

**SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025**

MINUTES

A meeting of the Sweet Home Board of Education was held on Tuesday, August 19, 2025 in the Norman C. Vergils Community Center. President of the Board, Mr. Bellanti, called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm.

Mr. Bellanti led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

ABSENT: Brian Laible

Upon motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Anthon, the Board of Education accepted the roll as called.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	1
Carried	X				

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Anthon, the meeting was adjourned to executive session at 6:10 pm for matters related to a confidential matter pertaining to a particular student.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	1
Carried	X				

Upon motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Anthon, the following resolution was offered to come out of executive session at 6:34 pm. Action was not taken during executive session.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	1
Carried	X				

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Anthon, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLVED: That, the agenda set forth for the regular Board of Education meeting held Tuesday, August 19, 2025 is hereby adopted in its entirety.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	1
Carried	X				

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Upon motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Anthon, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLVED: That, the reading of the minutes of the Board of Education Meetings held Tuesday, July 1, 2025 and July 24, 2025 are hereby adopted in their entirety.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	1
Carried	X				

COMMUNICATIONS

1. D. Rabenold – I attended a town Board meeting last night and a neighbor came up to me and said he was going to approach the Town Board about the lack of sidewalks on Sweet Home Road. I think it's North Ellicott Creek to the other side of the bridge, which becomes dangerous. I think it's either a state issue or a town issue, but he wanted me to bring it back to the Board so we can put some pressure on the issue. Mr. Feldmann received an email yesterday about it and will follow up.

2. P. Bellanti – In regard to what has transpired in the District over the past few months, I'd like to assure the community that the Board of Education has been listening and making progress. We formed a small group of Board members and SHEA leadership that met on July 17th and August 14th. We have gone in with an open mind to listen to their concerns. We are planning future meetings and events to help rebuild our relationship with SHEA. We set up parameters for our Board goals for the 25-26 year, which we will bring to the floor at our September meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**A. Tax Rates**

Donald Feldmann, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Plant Services, will give a presentation to the Board of Education at the voting meeting on Tuesday, August 19, 2025.

B. Superintendent's Report

Michael Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, will give an update to the Board of Education at the voting meeting on Tuesday, August 19, 2025.

OPEN SESSION – AGENDA TOPICS – Policy 1512

None

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Anthon, the following resolution was offered for consent agenda on items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, and L.

NEW BUSINESS-continued...**A. Special Education****1. Class placements for 2025-2026– 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 2025-2026 placements for students with disabilities be approved as recommended in a memorandum to Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, dated August 11, 2025.

2. Preschool class placements for 2025-2026 – 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 2025-2026 placements for preschool students with disabilities be approved as recommended in a memorandum to Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, dated August 11, 2025.

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 Schedules, the Treasurer's Reports, the Budget Appropriation Status Reports, the Budget Transfer Reports, the Revenue Budget Status Reports, and the Extra-Curricular Accounts Reports as provided.

and be it further...

NEW BUSINESS-continued...**C. Tax Rates**ADOPTION AND CERTIFICATION OF SCHOOL BUDGET, HOMESTEAD
AND NON-HOMESTEAD PROPORTIONS, AGGREGATE HOMESTEAD AND
NON-HOMESTEAD TAX SHARES AND TAX RATE

RESOLVED: That, pursuant to Paragraph 4(b) of the §1903-a of the Real Property Tax Law, the homestead and non-homestead proportions for the fiscal year 2025-2026 are as follows:

Homestead Proportion	.5733
Non-Homestead Proportion	<u>.4267</u>
TOTAL	1.0000

and be it further

RESOLVED: That, pursuant to Paragraph 4(c) of §1903-a of the Real Property Tax Law, the aggregate homestead and non-homestead tax shares for the fiscal year 2025-2026 are hereby fixed and certified to be as follows:

Aggregate Homestead Tax Share	.4667
Aggregate Non-Homestead Tax Share	<u>.5333</u>
TOTAL	1.0000

Total Budget	\$ 105,576,012
To be raised by tax	\$ 54,486,662
Total homestead share	\$ 25,426,526
Amherst homestead share	\$ 19,678,745
Tonawanda homestead share	\$ 5,747,781
Total non-homestead share	\$ 29,060,136
Amherst non-homestead share	\$ 26,995,917
Tonawanda non-homestead share	\$ 2,064,220
Tax rate to raise such amount (rounded to the nearest cent)	
Amherst - homestead	\$ 9.687956
Amherst - non-homestead	\$ 14.902213
Tonawanda - homestead	\$ 45.787477
Tonawanda - non-homestead	\$ 69.228078

and be it further

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education approve the "Certification of Aggregate Homestead and Non-Homestead Tax Shares" and "Certification of Tax Budget and Rate" for the 2025-2026 school year

and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board to sign the documents entitled "Certification of Adoption of School Budget" and "Certification of Tax Budget and Rate" dated August 29, 2025.

and be it further...

NEW BUSINESS-continued...**D. 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...

E. Committee appointments

The Superintendent of Schools recommends the appointment of the following individuals for the school year 2025-2026.

1. Safety Committee

RESOLVED: That, the following individuals be and are hereby appointed to serve on the district's Safety Committee for the 2025-2026 school year:

Grazyna Arnold	Ray Bailey	Kathryn Barillari	Sheila Connors
Marissa Dauria	Karen DeLaPlante	Falon Derion	Bob Ehlenfield
Donald Feldmann	Michael Ginestre	Amanda Glenn	Rebecca Harmon
Wendy Januchowski	Marianne Jasen	Scott Johnson	David Kasprowicz
Lynn Kawa	Scott Kennedy	Matt LaRoach	Ben Morton
Antonio Perry	Kristen Piurek	Jason Phillips	Mallory Piwtorak
John Radens	Stephen Rozler	Christine Slagle	Toyia Wilson
Brittany Winiarski	Rob Woodford		

2. Wellness Committee

RESOLVED: That, the following individuals be and are hereby appointed to serve on the district's Wellness Committee for the 2025-2026 school year:

Karen Barrett	Peter Bellanti	Marissa Dauria	Karen DeLaPlante
Erica Duerr	Donald Feldmann	Marcy Gerlach	Shannon Hutchinson
Sara Juico	Christine Kasper	Keli-Koran Luchey	Anne Nowak
Kristin Puff	Mary Rao	Deepa Saini	Kristi Sajdak
Jessica Stephens	Yelena Suffoletto	Brandon Woods	

and be it further...

F. Code of Conduct – Policy 3410

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the 2025-2026 Code of Conduct and Plain Language Code of Conduct as written.

and be it further...

NEW BUSINESS-continued...**G. Purchasing Cooperative**

WHEREAS, the Sweet Home Central School District (School District) pursuant to the authority granted in General Municipal Law, Article 5A (Public Contracts), Section 103 desires to participate in the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, Sourcewell, National IPA, National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA), OMNIA Partners, PEPPM Cooperative Purchasing, the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) ValuePoint Cooperative Purchasing Organization and TIPS-USA Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, Section 103 of the General Municipal Law permits the School District to make purchases of apparatus, materials, equipment or supplies, or to contract for services related to the installation, maintenance or repair of apparatus, materials, equipment, and supplies, may make such purchases, or may contract for such services related to the installation, maintenance or repair of apparatus, materials, equipment, and supplies, as may be required by the School District therein through the use of a contract let by the United States of America or any agency thereof, any state or any other county or political subdivision or district therein if such contract was let to the lowest responsible bidder or on the basis of best value in a manner consistent with this section and made available for use by other governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, the School District desires to participate for the purpose of fulfilling and executing its public governmental purposes, goals, objectives, programs and functions; and

WHEREAS, the School District has reviewed the benefits of participating in these programs and based on this review has concluded these programs will provide the best value to taxpayers of this School District through the anticipated savings to be realized.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Sweet Home Central School District authorizes the School District's participation in the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, Sourcewell, National IPA, National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA), OMNIA Partners, PEPPM Cooperative Purchasing, the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) ValuePoint Cooperative Purchasing Organization and TIPS-USA Cooperative and authorizes the Purchasing Agent to register for participation in such purchasing cooperative programs on behalf of the School District.

and be it further...

H. Resolution to Appoint Physician Under Education Law §913

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is authorized under Section 913 of the NYS Education Law to require any person employed by the District to submit to such medical examinations as deemed necessary for the purpose of determining the physical or mental capacity of the employee to perform his or her duties;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes it is in the best interest of both the District and its employees for such referrals to be made without the need for individual Board approval;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Superintendent or his designee is hereby authorized to require employee #02088 to submit to a medical examination by a physician appointed by the Board of Education.

NEW BUSINESS-continued...**H. Resolution to Appoint Physician Under Education Law §913**

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dr. Evelyn Coggins, with offices located at 128 Eagle St., Buffalo, NY, be hereby appointed effective August 20, 2025, as a director of school health services/school medical inspector to conduct such examinations as requested by the District Superintendent pursuant to NYS Education Law Section 913.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent or his designee is authorized to negotiate a contract with Dr. Evelyn Coggins to perform such services.

and be it further...

I. Revised Coaching Stipends – SHEA Contract

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education of the Sweet Home Central School District upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools hereby approves the added coaching stipend index positions as presented.

and be it further...

J. Resolution of the Sweet Home Central School District Board of Education Authorizing Settlement of Pre-Suit Claim Filed by M.V. on Behalf of Her Minor Child J.D.

WHEREAS a notice of claim was filed by M.V. on behalf of her minor child, J.D., seeking relief for alleged injuries or damages allegedly suffered by J.D. in September 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the matter in consultation with legal counsel and determined that it is in the best interest of the District to resolve the matter without the expense, time, and risk of litigation; and

WHEREAS no district funds will be used to pay this settlement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Sweet Home Central School District authorizes the Superintendent and the President of the Board of Education to execute any necessary documents, including the release of claims, to effectuate the settlement.

and be it further...

K. Proposal for Environmental Consulting Services Sweet Home Central School District 2025 Capital Improvements Project

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorizes Fisher Associates to assist the District and its legal counsel in completing the required environmental review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) for the proposed capital improvements at District school facilities.

and be it further...

NEW BUSINESS-continued...

L. Tax Anticipation Note Resolution Dated August 19, 2025. A Resolution Delegating To The President Of The Board Of Education Of The Sweet Home Central School District, Erie County, New York (The "District"), The Power (1) To Authorize The Issuance Of And To Sell Tax Anticipation Notes Of The District In Anticipation Of The Receipt Of Taxes To Be Levied For The Fiscal Year Of The District Commencing July 1, 2025, (2) To Prescribe The Terms, Form And Contents Thereof And (3) To Make Certain Determinations With Respect Thereto.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Sweet Home Central School District (the "District"), located in Erie County, in the State of New York (the "State"), desires to authorize, in advance, the issuance of tax anticipation notes of the District in anticipation of the collection of real estate taxes to be levied for District purposes for the fiscal year of the District commencing July 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, no portion of such real estate taxes to be received in such fiscal year has been collected for such fiscal year as of the date hereof; and

WHEREAS, at least \$5,000,000 of such anticipated real estate tax revenues remain to be collected as of the date hereof; and

WHEREAS, no tax anticipation notes have heretofore been authorized to be issued in anticipation of the collection of such remaining real estate tax revenues by the District in such fiscal year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

There are hereby authorized to be issued tax anticipation notes of the District in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$5,000,000, such notes to be issued pursuant to the Local Finance Law in anticipation of the collection of real estate taxes to be received by the District in its fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 (the "Notes"). The Notes shall be designated "Tax Anticipation Notes, 2025" or such other designation as the President of the Board (the "President") may determine, in accordance with the powers delegated to the President by this resolution.

Section 2.

The Notes shall be issued in such amount (not exceeding \$5,000,000), shall be dated, shall mature, shall be in such denominations and shall bear interest at such rate or rates of interest per annum, as may be determined at the time of the public or private sale of the Notes by the President, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Finance Law of the State and Chapter 2 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations.

Section 3.

The Board has ascertained and hereby states that:

- a) based upon the adopted budget of the District, it is anticipated that approximately \$54,486,662 in real estate taxes (exclusive of STAR program reimbursements) will be received by the District during its fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025;
- b) of such amount, no funds have been received by the District to date;
- c) no tax anticipation notes have heretofore been authorized to be issued (or actually been issued) in anticipation of the collection of such real estate taxes;
- d) no amount has been included in the annual budget of the District for such fiscal year to offset, in whole or in part, any anticipated deficiency in the collection during such fiscal year of real estate taxes to be received for such fiscal year;

NEW BUSINESS-continued...

L. Tax Anticipation Note Resolution Dated August 19, 2025. A Resolution Delegating To The President Of The Board Of Education Of The Sweet Home Central School District, Erie County, New York (The "District"), The Power (1) To Authorize The Issuance Of And To Sell Tax Anticipation Notes Of The District In Anticipation Of The Receipt Of Taxes To Be Levied For The Fiscal Year Of The District Commencing July 1, 2025, (2) To Prescribe The Terms, Form And Contents Thereof And (3) To Make Certain Determinations With Respect Thereto.

- e) the date of maturity of the Notes shall not be extended beyond one year from their date of issuance, which is the close of the applicable period in Section 24.00 of the Local Finance Law for the maturity of the Notes; and
- f) all earnings from the proceeds of the Notes, if any, shall be applied for payment of interest on the Notes when due and payable or for payment of other governmental purposes of the District within the meaning of Section 1.103-13(b) (5) (iv) of the United States Treasury Regulations in effect or proposed on the date of the Notes.

Section 4.

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 21.00, 30.00, 50.00, 56.00 and 60.00, inclusive, of the Local Finance Law, the power to sell, issue and deliver and to prescribe the amount (up to the maximum amount authorized hereby), terms, form and contents of the Notes is hereby delegated to the President as the chief fiscal officer of the District. The President is hereby authorized to execute the Notes on behalf of the District, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized to affix the seal of the District to the Notes and to attest such seal. The President is hereby authorized to deliver the Notes to the purchaser(s) thereof upon receipt in full of the purchase price thereof. Without in any way limiting the scope of the foregoing delegation of powers, the President, to the extent permitted by Section 58.00(f) of the Local Finance Law, is specifically authorized to accept bids submitted in electronic format for any bonds or notes of the District.

Section 5.

The faith and credit of the District are hereby and shall be irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on all obligations authorized and issued pursuant to this resolution as the same shall become due.

Section 6.

The President is hereby directed to file with the Board a certificate or certificates reporting the amount of Notes issued, the date of the Notes, the date the Notes mature, the rate or rates of interest of the Notes, the purchaser(s) of the Notes and a statement to the effect that the powers of the President to sell, issue and deliver the Notes are in full force and effect and have not been modified, amended or revoked prior to the delivery of and payment for the Notes.

Section 7.

In the absence of the President, the Vice President of the Board is hereby authorized to exercise the powers that are delegated to the President in this resolution.

NEW BUSINESS-continued...

- L. **Tax Anticipation Note Resolution Dated August 19, 2025. A Resolution Delegating To The President Of The Board Of Education Of The Sweet Home Central School District, Erie County, New York (The "District"), The Power (1) To Authorize The Issuance Of And To Sell Tax Anticipation Notes Of The District In Anticipation Of The Receipt Of Taxes To Be Levied For The Fiscal Year Of The District Commencing July 1, 2025, (2) To Prescribe The Terms, Form And Contents Thereof And (3) To Make Certain Determinations With Respect Thereto.**

Section 8.

The District covenants, for the benefit of the holders of the Notes, that it will not make any use of the proceeds of such obligations, any funds reasonably expected to be used to pay the principal of or interest on such obligations or any other funds of the District which would cause the interest on such obligations to become subject to federal income taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") or subject the District to any penalties under Section 148 of the Code, and that it will not take any action or omit to take any action with respect to such obligations or the proceeds thereof if such action or omission would cause the interest on such obligations to become subject to federal income taxation under the Code or subject the District to any penalties under Section 148 of the Code. The foregoing covenants shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the defeasance of the Notes or any other provision hereof until the date which is 60 days after the final maturity date of the Notes (or any earlier prior redemption date thereof).

Section 9.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	1
Carried	X				

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

M. Jasen: In our On Board readings, they mentioned a new law requiring districts to plan for cardiac emergencies. Some provisions need to be taken care of by September 1st, and after talking with Mr. Feldmann and Dr. Wilson, these have been taken care of, and we are ready to move on to the additional provisions due in 2026.

Feldmann: It's been talked about at the superintendent level as well as the business official level. We use a health and safety risk management team and have a gentleman from our safety committee who comes in once a week. They will work through some workshops to make sure that all their component districts are ready to meet the standards. The next step is to develop a plan specific to sudden cardiac arrest.

M. Jasen: Are the AED's locked?

Feldmann: No, there is a plastic zip tie to keep the door closed so the alarm doesn't go off, but if you pull the door open, it will release. When you pull the door open, the AED sits on a plunger, and once that plunger is no longer depressed, it triggers a call to 911. Part of our emergency team training is that someone stays with the person that's fallen, someone goes to get the AED, and someone calls 911. It's been practiced, and we are ready to go.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS-continued...

S. Johnson: We had a county association of school boards. We had a legislative sub-committee meeting so we could plan for some items this year, and take a look at what we think are still priority items. The discussion points were, do we need to add some or remove ones that got handled? We all had the capital project workshop last month. I also attended a Federal Advocacy webinar where they talked about what's going on at the federal level and money. They seemed confident that we are okay this year, but next year is a whole different story. I forwarded information from the webinar to you. I also attended the WNY Law Conference. I do have stuff to send from that. It was well attended, with over 300 people. Dr. Ginestre was there too, and there was standing room only for several of the sessions. Also, Linda Hoffman passed away. She was an important person in WNY as far as school boards go. She represented the area on the state board for a long time. She was at Erie 2 BOCES for a number of years and was also in the Springfield School District. She put 45 years into education. She'll be missed.

A. Battaglia: Nothing from me.

D. Rabenold: I mentioned this earlier, and he happens to be in the audience. We did talk about the sidewalk issue, and I know Don Feldmann received that. He's welcome to speak at the next open session. Otherwise, relatively quiet summer, enjoying the heat. I watched the video you sent around about the National NYSSBA thing and the Washington Advocacy thing. Someone should go. I'll try to go this year. I like seeing what's going on in Washington, DC, and adding my view of things to the conversations.

D. Anthon: I've been enjoying summer, meeting with SHEA, and getting ready for the new school year.

P. Bellanti: We have been meeting with SHEA and had our Board Retreat. Fall practice and tryouts started yesterday. Good luck to our athletes. We will have our outline for our goals at the September study session.

OPEN SESSION

1. Joseph Voytovich, 35 Bucyrus Drive – One night a week ago, I was coming home north on Sweet Home Road at about 8:45 pm. It was getting dark, and I saw a shadow alongside the road. I noticed a biker there, and just after that, I saw the other one behind him. I was lucky that I wasn't distracted by any other traffic because I was able to move over. Being a biker myself, I see how dangerous that area can be. You have a choice of riding on the road with traffic going 50 miles per hour or riding on the grass, which has ruts. You'd be going over bumps and holes and taking a chance on falling. When I got home, I rode my bike over to the students and talked to one of them as the other had already turned down a side street. He was a high school student, and he said he hadn't had problems with it even though he didn't like it. He had a friend who fell while riding on the grass, trying to protect himself from the curb. I ended up putting my experience on Facebook and had a comment from a mother whose daughter attends the high school, and she said she rides down there and crosses Sweet Home three times to try and stay in line with all the sidewalks, which is dangerous because the traffic goes so fast. I took this to the Amherst planning department, and they forwarded me their procedure. You have to file a petition and have landowners sign it. Owners in that area or Town of Amherst right along the canal. National Grid has a large spot there. They have an apartment building and a private owner but his house is on North Ellicott Creek Road. After you file the petition signed by who knows who, you have to submit it and it's not going to be taken in until next June and then they go through a long process, about 6 months, trying to figure out if the sidewalk is needed and they would put it in the next summer. There's a two-year delay on this. This is a critical need. In the last couple days, I've seen other kids now going down the sidewalk in that area almost every time I go by that road. One kid was pushing an e-scooter. Another one was walking down by there. An older man was walking a dog along there. Since they put the apartments in in 2011, I'm trying to figure out why they didn't at least put sidewalks in front of them. Apparently, there's no real motivation to do that. It's a county road, and the town is supposed to be responsible for putting in the sidewalks. Well, to do that, they have to get an easement from the county for them to put the sidewalks in there.

OPEN SESSION-continued...

So, I can see why this thing just keeps dragging on and on. I did talk at the Board meeting last night. I didn't get a whole lot of response on there. So, I was thinking about the high school. Now, you're in charge of all the students from the high school, so you may see a lot of students who go up in that area. If you take a stand on this, go to the town and say, "We need the sidewalks in now." This is a bad time of year. Come September, it's getting dark earlier. There are sporting events going on, with some at night. I also noticed they don't have street lights on that side of the road. Street lights are all on the other side by the business park. Now they're not only squeezing through traffic, but they aren't going to be seen in the dark areas. I ask the school board to take the critical issue on this and make it an urgent need to do it. I was also going to approach the PTA to see if they would get involved. They probably have a lot of kids that are coming through there, and they're worried about their safety there. All it takes is one driver who's looking at his phone, distracted by some other traffic, bumping into somebody, and somebody's going to be hurt or killed. Every time I drive out there and I see somebody, I think about that. I just can't get it out of my mind. Thank you.

2. Jonathan Makeley, resident – I came to speak about a couple of things. Mentioned earlier in the meeting, there have been some talks with the Board and SHEA. I hope as things move forward that it will progress towards some good substantive actions to be able to address the issues at hand and try to improve conditions. Additionally, earlier in the meeting, there was a mention about what would be going on with the position of the high school principal which is a good sense from what I've seen in conversation with other community members. There has been confusion with the public on that and hopefully that will help get a clear sense of what's going on. I would echo the previous commenter as someone who walks around on the sidewalks quite a bit as a pedestrian. I would say that there are some sections along Sweet Home Road that are rather patchy and make it difficult to travel.
3. Jamie Mancine, Glenhaven Drive – I am here on behalf of the Glendale PTA, and I am honored to serve as their president again this year. In an effort to continue collaboration with the community and have you all interacting with your constituents, I wanted to invite you to our first event. We are having our Welcome Back Bash on August 28th from 4pm – 6pm at Glendale. It's one of our biggest events of the year. We had about 400 people attend last year. It's a good time, and it would be really nice to have you there.
4. Joseph Voytovich, Bucyrus Drive – I missed something in my notes. A lot of people argue that bikes aren't allowed on the sidewalks and that they are required to ride on the road. That law dates back to the 1880s. What they had at that time were horse-drawn carriages. The carriages didn't like that and were forcing bikes off the road, and took it to court. New York passed the law in 1887. It states that bicycles are carriages and that cyclists are entitled to the same rights and restrictions as drivers of carriages. That doesn't apply now. A car is not a carriage. A bike can't go 50 miles an hour. A bike can't weigh 5,000 pounds. Putting a bike in the street to me is just looking for something bad to happen. I hope they take that into consideration also. Thank you again.

PERSONNEL

Upon motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Anthon, the following resolution was offered for consent agenda on personnel items I & II.

- 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. 740 dated August 19, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

Stephen Rozler		
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PERSONNEL-continued...**I. Teaching and Administrative****A. Regular****1. Discontinuance****b. Resignation**

RESOLVED: That, the resignation in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 740 dated August 19, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

Carol Kamph	Cassandra DiOrio	Danielle McKillen
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2. Appointments**b. Regular**

RESOLVED: That the teaching appointment, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 740 dated August 19, 2025**, be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Zachary Trunzo	Carolyn Freeman	Elaina Davis-Givens
Daniel Murphy	Riley Walker	Maria Strycharz

c. Encumbered

RESOLVED: That, the encumbered appointment, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 740 dated August 19, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Grace Carey	Nickolas Endres	Makenna Walp
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f. Transfer

RESOLVED: That, the transfer in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 740 dated August 19, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Derek Dunstan		
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h. Reinstatement from Leave

RESOLVED: That the reinstatement from leave in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 740 dated August 19, 2025**, be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Morris Fried	Hailey Hoffman	Rebecca Dobie
Gina Nucheren	Jacqueline Stablewski	

I. Summer School – High School

RESOLVED: That the summer school – High School in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 740 dated August 19, 2025**, be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Christina Richard	Gerard Frank	
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PERSONNEL-continued...**I. Teaching and Administrative****B. Substitutes****1. Long Term Substitutes**

RESOLVED: That, the long term substitutes in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 740 dated August 19, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Hailey Heiss	Gabriella Farinacci	Joseph Lucenti
Jessica Gottschall		

2. Substitute teachers for 2025-2026 school year

RESOLVED: That, the substitutes in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 740 dated August 19, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

3. Student teachers for 2025-2026 school year

RESOLVED: That, the student teachers in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 740 dated August 19, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

C. Interscholastic Activities**1. Interscholastic Activities, High School, (FALL) 2025-2026**

RESOLVED: That, the interscholastic activities appointments, High School, Fall in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 740 dated August 19, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Alexis Ciehomski	Sarah Wright	Kristen Noltee
Derek Dunstan	Christine Kasper	Patricia Miranda
Dawn Kauderer	Heidi Jones	Jeremy Zimmer
Jon Campolo	Michael Faulks	Xavier Balsano
Joseph Stewart	Ajani Wall	Marc Freda
Brian Koziol	Thaddeus Geraci	Leonard Kayembe
Prisco Houndanon	Zachary Garland	Mark Ricupito
Jayna Galley	Patrick McNelis	Morris Fried
Lisa Feyes	Christy May	Carly Shifflet
Corey O'Brien	Richard Cicero	Victoria Rigler
Almaris Miranda Rivera	Lauren Wills	Eva Basehart
Lisa Floreano	Kristy Neeson	

II. Service**A. Regular****1. Discontinuance****a. Retirement**

RESOLVED: That, the retirement in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 740 dated August 19, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Robert Peters		
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PERSONNEL-continued...II. ServiceA. Regular1. Discontinuanceb. Resignation

RESOLVED: That, the resignation in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 740 dated August 19, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Adele Eagan	Josette Franzone	Stacy Williams
Andrew Snaith	Wesley Nieman	Theresa Benoit
Collin Polyachyk	Terri Ruh	Odile Semaan
Joseph Cheesman	Kerri Guerin	Thu Thai
Amber Ball	Jade Amoia	Pamela Answeeney
Rachel Opperman	Allyson Webb	Maureen Panepinto
Marsha Fortman	Haile Casto	

c. Termination

RESOLVED: That, the termination in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 740 dated August 19, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Maria Gallizzi		
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2. Appointmenta. Regular

RESOLVED: That, the regular appointment in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 740 dated August 19, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Michael Creighton	Maria Gallizzi (Chg.)	Allison Williams
Kaitlyn Davidson	Samara Williams	Ann Marie Sheehan
Jennifer Williams	Afruza Sultana	Amber Ball
Pamela Answeeney	Allyson Webb	Jade Amoia
Angela St. Laurent	Angela Buscaglia	

e. Transfer

RESOLVED: That, the transfer in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 740 dated August 19, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Haile Casto	Stephen Fisher	Jennifer Gradzewicz
Lori Joy	Barbara Sweet	

PERSONNEL-continued...**II. Service****A. Regular****2. Appointment****f. Leave of Absence**

RESOLVED: That, the leave of absence in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 740 dated August 19, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Sudanandan Kanthan	Sarah Bello	Robert Imbs
Beth Shaver	Katherine Meldrum	

g. Reinstatement from Leave

RESOLVED: That, the reinstatement from leave in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 740 dated August 19, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Sudanandan Kanthan	Sarah Bello	Beth Shaver
Sharon Tuzzolino	Crystal Ortolano-Sharts	Katherine Meldrum
Christine Baker-Jeffery	Ronald Farleo	

B. Substitutes**2. Per Diem Substitutes**

RESOLVED: That, the per diem substitutes in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 740 dated August 19, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	1
Carried	X				

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Anthon, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	1
Carried	X				

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Secretary, Board of Education
District Clerk
Sweet Home Central School District