



SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF AMHERST AND TONAWANDA

BOARD OF EDUCATION

STUDY SESSION

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025
6:30 PM

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I. A. CALL TO ORDER

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLVED: That, the agenda set forth for the regular Board of Education meeting held Tuesday, February 11, 2025 is hereby adopted in its entirety.

III. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That, the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held Tuesday, January 27, 2025 are hereby adopted in their entirety.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Heritage Heights Lighthouse Recognition

The Board of Education will recognize Heritage Heights Elementary School at the study session on Tuesday, February 4, 2025.

B. Smart Schools Investment Plan Update

Donald Feldmann, Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Plant Services will give an update of on the District's Smart Schools Investment Plan at the study session on Tuesday, February 4, 2025.

C. Superintendent update

Michael Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, will give an update to the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, February 4, 2025.

D. Superintendent update

Michael Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, will give an update to the Board of Education at the voting meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

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VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

E. Upcoming Events

• February 2...	DO: District Music Fest @ UB, 12:30 -4:15 pm
• February 3...	DO: Athletic Council Meeting, 4:15 pm DO: BOE Study Session, 6:30 pm @ NVCC
• February 5...	MM: PTA Meeting, 6 pm HS: NHS Induction Ceremony 7 pm @ HS Aud
• February 7...	HH: School Dance MM: Winter Skating Activity Night, 6 – 8 pm MS: Musical, 7 pm @ MS Aud
• February 8...	DO: Budget Study Session, 8 am @ NVCC MS: Musical, 2 pm @ MS Aud
• February 10...	HH: PTA meeting, 6:30 pm
• February 11...	DO: BOE Voting Meeting, 6:30 pm @ NVCC HS: Pops Concert, 7:30 pm @ HS Aud
• February 12...	DO: Dollars for Scholars Meeting, 8 am @ DO DO: DEI Committee Meeting, 4:15 @ NVCC WR: Skating Party, 5-7:30 pm MM: Multicultural Night, 6-7:30 pm
• February 13...	DO: ENL Parent Teacher Conferences, 8 am – 3 pm HS: PTSA Meeting, 6:30 pm
• February 17-21...	<i>DO: Mid-Winter Recess, No School Pre-K-12</i>
• March 3...	DO: Alumni Meeting, 5 pm @ NVCC DO: SHEF Meeting, 6 pm @ NVCC MS: PTSA Meeting, 6:30 pm @ MS Library
• March 5...	MM: PTA Meeting, 6 pm
• March 6...	WR: PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm
• March 7...	<i>DO: Staff Development Day, No School Pre-K-12</i>

VII. OPEN SESSION – Agenda Topics - Policy 1510

VIII. 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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS-continued...

A. Special Education

1. Class placements for 2024-2025 – Policy 7613

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 29, 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 students 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 Dr. Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, dated January 29, 2025.

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.

C. Internal Audit Report & Corrective Action Plan

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approve the Internal Audit Report for 2023-2024 and the Corrective Action Plan in response to the Internal Auditor's Report as recommended by the District Audit Committee.

D. 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 January 27, 2025 the Superintendent of Schools recommends the Board of Education accept the first reading of the following revised policies.

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VIII. NEW BUSINESS-continued...

D. Revised Policy – Policy 1410 – Second Reading

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following revised policies as provided in the January 27, 2025 presentation.

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. Revised Policy – Policy 1410 – First Reading

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At the regular Board of Education meeting held on February 11, 2025 the Superintendent of Schools recommended 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 February 11, 2025 presentation.

a.	5661 – Wellness
b.	5681 – School Safety Plans
c.	5863 – Fire & Emergency Drills, Bomb Threats, & Bus Emergency Drills
d.	6213 – Incidental Teaching
e.	7220 – Graduation Options/Early Graduation/Accelerated Programs
f.	7223 – Advanced Coursework
g.	7224 – Virtual Instruction

VIII. NEW BUSINESS-continued...

F. Request for Proposal – Universal Pre-Kindergarten

WHEREAS, Chapter 436 of the Laws of 1997 provides for New York State's Universal Prekindergarten Program, and

WHEREAS, the Sweet Home Board of Education has approved the district's participation in the Universal Prekindergarten Program, and

WHEREAS, under the Universal Prekindergarten regulations require collaboration between the Sweet Home School District and private care agencies are a requirement for grant approval, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That, the Sweet Home Central School district award the Request for Proposal for Universal Pre-Kindergarten to Eilmar Inc./Four Seasons Child Care Center. The Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to enter into a contractual agreement to collaborate on the Universal Pre-Kindergarten program for the 2025-2026 school year.

G. 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 Basketball – SUNY Binghamton, February 20-21, 2025 (Leader – Brandon Woods)

H. Start/Stop Times for 2025/26

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the start/end times for the 2025-2026 school year as presented.

I. Grant of Easement to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation and Verizon New York, Inc.

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the grant of easement to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation and Verizon New York Inc. for the purpose and at the location as presented.

J. 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.

IX. OPEN SESSION - Policy 1510

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X. PERSONNEL

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. 734 dated February 11, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Diana Calandra		
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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. 734 dated February 11, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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2. Appointment

a. Regular

RESOLVED: That, the *regular appointment* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 734 dated February 11, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Roda Ndayikunda	Shareffa Marjana	Jashawn Marin
Rana Alnuaimi		

f. Leave of Absence

RESOLVED: That, the *leave of absence* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 718 dated February 13, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Iris Ofray Rivera (chg.)		
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g. Reinstatement from Leave

RESOLVED: That, the *reinstatement from leave* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 718 dated February 13, 2024** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Lisa Schmitt		
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XI. ADJOURNMENT

XII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

1. NYSSBA Federal Priorities Memo
2. NYSSBA 2025 Hill Day Schedule