SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF AMHERST AND TONAWANDA

BOARD OF EDUCATION

VOTING MEETING **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025**
6:30 PM

AGENDA

I. A. CALL TO ORDER

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLVED: That, the agenda set forth for the Board of Education voting meeting held Tuesday, November 18, 2025 is hereby adopted in its entirety.

III. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That, the reading of the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held Tuesday, October 21, 2025 be waived and are hereby adopted in their entirety.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Superintendent Update

Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, will give an update to the Board of Education at the voting meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 2025.

B. Items of Interest

•	November 17-21…	GL: Super Change Battle
•	November 17…	ATH: Winter Sports Begin
•	November 18…	DO: BOE Voting Meeting, 6:30 @ NVCC
•	November 19…	WR: Picture Re-Take Day DO: DEI Meeting, 4:15 – 6:15 pm @ NVCC Music: Concert Orch., Mixed Chorus, Symphonic Band, Jazz Ensemble, 7:30 pm @ HS
•	November 20…	GL: STEM Night, 6:00 pm
•	November 21-22…	Music: Sr. High Area All State @ Fredonia
•	November 21…	HH: Turkey Trot
•	November 24…	HS: Capital Project Town Hall, 6;30 pm @ HS Aud
•	November 25…	MM: Drop Everything and Lead
•	November 26-28…	Thanksgiving Recess, No School Grades Pr-K - 12
•	December 1…	HH: PTA Meeting, 5:00 pm DO: SHEF Meeting, 6:00 pm @ NVCC

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VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT-continued…

B. Items of Interest

•	December 2…	Music: Gold Orchestra, 6th Grade Orchestra & 8th Grade Orchestra, 7 pm @ MS Aud
•	December 3…	Music: Gold Band, 8th Grade Band, 7 pm @ MS Aud
•	December 4…	HS: Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3:00-6:00 pm MS: Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:00 – 7:55 pm GL: Roller Skating Party, 6:00 pm
•	December 5…	*Elementary Half Day, Grades Pre-K-5* DO: Dollars for Scholas Meat Raffle, 7:00 – 9:30 pm @ St. Leos

VII OPEN SESSION

VIII. 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 November 10, 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 November 10, 2025.

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VIII. NEW BUSINESS-continued…

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. Corrective Action Plan in Response to External Auditor's Report

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education approve the Corrective Action Plan in response to the External Auditor's Report as recommended by the District Audit Committee.

E. Sweet Home Girls Wrestling

RESOLVED: That, the Sweet Home Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, agrees to allow Amherst CSD students to participate as members of the Sweet Home Girls Wrestling team.

F. Acceptance of Donations

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accept the following donations for the Sweet Home Family Support Center:

- $250 Walmart gift card from the North Bailey Ladies Auxiliary
- $3,000 from Wellpoint Partnership plan, acting on behalf of Highmark of Western New York, to help establish an "Essentials Closet" to supply students with personal care products and essentials
- $500 donation for Track Team in memory of Stephen Eken
- $760 in Walmart gift cards from Mindful Healing Connections

G. Capital Project Vote – Policy 1611

1. Chief Election Inspector

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education appoint, Lyn Custodi, qualified voter in the district, to act as Chief Election Inspector at said school district's Capital Project Vote to be held at Sweet Home High School, Norman Vergils Community Center, 1901 Sweet Home Road, in the Town of Amherst, on Tuesday, December 16, 2025 from 7 am to 9 pm and to perform such duties and to take such action as prescribed by law.

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VIII. NEW BUSINESS-continued…

G. Capital Project Vote – Policy 1611

2. Inspectors of Election

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education appoint the following, each being a qualified voter in the district, to act as Inspectors of Election at said district Annual Vote per attached memo and to perform such duties and to take such action as prescribed by the Education Law:

- Patrick Conner
- Irving Fletcher
- Ida Pause
- Gloria Maciak

H. 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 4-11, 2026 (Leader - Jon Campolo)
- Boys Swim – Churchville-Chili CSD, January 16 – 17, 2026 (Leader – Patrick McNelis)

I. Emergency Transportation Contract

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accept the emergency transportation contract with Buffalo Transportation Inc. for the transportation of a student at $548 per day.

J. Official Bank Depositories

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the addition of Customers Bank as an official bank depository for the District.

IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

X. OPEN SESSION

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. 743 dated November 18, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Andrea Siwiec	David Graham	Frank LiCausi
James Marone		

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XI. PERSONNEL-continued…

I. Teaching and Administrative

A. Regular

2. Appointments

a. Tenure

RESOLVED: That, the *tenure appointment,* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 743 dated November 18, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Gina Nuchereno	Alyssa Braun	Mariya Barnum

b. Regular

RESOLVED: That, the *regular appointment,* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 743 dated November 18, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Lindsey Harrington		

c. Encumbered

RESOLVED: That, the *encumbered appointment,* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 743 dated November 18, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Jessica Gottschall	Hailey Heiss	

g. Leave of Absence

RESOLVED: That, the *leave of absence* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 743 dated November 18, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Tavis Baish	Dina Mann	Emma Mulcahy (Chg.)
Michael Prince	Lauren Hiller	

h. Reinstatement from leave

RESOLVED: That, the *reinstatement from leave* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 743 dated November 18, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Mariya Barnum	Tavis Baish	Diana Calandra
Leanne Fischer-Zlotek		

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XI. PERSONNEL-continued…

I. Teaching and Administrative

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. 743 dated November 18, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Lisa Schmitt	Victoria Wilkinson	Mary Picciotto
Liam Kelly		

b. Substitute teachers for 2025-2026 school year

RESOLVED: That, the *substitutes* in the TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 743 dated November 18, 2025 be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

c. Student teachers for 2025-2026 school year

RESOLVED: That, the *student teachers* in the TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 743 dated November 18, 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. 743 dated November 18, 2025 be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Kelly Corcoran	Christopher Monaco	

1. Interscholastic Activities, High School, (WINTER) 2025-2026

RESOLVED: That, the *interscholastic activities appointments, High School, Winter* in the TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 743 dated November 18, 2025 be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Alexis Ciehomski	Julia Jarvis	Kristen Noltee
Brandon Woods	Michael Licata	Zachary Garland
Andrew Murak	Christopher Monaco	Ajani Wall
Thomas Smith	James Russo	Kristy Neeson
Lisa Floreano	Joshua Montalbo	Timothy Cardinal
Patrick McNelis	Julia Connerton	Andrea Wodarczak
Morris Fried	Jayna Pawlak	Christopher Dabney
David Radlich	Donald Lilly	Sean Gray
Marc Freda	Bailey Crouse	Zachary Blask
Luke Papagallo	Kyle Tirone	Michael Licatta Sr.

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XI. PERSONNEL-continued…

II. Service

A. Regular

1. Discontinuance

a. Retirement

RESOLVED: That, the *retirement* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 743 dated November 18, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Carol Montanari	Sheryl Burke	

b. Resignation

RESOLVED: That, the *resignation* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 743 dated November 18, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Samantha Burgard	Frederick Fanaro	

c. Termination

RESOLVED: That, the *termination* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 743 dated November 18, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Stephen Fisher		

2. Appointments

a. Regular

RESOLVED: That, the *regular appointment* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 743 dated November 18, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Marygrace Garguilo	Angelina Bruno	Michael Korte
Collin Mach	Crystal Still	Nagwa Ibrahim (Chg.)
Mackenna Cowden	Emily Mrozek	

e. Transfer

RESOLVED: That, the *transfer* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 743 dated November 18, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

Lisa Jones		

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XI. PERSONNEL-continued…

II. Service

A. Regular

2. Appointments

f. Leave of Absence

RESOLVED: That, the *leave of absence* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 743 dated November 18, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

Debra Carlini	Lisa Schmitt	Victoria Wilkinson
Liam Kelly		

g. Reinstatement from Leave

RESOLVED: That, the *reinstatement from leave* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 743 dated November 18, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

Karen Mitsopoulos	Debra Carlini	Elizabeth Barbato

B. Substitutes

2. Per Diem Substitutes

RESOLVED: That, the per diem substitutes in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 743 dated November 18, 2025** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

XIII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

a. Field trip requests through November 14, 2025.
b. Claims Auditor's Report, September 2025.