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

- A. Future Capital Project Update**  
Representatives from Young & Wright and Campus Construction gave an update to the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, November 12, 2024.
- B. Counseling Plan**  
Toya Wilson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, and Katie Barillari, Director of Pupil Services, gave a presentation to the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, November 12, 2024.
- C. Superintendent Update**  
Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, gave an update to the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, November 12, 2024.
- D. Superintendent Update**  
Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, gave an update to the Board of Education at the voting meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2024.

**OPEN SESSION**

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, C, D, E, F, G, and H.

- 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

NEW BUSINESS-continued...

**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 November 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 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 November 12, 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.

and be it further...

**D. Board of Education Goals**

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education approve the goals set forth for the Board of Education for the 2024-2025 school year.

and be it further...

**NEW BUSINESS-continued...**

**E. Corrective Action Plan in Response to External Auditor's Report**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approve the Corrective Action Plan in response to the External Auditor's Report as recommended by the District Audit Committee.

and be it further...

**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: MS Life Skills

and be it further...

**G. Overnight Field Trip Request - Policy 8460**

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

- Music Trip, Chicago, IL, Apr. 2025 (Leader - Jim Marone)
- Swim Trip, Watkins Glen, NY, Jan. 2025 (Leader - Patrick McNelis)

and be it further...

**H. Comprehensive School Counseling Plan**

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the Comprehensive School Counseling Plan for 2024-25 as presented.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

*M. Subaita:* Mr. Reid helped seniors who wished to apply early decision. A nice variety of schools visited for the college fair, and college reps are still coming in. We added new & unique days to spirit week. Had our yearly costume contest - judged by the security team. What we are thankful for tree will be going up this week. At the most recent student gov't meeting we discussed our focus for the year including an end of the year field day, bringing back the school store, and having access to the fitness center during the school day. Attended 7 habits training, focusing on habits 1 and 2. Student services created a peer mentorship program to help freshman adjust.

*M. Jasen:* Thanks to Mr. Bellanti for shopping for our Thanksgiving donation. Attended Safety Committee meeting - drills complete for fall, Sandy Hook tipline coming, lead testing will be done by the end of January, working on mold remediation, and mandatory 60 day password changes coming for employees. Will be adding student voice to the committee. Attended the MM PTA meeting - held a successful trunk or treat event. Will be hosting a Grateful Gobble luncheon for parents. First copy of Leadership Chronicles went home. Went to GL during retreat - saw restorative justice in action. Learned a lot about AI at retreat.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS-continued...**

*D. Feldmann:* Sandy Hook tipline will be rolled out around spring break – will train Admin team, then send out at MS and HS level – 12 week process. Musical instrument cleaning and repairs at WR all covered by our insurance. Awaiting results of the soil testing at WR.

*S. Johnson:* Rick Timbs event was informative. Attended the NYSSBA convention in NYC – lots of time in AI classes. Attended the OACM meeting re: the upcoming capital project. Also attended the DEI committee meeting, Safety Committee meeting, SHEF board meeting, Alumni meeting, ECASB legislative meeting, Foreign language honor society meeting. The legislative breakfast was held last weekend – had 2 WR PTA reps attend, Assemblywoman McMahan was there. Great to see student and parent faces at the DEI committee meeting.

*M. Ginestre:* Ran into Bill Conrad, he explained his last minute absence from the Legislative breakfast but we had a long talk about what was discussed there.

*B. Lable:* Attended the MS PTSA meeting. The MS Student Gov't had elections. Watched most of the football game via streaming – great option for those who cannot attend. Cost is equivalent to a ticket. Attended the Athletic Committee meeting – discussed how we can improve on the footprint we have.

*D. Rabenold:* Tom Roberts was in the Sunday Buffalo News for his new real estate job. Attended the NYSSBA conference – the AI presentations should be shared with all. Mr. Perry is doing a great job at HH. Would like to attend the Advocacy event in DC.

*D. Anthon:* Attended as many Halloween celebrations as we could. PTAs do an amazing job for our kids. Good turnout at the GL PTA meeting – have a STEM night coming up. MM if you are listening – would be happy to be a stand in parent at the Grateful Gobble luncheon if needed.

*P. Bellanti:* WR PTO had their McTeacher night, and sent out the 1<sup>st</sup> issue of the WR wrapper. Upcoming are a field trip to the Theater of Youth, and a dance. They are up for Lighthouse status review this year. Next Tuesday, Mr. Polino will be bringing Silly String – everyone is excited for that. Attended the HS PTSA meeting, getting ready for the Basket raffle at the Faculty basketball game and the Gift card raffle at the SHEF meat raffle. Attended the Building Use Committee meeting – Young & Wright presented. Also attended the Athletic council meeting and the Football game at Highmark. Will be going to the football game Saturday in Brockport. Congrats to our scholar athletes and all the fall teams and players.

*A. Battaglia:* Thank you to Mr. Bellanti for covering for me last week.

**OPEN SESSION**

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**
    - 2. **Appointments**
      - a. **Tenure**

RESOLVED: That, the *tenure appointment*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 731 dated November 19, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Kristen Noltee		
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PERSONNEL-continued...

I. Teaching and Administrative

A. Regular

2. Appointments

c. Encumbered

RESOLVED: That, the *encumbered appointment*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 731 dated November 19, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Taylor Spina		
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g. Leave of Absence

RESOLVED: That, the *leave of absence* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 731 dated November 19, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Brent Peterson	Jason Scheer	Lauren Hiller
Alexandra Tomkins	Melinda DiBernardo	

h. Reinstatement from leave

RESOLVED: That, the *reinstatement from leave* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 731 dated November 19, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Patricia Reich	Melinda DiBernardo	Jason Scheer
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j. Co-Curricular Activities

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

RESOLVED: That, the *co-curricular activities, high school*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 731 dated November 19, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Jane Woloss ( <i>chg.</i> )	Zachary Garland	Christine Steward
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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. 731 dated November 19, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Tabitha Darrah	Katelyn Bechtel	
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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. 731 dated November 19, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Jordan Menard	Erin Wendling	
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**b. Substitute teachers for 2024-2025 school year**

RESOLVED: That, the *substitutes* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 731 dated November 19, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

**c. Student teachers for 2024-2025 school year**

RESOLVED: That, the *student teachers* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 731 dated November 19, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

**C. Interscholastic Activities**

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

RESOLVED: That, the *interscholastic activities appointments, High School, Winter* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 731 dated November 19, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Alexis Ciehowski	Sarah Wright	Kristen Noltee
Brandon Woods	Michael Licata	Zachary Garland
Andrew Murak	Christopher Monaco	Ajani Wall
Thomas Smith	James Russo	Kristy Neeson
Lisa Floreano	Joshua Montalbo	Timothy Cardinal
Patrick McNelis	Andrea Wodarczak	Morris Fried
Lari MacPeek	Tomaris Bell	David Radlich
Kelly Gardner	Donald Lilly	Renaldo Rodriguez
Fredrick Eckles	Bailey Crouse	Derek Dunstan

**II. Service**

**A. Regular**

**1. Discontinuance**

**b. Resignation**

RESOLVED: That, the *resignation* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 731 dated November 19, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Erin Biondi	Dean Gavin Jr.	Linda Pollino
Bailey Crouse	Katherine Smyser	Sharon Lutz
Kyle Cliffe		

PERSONNEL-continued...

II. Service

A. Regular

2. Appointments

a. Regular

RESOLVED: That, the *regular appointment* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 731 dated November 19, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Erin Biondi	Janie Scott	Noemi Sepulveda Carrasquillo
Evan Resse	Sarah Martinez	Elizabeth Strott
Paige Summers	Joseph Rice	Eric Ward
Nada Hasan	Lindsey Palame	Katherine Smyser
Sharon Lutz	Thomas Buckley	

c. Permanent Civil Service

RESOLVED: That, the *permanent civil service appointment* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 731 dated November 19, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

David Sciria		
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f. Leave of Absence

RESOLVED: That, the *leave of absence* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 731 dated November 19, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

Blythe Kaczmarczyk	Thu Thai	Collin Polyachyk
Kristine Pieper	Jonathan Mailhot	Ravyn Adams
Jeffery Lawson	Marjorie Kuss	Erin Wendling

g. Reinstatement from Leave

RESOLVED: That, the *reinstatement from leave* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 731 dated November 19, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

Krista Zimmerman	Khawla Qureshi	Jonathan Mailhot
Deborah Trankle	John Shields	Ashley Neuman
Kenneth Jones	Kristine Pieper	Jeffrey Lawson

B. Substitutes

2. Per Diem Substitutes

RESOLVED: That, the *per diem substitutes* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 731 dated November 19, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.



**PERSONNEL-continued...**

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 meeting was adjourned to executive session at 7:42 pm for matters related to the collective bargaining.

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. Rabenold, the following resolution was offered to come out of executive session at 8:32 pm.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion made by Mr. Bellanti, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 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