



SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF AMHERST AND TONAWANDA

BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR VOTING MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025
6:00 EXECUTIVE SESSION/6:30 PM MEETING

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, September 16, 2025 is hereby adopted in its entirety.

IV. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That, the reading of the minutes of the Board of Education voting meetings held Tuesday, August 19, 2025 and Wednesday, September 10, 2025 be waived and are hereby adopted in their entirety.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Harris Beach Legal Alert

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Enrollment Update

Toyia Wilson, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, will give an update to the Board of Education at the voting meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 2025.

B. Reserve Fund Allocation

Donald Feldmann, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Plant Services, will give a presentation to the Board of Education at the voting meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 2025.

C. Superintendent Update

Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, will give an update to the Board of Education at the voting meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 2025.

D. BOE Goal Review

The Board of Education will review their goals at the voting meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 2025.

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VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT-continued...

E. Upcoming Events

• September 15...	HH: Neighborhood Meet and Greet (weather permitting) 4:00 pm DO: Alumni Association Meeting, 5:00 pm @ NVCC DO: Education Foundation Meeting, 6:00 pm @ NVCC
• September 16...	MS: Book Fair Starts MS: Open House, 6:00 pm DO: BOE Voting Meeting, 6:30 pm @ NVCC
• September 17...	HH: Fall Book Fair Ends MM: Open House, 5:30 pm followed by Fall Fest HS: Powderpuff Game, 6:00 pm @ HS Turf
• September 18...	GL: Chicken Dinner, 4:00 pm GL: Open House, 6:00 pm MS: Book Fair Ends
• September 19...	GL: Mrs. Fields Cookie Dough Fundraiser Ends
• September 20...	DO: Homecoming Community Day Carnival, 12:00 pm Ath: Athletics Hall of Fame, 10:30 am @ HS Aud Ath: Homecoming Football Game vs Frontier, 2:00 pm @ HS Turf
• September 23...	HH: Fall Picture Day
• September 24...	MM: Fall Picture Day WR: Skating Party, 5:00 pm
• September 25...	HH: Fun Run DO: Community Flu Shot Clinic, 4pm – 6pm @ NVCC MS: ENL Orientation, 5:00 pm @ MS Aud followed by ENL Graduation
• October 1...	GL: Picture Day MM: PTA Meeting, 6:15 pm
• October 2...	GL: McTeacher Night, 4pm – 7pm WR: PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm
• October 6...	DO: Alumni Association Meeting, 5:00 pm @ NVCC DO: Education Foundation Meeting, 6:00 pm @ NVCC HH: PTA Meeting, 5:00 pm MS: PTSA Meeting, 6:30 pm @ Cafe
• October 8...	WR: Picture Day GL: PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm
• October 9...	HS: PTSA Meeting, 6:30 pm
• October 10...	MS: Picture Day WR: Fun Run

VIII. OPEN SESSION: Agenda Topics – Policy 1512

A G E N D A

IX. NEW BUSINESS

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 29, 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 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 2025-2026 placements for preschool students with disabilities be approved as recommended in a memorandum to Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, dated August 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. 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.

D. Unassigned Fund Balance

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve the allocation of surplus funds from the 2024-2025 fiscal year, in the amount of \$ 3,167,280 to the Unassigned Fund Balance for the fiscal year 2025-2026.

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IX. NEW BUSINESS-continued...

E. Professional Learning Plan

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the Professional Learning Plan as written.

F. School Breakfast/Lunch Prices – 2025/2026

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorize the following breakfast and school lunch prices for adults for the 2025-2026 school year.

Breakfast

Adult breakfast \$ 3.80

Lunch:

Adult lunches \$ 5.68

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:

- Girl's Swimming Competition, Rochester, NY, Oct. 2025 (Leaders – Morris Fried and Patrick McNelis)

H. Bids – Policy 5410

1. Plow Truck Bid

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, award the One (1) 2026 F-550 Chassis 4x4 SD Regular Cab Plow Truck bid #2025-26-22 to C. Basil Ford Inc. for total bid of \$104,929.57.

I. Lease of Custodial Equipment

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the lease agreement as presented with Hillyard for multiple custodial equipment items for the District. The 60-month lease cost is \$134,635.80 (\$2,243.93 per month).

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

XI. OPEN SESSION – Policy 1512

A G E N D A

XII. PERSONNEL

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. 741 dated September 16, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Ashley Walsh	Derek Baker	Danielle McKillen (Chg.)
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2. Appointments

a. Tenure

RESOLVED: That, the *tenure*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 741 dated September 16, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Elaina Blenk	Allison Cady	Lindsay Kennedy
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b. Regular

RESOLVED: That, the *regular appointment*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 741 dated September 16, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Grace Carey	Erin Wendling	Meghan Mann
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c. Encumbered

RESOLVED: That, the *encumbered appointment*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 741 dated September 16, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Grace Carey (Remove)	Devon Perri	Madison Gonzalez
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e. Continuing Activities

RESOLVED: That, the *continuing activities*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 741 dated September 16, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Brent Peterson		
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XII. PERSONNEL-continued...

I. Teaching and Administrative

A. Regular

2. Appointments

f. Transfer

RESOLVED: That, the *transfer*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 741 dated September 16, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Maria Berrios		
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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. 741 dated September 16, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Jennie Alessi	Dominique Dibble	Rebecca Mansell
Leanne Fischer-Zlotek	Elif Weiser	

m. ASAP

RESOLVED: That, the *ASAP*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 741 dated September 16, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Julia Ryan	Christopher Fillip	Thadeus Geraci
Christopher Fillip	Nicholas Newman	Mark Izydorczak
Daniel Tracz	Jon Campolo	

B. Substitutes

1. Long Term Substitutes

RESOLVED: That, the *long term substitutes* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 741 dated September 16, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Nicholas Bonvissuto	Jennifer Bennett	Christina L'Hommedieu
Madison Gonzalez (Remove)	Lauren Doerfler	Julie Kilmer Grunzweig

2. Substitute teachers for 2025-2026 school year

RESOLVED: That, the substitutes in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 741 dated September 16, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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XII. PERSONNEL-continued...

I. Teaching and Administrative

B. Substitutes

3. Student teachers for 2025-2026 school year

RESOLVED: That, the student teachers in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 741 dated September 16, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

C. Interscholastic Activities

1. Interscholastic Appointments

RESOLVED: That, the *interscholastic appointments* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 741 dated September 16, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Bridget Kennedy	Julia Jarvis	Julia Miller
Claire Mullane	Robert Maxwell	Dominic Genau
John Miller	Thaddeus Geraci (Remove)	Danielle Hughes
Jake Jax		

II. Service

A. Regular

1. Discontinuance

a. Retirement

RESOLVED: That, the *retirement* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 713 dated September 16, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Dawn Bechmann		
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b. Resignation

RESOLVED: That, the *resignation* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 713 dated September 16, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

George Louttit	Xavier Balsano	Carrie Dyet
Erin Wendling	Deborah Trankle	Bradon Cefalu
Franklin Thayer	Sarah Martinez	Mary Picciotto
Bradley Violino	Miriam Weiser	Damarion Bailey
India Varner		

A G E N D A

XII. PERSONNEL-continued...

II. Service

A. Regular

2. Appointment

a. Regular

RESOLVED: That, the *regular appointment* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 741 dated September 16, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

George Louttit	Christi McKay	Annette Townsend
Carrie Dyet	Katherine Rivera	Frederick Fanaro
Gina Orłowski	Liam Kelly	Morgan Galusha
Kendra Vorenkamp	Jio Ramanadas	Kelly Schintzius
Samantha Burgard	Bradley Violino	Gary Mistretta
James Wright	Damarion Stone	Nancy Dwyer
Damarion Bailey	Kathryn Chadwick	Muhammad Akhtar
Albert Hayden	Estella Slaughter	Gregory Nowakowski
Patrick Homewood	Anuska Watson	Grace Jabbour

e. Transfer

RESOLVED: That, the *transfer* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 741 dated September 16, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Beth Shaver		
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f. Leave of Absence

RESOLVED: That, the *leave of absence* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 741 dated September 16, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Shannon Hutchinson	Frank Martinelli	Carol Montanari
Patricia Merrifield	Linda Evans	Angelina Faso

g. Reinstatement from Leave

RESOLVED: That, the *reinstatement from leave* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 741 dated September 16, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Sharon Tuzzolino (Chg)	Shannon Hutchinson	Linda Evans
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XII. PERSONNEL-continued...

II. Service

B. Substitutes

2. Per Diem Substitutes

RESOLVED: That, the per diem substitutes in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 741 dated September 16, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

XIX. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

- a. Field Trips Through September 12