SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF AMHERST AND TONAWANDA

BOARD OF EDUCATION

STUDY SESSION

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025
6:00 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION/ 6:30 PM MEETING

AGENDA

I. A. CALL TO ORDER

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

II. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

III. OATH OF OFFICE – Jaevon Coleman

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

V. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That, the reading of the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held Tuesday, September 16, 2025 be waived and is hereby adopted in its entirety.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. **District Audit, 2024-2025**
Auditors from The Bonadio Group, LLC will be in attendance at the study session on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 to present to the Board of Education findings from the audit report performed on the general account as well as student accounts for school year 2024-2025.

B. **NYSSBA Proposed Bylaw Amendments & Resolutions**
The Board of Education will conduct a discussion regarding the NYSSBA proposed Amendments & Resolutions at the study session on Tuesday, October 14, 2025.

C. **Superintendent Update**
Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, will give an update to the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, October 14, 2025.

D. **BOE Self Evaluation Review**
The Board of Education will review their self-evaluation at the voting meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 2025.

E. **Superintendent Update**
Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, will give an update to the Board of Education at the voting meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 2025.

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VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT-continued…

F. Items of Interest

•	October 13…	*Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day – No School K-12*
•	October 14…	DO: BOE Study Session, 6:30 pm @ NVCC
•	October 15…	DO: Dollars for Scholars Committee Meeting, 8:00 am DO: DEI Meeting, 4:15 pm – 6:15 pm @ NVCC HH: Trunk or Treat Event
•	October 17…	WR: Fun Run Rain Date GL: Pumpkin Run, 5:30 pm followed by Trunk or Treat Music: Concert Chorale & Buffalo Choral Arts, 7:30 pm @ HS
•	October 18…	DO: Dollars for Scholars Craft Show & Basket Raffle, 9 am – 3 pm @ HS
•	October 21…	DO: BOE Voting Meeting, 6:30 pm @ NVCC
•	October 23-25…	DO: NYSSBA Convention, NYC
•	October 24…	WR: Harvest Dance, 5:30 pm followed by Trunk or Treat MM: Trunk or Treat Night, 6-7:30 pm MS: Fall Activity Night, 6:30 – 8 pm
•	October 28…	HH: Picture Re-Take Day
•	November 3…	DO: Alumni Association Mtg, 5 pm @ NVCC DO: SHEF Meeting, 6:00 pm @ NVCC MS: PTSA Meeting/Capital Project, 6:30 pm @ MS Cafeteria
•	November 4…	*DO: Staff Development Day, No School Pre-K - 12*
•	November 5…	MM: PTA Meeting, 6:15 pm
•	November 6…	MM: Picture Re-Take Day WR: PTO Meeting/Capital Project, 6:30 pm
•	November 7-8…	Music: Jr. High Area All State @ Pioneer
•	November 7…	MM: Turkey Trot
•	November 10…	GL: Glendale Night at Texas Roadhouse (Young Street), 4:00 pm HH: PTA Meeting, 5:00 pm
•	November 11…	*DO: Veteran's Day, No School Pre-K - 12*
•	November 12…	GL: PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm
•	November 13…	GL: Picture Re-Take Day WR: McTeacher Night, 4:30 – 7:30 pm HS: PTSA Meeting, 6:30 pm Music: Symphony Orch., Concert Corale, & Wind Ensemble, 7:30 pm

IX. OPEN SESSION: Agenda Topics – Policy 1510

X. 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

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X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Special Education

1. Class placements for 2025-2026 – 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 2025-2026 placements for students with disabilities be approved as recommended in a memorandum to Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, dated October 6, 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 October 6, 2025.

B. District Audit Report, 2024-2025

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve and accept the Sweet Home Central School District of Amherst and Tonawanda **"FINANCIAL STATEMENTS" for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 and the Extra Classroom Activity Funds report dated June 30, 2025,** and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools to submit, as required, an approved copy of the Sweet Home Central School District of Amherst and Tonawanda **"FINANCIAL STATEMENTS" for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 and the Extra Classroom Activity Funds report dated June 30, 2025 to the State Education Department,** and be it further

RESOLVED: That, the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Plant Services be authorized to publish these **"FINANCIAL STATEMENTS"** in a newspaper(s) that has general circulation in the school district.

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X. NEW BUSINESS-continued…

C. 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, Budget Transfer Report, and the Extra Classroom Account Report as provided.

D. 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:

- NYSSMA Area All State Music Festival, Fredonia, NY, Nov. 2025 (Leaders – Cory Morrow, Jim Marone, Kimberly Harrison)

E. Capital Outlay Project 2025/26 – Construction Bid

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and Young & Wright Architectural, the Board of Education award the Construction Bid to Kelley Brothers, LLC in the amount of $27,837.87 and Toth's Sports in the amount of $71,800.00 for a total of $99,637.87 for the 2025/26 Capital Outlay Project.

F. Resolution of Board of Education

WHEREAS, four (4) BOCES (Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES, Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga BOCES, Madison-Oneida BOCES and Broome-Tioga BOCES) have collaborated and entered into an Article 5 General Municipal Law intermunicipal arrangement for the purpose of improving vendor management and data security and privacy practices for school districts and/or BOCES statewide known as the RIC ONE Risk Operations Center (the "ROC");

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Sweet Home Central School District, through its affiliation with a locally based Regional Information Center, participates with the ROC and desires, for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, to authorize the ROC to enter into Data Privacy Agreements and related exhibits (DPAs) with vendors and third-party contractors that include the requirements of, and compliance with, New York State Education Law Section 2-d and Part 121 Regulations (collectively, "Ed Law 2d") related to student personally identifiable information (PII) and certain Teacher and Principal APPR data;

WHEREAS, the ROC also partners with NYSED, the Access4Learning Student Data Privacy Consortium (SDPC) and The Education Cooperative (TEC), to negotiate and approve Ed Law 2-d compliant DPAs;

WHEREAS, the DPAs are presented to school districts and/or BOCES for final execution and do not require the expenditure of funds beyond those budgeted; and

BE IT RESOLVED, Board of Education of the Sweet Home Central School District authorizes the attorneys designated by the ROC to negotiate and approve of DPAs for software and/or technology resources; and,

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X. NEW BUSINESS-continued…

F. Resolution of Board of Education

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Sweet Home Central School District Board of Education grants the ROC and its designated attorneys the authority to negotiate the terms and conditions of DPAs and take such actions so as to effectuate the purposes and intent of this resolution.

G. State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Resolution– Capital Improvement Project, 2025

The Board of Education will vote on the SEQRA Resolution for the Capital Improvement Project at the voting meeting held on Tuesday, October 21, 2025.

H. Public Vote Resolution – Capital Improvement Project, 2025

The Board of Education will vote on the Public Vote Resolution for the Capital Improvement Project at the voting meeting held on Tuesday, October 21, 2025.

I. Board of Education Goals

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education approve the goals set forth for the Board of Education for the 2025-2026 school year.

J. 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: Varsity Cross Country

XI. OPEN SESSION – Policy 1510

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. 742 dated October 21, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Michael Kumrow		

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XII. PERSONNEL-continued…

I. Teaching and Administrative

A. Regular

2. Appointments

b. Regular

RESOLVED: That, the *regular appointment,* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 742 dated October 21, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Nicholas Bonvissuto		

d. Mentor

RESOLVED: That, *mentor*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 742 dated October 21, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Leigh-Ann Hildreth	Jessica Wilkinson	Nicole Baker
Amanda Woodward	Stephanie Bickelman	Margaret Kruchten
Kimberly Gugino	Lauren Killian	Melissa Campbell
Sheila Connors	John Elliott	Debra Spence
Sarah Lindemann	Kristen Piurek	Julieann Duma
Eva Basehart	Michele Sionko	Lori Roth
Andrea Wodarczak	Kristen Noltee	Neal McLoughlin
Christopher Monaco	Lacie Cristofanelli	Nikki Hattersley
Kimberley Kwoka	Amanda Cole	Marisa Adams
Melissa Erikson		

e. Continuing Activities

Building Leadership Team, Glendale, 2025-2026

RESOLVED: That, *Building Leadership Team, Glendale*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 742 dated October 21, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Hayley Stein	Megan Land	Alexis Ciehomski
Lynn Kawa	Diana Calandra	Amy Canetti
Kimberly Marianos	Leigh-Ann Hildreth	Molly DiPirro
Joshua Kapuszcak	Lauren Webber	

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XII. PERSONNEL-continued…

I. Teaching and Administrative

A. Regular

2. Appointments

e. Continuing Activities

Building Leadership Team, Heritage Heights, 2025-2026

RESOLVED: That, *Building Leadership Team, Heritage Heights*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 742 dated October 21, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Jessica Spiesz	Stephanie Bickelman	Misti Long
Frank LiCausi	Deborah Zehler	Salvatore Glorioso
Heather Reichmuth	Kimberly Gugino	Kimberly Ranney
Sheryl Burke		

Building Leadership Team, Maplemere, 2025-2026

RESOLVED: That, *Building Leadership Team, Maplemere*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 742 dated October 21, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Brigid Kennedy	Kirsten Baetzhold	Kari Mantione
Michelle Schmitt	Crystal Carlson	Maureen Kieffer
Summer Grandinetti	Julie Roberto	Bonnie Lorentz
Susan Wattle	Karen Barrett	

Building Leadership Team, Willow Ridge, 2025-2026

RESOLVED: That, *Building Leadership Team, Willow Ridge*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 742 dated October 21, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Emma Ruggiero	Michelle Zimmer	Elyse Grieco
Sharon Notaro	Michelle Iwankow	Mark Ramsay
Wendy Januchowski	Marisa Adams	Jamie Riddoch
Christine Magyar	Nicholas Pordon Jr.	

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XII. PERSONNEL-continued…

I. Teaching and Administrative

A. Regular

2. Appointments

e. Continuing Activities

Building Leadership Team, Middle School, 2025-2026

RESOLVED: That, *Building Leadership Team, Middle School*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 742 dated October 21, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Shannon Shepherd	Neal McLoughlin	Jennifer Heidinger
James Brennan	Caitlin Rizzo	Jenine Nowakowski
Morris Fried	Joshua Montalbo	Cheryl Palmer
Dawn Kauderer-Kromer	Anne Biesinger	Karen Mitsopoulos

Building Leadership Team, High School, 2025-2026

RESOLVED: That, *Building Leadership Team, High School*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 742 dated October 21, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Alysia LaPenna	Mary Beth Bruce	Melissa Skurzewski
Mark Ricupito	Debra Spence	Almaris Miranda-Rivera
Melissa Minorczyk	Kristen Piurek	Scott Harriger
Jeremy Murphy	Sheila Connors	Lorraine Beaudet
Debbie Opala		

Lighthouse Advisor, 2025-2026

RESOLVED: That, *Lighthouse Advisor,* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 742 dated October 21, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Kelly Gravel	Danielle Papero	Frank LiCausi
Kelly Lux	Sarah Nowak	Jessica Greco
Arika Notaro	Jamie Riddoch	Elif Weiser
Hannah Criscione	Emily Balisteri	Lari MacPeek
Ashlee Lipka	Lindsay Crimmins	

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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. 742 dated October 21, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Katherine Kwiatkowski	Alex Walker	Amanda Hoffman
Molly DiPirro	Leigh Ann Hildreth	Cheryl Aldrich
Kimberly Gugino	Heather Reichmuth	Beth Swierski
Bonnie Lorentz	Julie Roberto	Jamie Riddoch
Marisa Adams	Brent Peterson	Paul Szymendera

g. Leave of Absence

RESOLVED: That, the *leave of absence,* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 742 dated October 21, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Kiele Barbalate	Tavis Baish	Emma Mulcahy
Diana Calandra	Kamryn Barr	Scott Aquilino
Mary Rao	Ann Marie Kelly	Kristina Pinkowski

h. Reinstatement from Leave

RESOLVED: That, the *reinstatement from leave,* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 742 dated October 21, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Scott Aquilino		

j. Co-Curricular Activities

Co-Curricular Activities, Elementary, 2025-2026 school year

RESOLVED: That, the *co-curricular activities, district,* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 742 dated October 21, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Cory Morrow	Jacqueline Wzientek	Jacqueline Wzientek
Jessica Bridon	Melissa Udy	Debra Zehler
Kelly Gravel	Debra Zehler	

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XII. PERSONNEL-continued…

I. Teaching and Administrative

A. Regular

2. Appointments

j. Co-Curricular Activities

Co-Curricular Activities, Middle School, 2025-2026 school year

RESOLVED: That, the *co-curricular activities, high school,* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 742 dated October 21, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Ajani Wall	Christina Ramsperger	Neal McLoughlin
Lari MacPeek	Jeremy Traverse	Kelly Corcoran
Lisa Brzeczkowski	Stephen Budnack	Nikki Hattersley
Joseph Quader	Thomas Smith	Christopher Monaco
Kelly Corcoran	Christopher Monaco	Jadon Wegrzyn
Thomas Smith	Sarah Petrie	Jacqueline Stablewski
Sarah Petrie	Ryan Kaminski	Jacqueline Stablewski
Katelyn Bechtel	Tabitha York	Anna Stang

Co-Curricular Activities, High School, 2025-2026 school year

Ashley Shutt	Naryan Padmanabha	Scott Acquilino
Lisa Feyes	Scott Harriger	Kristina Pinkowski
Heidi Mussachio	Scott Szabo	Eva Basehart
Cory Morrow	Kimberly Harrison	Robert Cooke
Cory Morrow	Lori Depoint	Robert Cooke
Christine Steward	Jeremy Vicario	Nicholas Bonvissutto
Cory Morrow	Anna Stang	Julia Guppenberger
Jane Woloss	Jon Campolo	Jane Woloss
Carolyn Freeman	Deborah Zehler	Scott Harriger
James Marone	Rebecca Mansell	Jane Woloss
Zachary Garland	Melissa Minorczyk	Carolyn Freeman
John Elliott	Nicole Kuss	

k. Building Chairperson

Building Chairperson, CSE, 2025-2026 school year

RESOLVED: That, the *Building Chairperson, CSE,* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 742 dated October 21, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Lauren Weston	Katelyn DiRosa	Samantha Kio
Lacie Cristofanelli	Alison Jackson	

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XII. PERSONNEL-continued…

I. Teaching and Administrative

A. Regular

2. Appointments

k. Building Chairperson

Building Chairperson, SST, 2025-2026 school year

RESOLVED: That, the *Building Chairperson, SST,* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 742 dated October 21, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Lauren Weston	Katelyn DiRosa	Samantha Kio
Lacie Cristofanelli	Alison Jackson	

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. 742 dated October 21, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Margaret McDonald		

II. Service

A. Regular

1. Discontinuance

b. Resignation

RESOLVED: That, the *resignation* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 742 dated October 21, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

James Murray	Robert Imbs	Joshua Henry
Ashley Kornacki	Muhammad Akhtar	Daniel Robinson
Darrell Hunter		

2. Appointments

a. Regular

RESOLVED: That, the *regular appointment* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 742 dated October 21, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Catherine Amber	Joseph Smajdor	Nicole Williams
Georgia Giogas	Carrie Dyet (Chg.)	Ayana Campagna
Michael Creighton (Chg.)	Ann Marie Sheehan (Chg.)	Joseph Leshinskie Jr.
Siany Kloss	Julia Notaro	Nagwa Ibrahim
Kimberly Denny	Takari Lang-Smith	Allison Janowski
Debbie Palermo	Darrell Hunter	

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XII. PERSONNEL-continued…

II. Service

A. Regular

2. Appointments

g. Reinstatement from Leave

RESOLVED: That, the *reinstatement from leave* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 742 dated October 21, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Frank Martinelli	Linda Evans	

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

XIV. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

a. Field trip requests through October 17, 2025.
b. 2025 Pre Legislative Session – ECASB.