



SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF AMHERST AND TONAWANDA

BOARD OF EDUCATION

STUDY SESSION

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025

6:30 pm

A G E N D A

I. A. CALL TO ORDER

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

II. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLVED: That, the agenda set forth for the regular Board of Education meeting held Tuesday, January 21, 2025 is hereby adopted in its entirety.

IV. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

V. COMMUNICATIONS

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Superintendent Update

Michael Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, will give an update to the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

B. Superintendent Update

Michael Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, will give an update to the Board of Education at the voting meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

C. Upcoming Events

•	January 11...	DO: Elementary Instrumental, Jr. High Vocal & Jazz Solo Festival @ Depew School District
•	January 13...	HH: PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm
•	January 14...	DO: Building Use Committee Meeting, 4:30 pm DO: BOE Study Session, 6:30 pm @ NVCC
•	January 15...	DO: DEI Committee Meeting, 4:15 pm @ NVCC GL: PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm
•	January 16...	HH: Skating Party, 6-7 pm
•	January 17...	GL: Winter Dance, 6-8 pm
•	January 18...	DO: Jr. High Instrumental Solo Festival @ Orchard Park Schools

VII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

C. Upcoming Events

•	January 20...	<i>DO: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School Pre-K - 12</i>
•	January 21...	DO: District Safety Committee Meeting, 4 pm DO: BOE Voting Meeting, 6:30 pm @ NVCC
•	January 24...	MS: Winter Activity Night, 6:30 pm
•	January 25...	DO: Sr. High Instrumental Solo Festival @ Cleveland Hill Schools
•	January 28...	MM: McTeacher Night, 4:30 – 7:30 pm
•	January 29...	<i>DO: Lunar New Year – No School Pre-K - 12</i>
•	January 31...	WR: Sweetheart Dance, 6-8 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

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 Dr. Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, dated January 6, 2025.

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 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 Dr. Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, dated January 6, 2025.

IX. NEW BUSINESS-continued...

B. Monthly Financial Reports-Policy 2140

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts 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 Activity Account Report as provided.

C. Revised Policy – Policy 1410 – Second Reading

Board of Education By-Law #1410 states that “Board of Education policy and rules and by-laws shall be adopted, amended and/or suspended...only when the addition, amendments or suspension is first introduced in writing and is subsequently moved and seconded at a public meeting at least 27 calendar days prior to the time when such adoption, amendment and/or suspension may be voted upon.”

At the regular Board of Education meeting held on December 17, 2024 the Superintendent of Schools recommended the Board of Education accepted the first reading of the following revised policies.

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following revised policies as provided in the December 17, 2024 presentation.

a.	5240 – School Tax Assessment & Collection – recommend to delete
b.	5241 – Property Tax Exemptions – recommend to delete
c.	5574 – Medicaid Compliance Program – recommend to delete
d.	6190 – Workplace Violence Prevention Policy Statement
e.	6550 – Leaves of Absence
f.	7618 – Use of Time Out Rooms – recommend to delete

D. Revised Policy – Policy 1410 – First Reading

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At the regular Board of Education meeting held on January 21, 2025 the Superintendent of Schools recommends the Board of Education accept the first reading of the following revised policies.

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following revised policies as provided in the January 21, 2025 presentation.

IX. NEW BUSINESS-continued...

D. Revised Policy – Policy 1410 – First Reading

a.	5840 – Artificial Intelligence
b.	7470 – Student Voter Registration & Pre-Registration
c.	7480 – Student Government
d.	7530 – Child Abuse & Maltreatment
e.	7554 – Equal Educational Opportunities
f.	7555 – Educational Services for Married/Pregnant Students

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.

F. 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:

- Varsity Baseball – Myrtle Beach, SC. April 12-19, 2025 (Leader - Jon Campolo)

G. High School Course Planning Guide – Policy 8110

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Sweet Home High School Student Curriculum Handbook 2025-2026.

H. Transportation Contract Piggyback

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the West Seneca Central School District to piggyback an existing District transportation contract with Erie Bus Company (#E577494) for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years. It is anticipated that the contractual agreement between West Seneca Central School District and Erie Bus Co. would not exceed \$300,000 for both school years.

X. OPEN SESSION (Policy 1510)

A G E N D A

XI. PERSONNEL

I. Teaching and Administrative

A. Regular

1. Discontinuance

a. Retirement

RESOLVED: That, the *retirement*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 733 dated January 21, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Monica McDowell	Gregory Smorol	Jacqueline Mahoney
Margaret McDonald	Elizabeth Sigurdson	Michelle Dorobiala
Heidi Muck	Maureen Gorenflo	Raymond Wawrzyniak

2. Appointments

c. Encumbered

RESOLVED: That, the *encumbered appointment*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 733 dated January 21, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Lindsay Deboth		
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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. 733 dated January 21, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Rachel Carbrey	Lauren Hiller	Margaret McDonald
Caitlin Rizzo		

h. Reinstatement from Leave

RESOLVED: That, the *reinstatement from leave*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 733 dated January 21, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Kelly Ann O'Brien	Gavin Petrie	
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j. Co-Curricular Activities

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

RESOLVED: That, the *co-curricular activities, Middle School*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 733 dated January 21, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Alex Gauld		
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A G E N D A

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

RESOLVED: That, the *co-curricular activities, High School*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 733 dated January 21, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Ashley Shutt (chg.)	Rachel Carbrey (chg.)	Edwin Hawkins
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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. 733 dated January 21, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Amelia Kancar (remove)	Lindsay Deboth (remove)	Kylie Prizel
Gavin Janas	Alex Gauld	Maria Daxenbirchler
Benjamin Duque	Andrea Jarvis	Stacy Williams
Matthew Incontro		

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. 733 dated January 21, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Brigid Kennedy	Julia Jarvis	Luke Pappagallo
Kyle Tirone	Jonathan Graves	Michael Licata Sr.
Allyson Nemeth		

A G E N D A

XI. PERSONNEL-continued...

II. Service

A. Regular

1. Discontinuance

b. Resignation

RESOLVED: That, the *resignation* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 733 dated January 21, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Maria Erdt	Melody Ralph	Gail Graesser
Michelle Wozniak	Carvis McCutcheon	Daniel Fularz

c. Termination

RESOLVED: That, the *termination* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 733 dated January 21, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Anthony Abramo		
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2. Appointment

a. Regular

RESOLVED: That, the *appointment* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 733 dated January 21, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Gregory Daigler	Allyson Webb	Theresa Ward
Wesley Nieman	Andrew Snaith	Joseph Cheesman
Daniel Fularz	Odile Semaan	

f. Leave of Absence

RESOLVED: That, the *leave of absence* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 733 dated January 21, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Cassandra Solis	Iris Ofray Rivera	Carol Montanari
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g. Reinstatement from Leave

RESOLVED: That, the *reinstatement from leave* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 733 dated January 21, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Nicole Kuss	Erin Wendling	Adele Eagan
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XII. ADJOURNMENT

XIII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION