

**SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026**

**APPROVED
BY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
FEBRUARY 10, 2026**

MINUTES

A meeting of the Sweet Home Board of Education was held on Thursday, January 22, 2026, in the Norman C. Vergils Community Center. President of the Board, Mr. Bellanti, called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

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

PRESENT: Peter Bellanti, Marianne Jasen, Scott M. Johnson, Dirk Rabenold, Brian Laible, Amy Battaglia

ABSENT: Danyelle Anthon

Upon motion made by Mr. Laible, seconded by Mr. Johnson, 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				

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

RESOLVED: That, the agenda set forth for the regular Board of Education meeting held Thursday, January 22, 2026 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 MEETING

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

RESOLVED: That, the reading of the minutes of the regular Board of Education meeting held Monday, December 15, 2025 be waived and are hereby adopted in their entirety.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	1
Carried	X				

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Johnson – The State of the State book came out today. It’s added to the informational items section of the Study Session.

Mrs. Jasen – I received a call from parents. When it’s cold outside, that are the parameters for closing? Dr. Ginestre stated that anywhere near the -20 real feel temperature is when we look to close. Mrs. Jasen mentioned that parents always have the choice to keep their children home.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**A. 24/25 Assessment Data Grades 3-8 Overview**

Toya Wilson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, and Principals, gave an update to the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, January 13, 2026.

B. Course Handbook Update

Joseph Lucenti, High School Principal, gave an update to the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, January 13, 2026.

C. Superintendent Update

Michael Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, gave an update to the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, January 13, 2026.

D. 24/25 Assessment Data Grades 3-8 by Building

Toya Wilson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, and Principals, gave an update to the Board of Education at the voting meeting on Thursday, January 22, 2026.

E. Superintendent Update

Michael Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, gave an update to the Board of Education at the voting meeting on Thursday, January 22, 2026.

OPEN SESSION - Agenda Topics (Policy 1510)

None

NEW BUSINESS

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

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 Dr. Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, dated January 5, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS-continued...**A. Special Education****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 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 Dr. Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, dated January 5, 2026.

and be it further...

B. Monthly Financial Reports-Policy 2140

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts 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 Activity Account Report as provided.

and be it further...

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.

and be it further...

D. Revised Policy – Policy 1410 – First 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 22, 2026 the Superintendent of Schools recommends 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 January 22, 2026 presentation.

NEW BUSINESS-continued...

D. Revised Policy – Policy 1410 – First Reading

a.	1220 – Board Members: Nomination and Election
b.	5413 – Procurement: Uniform Grant Guidance for Federal Awards
c.	5674 – Data Networks and Security Access
d.	5681 – School Safety Plans
e.	5685 – Maximum Temperature for School Buildings and Indoor Facilities
f.	5851 – Cybersecurity Incident Response
g.	7316 – Use of Internet-Enabled Devices During the School Day
h.	7513 – Medication and Personal Care Items
i.	7521 – Students with Life-Threatening Health Conditions
j.	7522 – Concussion Management

and be it further...

E. High School Course Planning Guide – Policy 8110

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Sweet Home High School Student Curriculum Handbook 2026-27.

and be it further...

F. Maplemere Temporary Classroom Lease Renewal

WHEREAS, during 2021, due to the number of students attending Maplemere Elementary School and the need for social distancing caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Sweet Home Central School District (the “District”) used Federal stimulus funding to lease and install a modular temporary classrooms building in a developed lawn area adjacent to Maplemere Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the lease of such modular temporary classrooms was previously extended for an additional two-year period, through and including October 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, due to unexpected enrollment increases, and following review of available alternatives, the District wishes to continue to use the modular classrooms building, including for intervention periods for students; and

WHEREAS, the District wishes to extend the lease of such modular temporary classrooms for an additional two-year period, through and including October 31, 2028; and

WHEREAS, the District will need to use general funds to pay for the lease and public approval will be needed to authorize such payment from general funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

NEW BUSINESS-continued...**F. Maplemere Temporary Classroom Lease Renewal**

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Sweet Home Central School District hereby determines that the extension of the existing lease agreement for modular temporary classrooms is in the District's best interests, including because the extension of the existing lease agreement provides the District with cost-effective flexibility to respond to current unexpected enrollment increases; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Sweet Home Central School District hereby approves, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Addendum, as presented, for the extension of the existing lease agreement for modular temporary classrooms between the District and Mobile Modular Management Corporation (which acquired Vesta Housing Solutions LLC, the signatory of the existing lease agreement with the District), which Addendum shall be subject to approval by the voters of the District, and which Addendum extends the lease agreement for a 24 month period (through and including October 31, 2028), at a cost of \$2,205 per month, for a total cost of \$52,920; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Sweet Home Central School District hereby authorizes and directs that the following proposition be placed before the voters of the District at the District's annual budget vote and Board election on May 19, 2026:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Sweet Home Central School District is hereby authorized to extend the existing lease agreement for modular temporary classrooms between the District and Mobile Modular Management Corporation, by Addendum as presented, for an additional two-year period from November 1, 2026 through and including October 31, 2028, at a cost of \$2,205 per month, for a total cost of \$52,920.

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District's Superintendent of Schools and District Clerk are hereby authorized to undertake all actions necessary to implement the intent and operation of this Resolution.

and be it further...

G. State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Resolution Regarding Sweet Home Central School District Modular Classrooms Building at Maplemere Elementary School

WHEREAS, during 2021, due to the number of students attending Maplemere Elementary School and the need for social distancing caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Sweet Home Central School District (the "District") used Federal stimulus funding to lease and install a modular temporary classrooms building in a developed lawn area adjacent to Maplemere Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the 28 +/- feet by 62 +/- feet modular building consists of two classrooms and had been expected to be used for no more than two academic years, beginning in September 2021; and

NEW BUSINESS-continued...**G. State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Resolution Regarding Sweet Home Central School District Modular Classrooms Building at Maplemere Elementary School**

WHEREAS, the acquisition and use of the modular classrooms building was undertaken with the oversight and approval of the New York State Education Department (“NYSED”); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with NYSED guidance and policy, the local school district / board of education is the appropriate agency to be the lead agency to review its actions under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations promulgated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (“NYSDEC”) (collectively SEQRA”); and

WHEREAS, the NYSDEC Environmental Mapper database for the project site and the criteria for determining whether the project will have a significant adverse impact on the environment as set forth in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. § 617.7(c) of the SEQRA regulations was considered in light of the proposed modular classrooms building, and no significant adverse impacts on the environment were identified; and

WHEREAS, moreover, Section 617.5 of the SEQRA regulations (6 NYCRR Part 617) provides that certain activities are Type II actions which are not subject to review under SEQRA and that such activities include routine activities of educational institutions, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area; and WHEREAS, for the District’s most recent capital project, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation determined that the Maplemere Elementary School is “not eligible” for inclusion in the State and National Register of Historic Places (the “Register”) and that the proposed work involved with that project at this site would have no impact upon cultural resources in or eligible for inclusion in the Register; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Education in 2021 as the lead agency for the SEQRA review of the proposed lease and installation of the 1,850 +/- square feet modular classrooms building in the developed lawn area adjacent to Maplemere Elementary School determined that the proposed lease and installation of the modular classrooms building which is less than 10,000 square feet is a Type II action which is not subject to review under SEQRA, and the proposed action on the developed Maplemere Elementary School campus would not result in significant adverse impacts on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the lease of such modular temporary classrooms was previously extended for an additional two-year period, through and including October 31, 2026; and WHEREAS, due to unexpected enrollment increases, and following review of available alternatives, the District wishes to continue to use the modular classrooms building including for intervention periods for students, through an Addendum to the existing lease agreement which will extend the lease for an additional two-year period through and including October 31, 2028; and

WHEREAS, the District that it will need to use general funds to pay for the lease and public approval will be needed to authorize such payment from general funds; and

WHEREAS, no additional installation or other site work is proposed regarding the modular classrooms building which has been in place for over 4 years, and the continued use of the building will be similar, and not more intensive, than the past and current use; and

NEW BUSINESS-continued...**G. State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Resolution Regarding Sweet Home Central School District Modular Classrooms Building at Maplemere Elementary School**

NOW, THEREFORE, BASED ON SUCH REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION,
BE IT RESOLVED by the Sweet Home Central School District Board of Education that:

1. The District's Board of Education remains the lead agency for the SEQRA review of the proposed updated lease of the modular classrooms building in the developed lawn area adjacent to Maplemere Elementary School.
2. The SEQRA determination made in 2021, and affirmed in 2024, that the then-proposed lease and installation of the modular classrooms building of less than 10,000 square feet is a Type II action which is not subject to review under SEQRA, and the proposed action on the developed Maplemere Elementary School campus, including the terms of the Addendum to extend the lease of the modular classrooms, will not result in significant adverse impacts on the environment is hereby again affirmed.
3. The Superintendent continues to be authorized to sign and file or have filed on behalf of the District all documents necessary to comply with SEQRA.
4. This resolution is effective immediately.

and be it further...

H. Amended District Safety Plan

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accept the revised Sweet Home District Safety Plan for the 2025-2026 school year to include Desha's Law as recommended.

and be it further...

I. Acceptance of Donations

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accept a donation of two (2) buckets of baseballs from Precious Holmes, Middle School Parent, with a total value of \$238.00.

and be it further...

J. Resolution to the Sweet Home Board of Education, Settlement of Legal Matters, January 22, 2026

Submitted by: Dr. Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent

WHEREAS, the Sweet Home Central School District and its legal counsel from Lippes Mathias LLP engaged in mediation on December 11, 2025 in an effort to resolve three civil actions filed pursuant to the Child Victims Act currently pending in New York State Supreme Court; and

NEW BUSINESS-continued...**J. Resolution to the Sweet Home Board of Education, Settlement of Legal Matters, January 22, 2026**

WHEREAS, the New York State Supreme Court's Index Numbers for the three pending cases are 810761/2021, 810987/2021, and 811174/2021; and

WHEREAS, the Parties were able to tentatively reach a settlement of these three cases pending approval of the Sweet Home Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent and legal counsel recommend the Board's approval of the settlements below in order to avoid the time, cost, and risk of further litigation in these matters; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and legal counsel, the Board authorizes expenditures up to the monetary amounts listed below to fully and finally settle these three pending legal actions:

- 810761/2021: \$75,000.00
- 810987/2021: \$1,500,000.00
- 811174/2021: \$350,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent and Board President are authorized to execute any documents necessary upon the recommendation of legal counsel to settle and dispose of these pending actions.

and be it further...

K. Budget Resolution

WHEREAS, the Sweet Home Central School District (the "District") has entered into three settlement agreements that have been approved by the Board of Education of the District (the "Board") in order to resolve certain lawsuits that have been brought against the District (the "Settlements"); and

WHEREAS, the District does not have available insurance coverage to contribute to the cost of the Settlements, and such Settlements must accordingly be paid from District funds; and

WHEREAS, the Settlements total \$2,000,000, and the District has determined that the cost of the Settlements will be financed through the issuance of serial bonds or other obligations of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District will pay the cost of such Settlements during the District's 2025-26 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the District must amend its 2025-26 budget to account for the payment of the cost of the Settlements;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

NEW BUSINESS-continued...**K. Budget Resolution**

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby finds and declares that the payment of the cost of the Settlements in the total amount of \$2,000,000 constitutes an unexpected ordinary contingent expense of the District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District's 2025-26 budget is hereby amended by increasing approved appropriations for the 2025-26 budget by \$2,000,000.

and be it further...

L. A Bond RESOLUTION, DATED January 22, 2026, of the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Sweet Home Central School District, Erie County, New York (the "District") authorizing the issuance of serial bonds or OTHER obligations of the District (UP TO A MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$2,000,000) TO FINANCE THE district's COST of CERTAIN approved LEGAL settlements, AND DELEGATING THE POWER TO ISSUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES (IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SALE OF SUCH OBLIGATIONS) TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

WHEREAS, the Sweet Home Central School District, Erie County, New York (the "District") has entered into settlement agreements that have been approved by the Board of Education of the District (the "Board") in order to resolve certain lawsuits that have been brought against the District (the "Settlements"); and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that \$2,000,000 of the Settlements will be financed through the issuance of serial bonds or other obligations of the District (the "Purpose"); and

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board (by a favorable vote of at least two-thirds of all of the members of the Board), as follows:

SECTION 1. The object or purpose to be financed pursuant to this resolution is the payment of the Purpose, as described above and as approved and authorized by the Board.

SECTION 2. The estimated maximum cost of such object or purpose is determined to be \$2,000,000. The plan for the financing thereof is by the issuance of serial bonds or other obligations of the District in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 (such issuance being hereby specifically authorized), with such amount to be offset and reduced by any federal, state, county and/or local funds that may be received by the District for the purpose of paying all or part of the Purpose. To the extent not paid from such other sources, the estimated maximum cost of the Purpose is to be paid by the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the District to pay the principal of such bonds or other obligations that are authorized hereby, and the interest thereon, as the same shall become due and payable.

SECTION 3. All funds in payment of the Purpose are hereby declared to be ordinary contingent expenses of the District.

NEW BUSINESS-continued...

- L. A Bond RESOLUTION, DATED January 22, 2026, of the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Sweet Home Central School District, Erie County, New York (the "District") authorizing the issuance of serial bonds or OTHER obligations of the District (UP TO A MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$2,000,000) TO FINANCE THE district's COST of CERTAIN approved LEGAL settlements, AND DELEGATING THE POWER TO ISSUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES (IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SALE OF SUCH OBLIGATIONS) TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD**

SECTION 4. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid object or purpose is thirty years, pursuant to subdivision 33(a)(1) of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

SECTION 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes and of Section 50.00, Sections 56.00

to 60.00, Section 62.00, Section 62.10, Section 63.00, and Section 164.00 of the Local Finance Law, the powers and duties of the Board pertaining or incidental to the sale and issuance of the obligations herein authorized, including but not limited to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and details as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of such bonds, and the renewals of such notes, are hereby delegated to the President of the Board, as the chief fiscal officer of the District. Without in any way limiting the scope of the foregoing delegation of powers, the President of the Board, to the extent permitted by Section 58.00(f) of the Local Finance Law, is hereby specifically authorized to accept bids submitted in electronic format for any bonds or notes of the District.

SECTION 6. The temporary use of available funds of the District, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were borrowed, raised or otherwise created, is hereby authorized pursuant to Section 165.10 of the Local Finance Law, for the purpose or purposes described in this resolution.

SECTION 7. This resolution shall constitute the declaration (or reaffirmation) of the District's "official intent" to reimburse the expenditures authorized in this resolution with the proceeds of the bonds, notes or other obligations authorized herein, as required by United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2.

SECTION 8. Each of the obligations authorized by this resolution, and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such obligations, shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and such obligations shall be general obligations of the District, payable as to both principal and interest by a general tax upon all the taxable real property within the District, without limitation as to rate or amount (subject to certain

statutory limitations imposed by Chapter 97 of the 2011 Laws of New York). The faith and credit of the District are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the District by appropriation for (1) the amortization and redemption of any such obligations to mature in such year and (2) the payment of interest on any such obligations to be due and payable in such year.

NEW BUSINESS-continued...

L. A Bond RESOLUTION, DATED January 22, 2026, of the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Sweet Home Central School District, Erie County, New York (the "District") authorizing the issuance of serial bonds or OTHER obligations of the District (UP TO A MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$2,000,000) TO FINANCE THE district's COST of CERTAIN approved LEGAL settlements, AND DELEGATING THE POWER TO ISSUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES (IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SALE OF SUCH OBLIGATIONS) TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

SECTION 9. The President of the Board is further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to ensure the continued status of the interest on the obligations authorized by this resolution, and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, as excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the

Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and may designate the obligations authorized by this resolution, and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" in accordance with Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

SECTION 10. The President of the Board is further authorized to enter into a continuing disclosure agreement with the initial purchaser of the obligations authorized hereunder (or any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such obligations), containing provisions that are satisfactory to such purchaser in compliance with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12, as promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

SECTION 11. The President of the Board is further authorized to call in and redeem any outstanding obligations (at such times and in such amounts and maturities as may be deemed appropriate after consultation with District officials and the District's municipal advisor), to approve any related notice of redemption, and to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to effectuate any such calls for redemption pursuant to Section 53.00 of the Local Finance Law, with the understanding that no such call for redemption will be made unless such notice of redemption shall have first been filed with the District Clerk.

SECTION 12. In the absence or unavailability of the President of the Board, the Vice President of the Board is hereby specifically authorized to exercise the powers delegated to the President of the Board in this resolution.

SECTION 13. The District Clerk is hereby authorized to publish this resolution, or a summary thereof, together with a notice in substantially the form provided by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law, in the District's official newspaper(s). The validity of the obligations authorized hereby, or of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such obligations, may be contested only if:

(1) (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the District is not authorized to expend money, or

(b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution (or a summary thereof) are not substantially complied with.

NEW BUSINESS-continued...

L. A Bond RESOLUTION, DATED January 22, 2026, of the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Sweet Home Central School District, Erie County, New York (the "District") authorizing the issuance of serial bonds or OTHER obligations of the District (UP TO A MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$2,000,000) TO FINANCE THE district's COST of CERTAIN approved LEGAL settlements, AND DELEGATING THE POWER TO ISSUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES (IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SALE OF SUCH OBLIGATIONS) TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within 20 days after the date of such publication; or

(2) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of New York.

SECTION 14. This bond resolution is effective immediately and shall be placed in the official minutes of the Board as an official action of the Board.

and be it further...

M. Suspension Appeal

WHEREAS, the Parent/Guardian on behalf of their child with #805466 timely filed an appeal with the Sweet Home Board of Education pursuant to Board Policy 7313 contesting the District's suspension determination; and

WHEREAS, the Board reviewed the record of suspension in executive session to maintain the confidentiality of this matter; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board denies the appeal. The Superintendent or his designee shall send notice of this decision to the Parent.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	1
Carried	X				

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

J. Coleman –From December through January, a lot of progress has been made for Student Government. After touching up on the last few key points of senior tiles with Mr. Lucenti, I put out the official signup sheet to the senior class, and we will be doing this project the week before the mid- winter break. I also finalized the virtual suggestion box, which is now up and available for any student to fill out and make a recommendation for Student Government to try to fulfill. Our vice president, Summer Mack, and I met with Dr. Luchey a few times these past few weeks, discussing our plans for a mental health seminar and a table we plan to do in March and also in May during Mental Health Awareness Month. Student Government has continued planning a winter pep rally, which we plan to have before February break, along with our spirit week calendar that same week before midterm and regents week. I worked with the Academic Student Life and DEI Committee to put together a black history month wall and some educational videos, which will be displayed throughout February. Summer and I attended the Sustainability Wellness Food and Nutrition committees meeting last week, and they're working on a mini rose sale for Valentine's Day the week before break, as well as working to provide higher- quality feminine hygiene products in the bathrooms. Lastly, the Technology Committee

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS-continued...

continues to work on improved apps and tech-related things that are accessible to students.

M. Jansen - Scott and I attended the meeting with the construction people and what their vision was, and it just amazed me that they're so well organized. They are just top class. They brought up things that I would never ever think of, and it was great to hear the teacher's input. I attended the Maplemere PTA meeting. We talked about some successes, like the holiday gift shop. For the next meeting, could you show us that film from the young boy, Nico? A young boy actually designed one of the hats that Josh Allen was wearing, and it was inspirational. I just had a request for a presentation. I noticed the food pyramid has changed. I'd like to have a presentation on it, if that's going to affect our kids.

S. Johnson - I've had two DEI meetings since our previous board meeting. One of them happened to be yesterday. They had sent out a Thought Exchange with some questions about some of the things we're working on there. I have to say the responses from the students were very interesting, and it's just a lot of great input coming back to us. What I was happy to see, and I suspect that Dr. Wilson and Jaevon saw the same thing, was that the kids really want to be challenged. We had a second meeting yesterday (Maplemere Focus Group). We went through a lot of great information. We held it at Maplemere, so the teachers were in person this time to get a chance to look at it, and they could walk around and explain things on the plans as we went along. Our architects put together some really good options and a lot of good discussion as to where we're going with the next step. I know Mr. Ryan was going to be talking with the rest of his staff at his next staff meeting.

D. Feldmann - The architect team from Young and Wright will also do something similar. They're going to be at our next Athletic Use Committee meeting, which is March 10th, I believe. If you remember the way that we staged the project, the Maplemere additions kind of go off first, but right behind it are some of the work back here in the athletic fields. They'll do a similar process with our user group on the Athletic Use Committee to kind of get their sense as to what they'd like to see back there and to kind of build and work on that design piece of it for that area as well.

S. Johnson - I attended the High School PTSA meeting virtually, and it was a small turnout and probably one of their fastest meetings. It was done in 20 minutes. They're working on their stuff for Dollars For Scholars scholarships that they give out every year. They still want to give out four of them at \$1,200 a piece. They're going to be at the craft show doing a basket raffle, and they currently have 114 members, and they were doing a blood drive. Lastly, I listened to the governor's State of the State. I provided some information on that last week that related to schools.

A. Battaglia - Nothing for tonight.

D. Rabenold - I was unable to attend the Heritage Heights PTA meeting that just kind of slipped through my calendar of doctors in the last couple of weeks. I'm going to the NSBA Advocacy Institute, so I'll be missing some activity. I had given Dr. Ginestre a list of things we're going to campaign for, and just generally, the issues are very well researched, tied to House bills, and maybe Senate bills, depending on the issue. Again, as you know, there's a lot of stuff going on in DC with these issues and the funding of schools, but generally, it's fully funded and modernized. IDA again has many similar things in the line here, expanding, strengthening, and retaining educator workforce teachers, and prioritizing student health safety. Good thing we got someone in the audience promoting digital access and digital literacy. I think where Dr. Ginestre can help me the most is the ESCA type numbers, Title I type stuff. I again have specifics for our school districts. That was a good part of the conversation with the congressman.

B. Laible - First I'd just like to thank Dr. Ginestre for outlining some of the things you look at for a snow day, because as a Board Member, I do get a lot of questions from family. I've gotten three text messages tonight. Are we having a snow day tomorrow? So, I appreciate that. I attended uh the PTSA meeting for the Middle School. I also attended the Policy Committee meeting, where we had the readings. The other piece, which I wanted to discuss briefly, is the Athletic Council. That group is looking at prioritizing the facilities that make the most sense. We have a lot of athletics here and a lot of different programs, and there's a lot of interest

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from different groups as to what the fields would look like, and again, prioritizing. So that's the important work of that committee, and also getting feedback from other stakeholder groups. The other piece in that meeting that I think is equally important is just talking about the importance of our student athletes and understanding that they are leaders within and they are representing Sweet Home, and in developing and looking at how can we continue to increase the expectations and the standards that we have for them and not only them, but coaches, and have a competitive and strong athletic program. I think we have a really good program, but we can always continue to work on getting better and improving. In particular, the younger students in grade school and middle school. How do we work to help the younger kids be excited and ready to engage in those programs as they get into the higher grades? I think that's very important in productive work. I know when I look back at my high school years, the academics were important, but if I could do it again, I'd probably play another sport or two because that really does stick with you in many ways, more than sometimes some of the classes. Obviously, academics are important, but you learn a lot of really good lessons through athletics. I think we all know that. Not only athletics, but also the other extra programs we have in music, art, and whatnot. I'm glad to see that's something the committees continue to focus on as well.

P. Bellanti- I had the Willow Ridge PTO meeting on the first day back, which was the 3rd, I believe. They're looking to plan for the remainder of the year. They want to set up a fifth-grade committee for end of the year events for the fifth graders. They had four new staff members and two returning staff members over the last couple of weeks, so that is good for them. They're looking at their winter benchmarks and a couple of things coming up. They have a science night on February 27th, and then they are looking for coaches for Girls on the Run 8-week program for third to fifth-grade young ladies. I also attended the athletic council meeting. We do have that meeting with Young and Wright on the 10th. We're looking at everything from the color of the turf to what the dugout should look like, batting cages, pitching mounds, and then possibly if we have to rotate because of the direction of the sun. Again, it is a lot of things that we need to work on and talk to Young and Wright about. As to Brian's point, the culture of our Sweet Home sports, coaches, and athletics, and what it means to the community, and everything.

OPEN SESSION (Policy 1510)

None

PERSONNEL

Upon motion made by Mr. Laible, seconded by Mr. Johnson, 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. 745 dated January 22, 2026** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Jeffery Thomas	Collin Reid	Marc Freda
Karen Young	Dawn Kauderer-Kromer	Kevin Schleicher
Kirsten Baetzhold		

PERSONNEL-continued...

I. Teaching and Administrative

A. Regular

2. Appointments

b. Regular

RESOLVED: That the *teaching appointment*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 745 dated January 22, 2026**, be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Marissa Henesey	Janinna Farragher	
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d. Mentor

RESOLVED: That, *mentor*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 745 dated January 22, 2026** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Kimberly Gugino (chg.)		
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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. 745 dated January 22, 2026** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Jessica Greco	Kevin Schleicher	Kimberly Marianos
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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. 745 dated January 22, 2026** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Ashley Bell	Gabrielle Carrier	Dina Mann
Elif Weiser	Jacqueline Stablewski	Mary Rao
Lisa Brzeczowski	Kristina Pinkowski	Christopher Phillip

j. Co-Curricular Activities

j. Co-Curricular Activities, Music, 2025-2026 school year

RESOLVED: That, the *co-curricular activities, Music*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 745 dated January 22, 2026** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Jessica Gottschall		
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PERSONNEL-continued...

I. Teaching and Administrative

A. Regular

2. Appointments

j. Co-Curricular Activities

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

RESOLVED: That, the *co-curricular activities, High School*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 745 dated January 22, 2026** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Richard Cicero		
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j. Co-Curricular Activities, Middle School, 2025-2026 school year

RESOLVED: That, the *co-curricular activities, Middle School*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 745 dated January 22, 2026** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Anna Stang (chg.)	Kelly Gravel	Samantha Carol Grawe (chg.)
Diana Hyland		

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. 745 dated January 22, 2026** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Devon Perri	Daniel White	Alex Gauld
Victoria Wilkinson	Ryan Palmer	

b. Substitute teachers for 2025-2026 school year

RESOLVED: That, the *substitutes* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 745 dated January 22, 2026**, 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. 745 dated January 22, 2026** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

PERSONNEL-continued...

II. Service

A. Regular

1. Discontinuance

a. Retirement

RESOLVED: That, the *retirement* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 745 dated January 22, 2026** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Gary Cox	Debbie Opala (chg.)	Kathryn Martinez
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b. Resignation

RESOLVED: That, the *resignation* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 745 dated January 22, 2026** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Leon Higbee	Joseph Smajdor	Roda Ndayikunda
Kaylee Holderrieth	Siany Kloss	Amy Reinhart
Allison Janowski	Anuska Watson	

2. Appointment

a. Regular

RESOLVED: That, the *appointment* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 745 dated January 22, 2026** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Felicia Kirkland	Kaylee Holderrieth	Siany Kloss
Amoni McKithen	Christopher Dabney	Denzel Taylor

e. Transfer

RESOLVED: That, the *transfer* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 745 dated January 22, 2026** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Lisa Cebulski	Christine Donaldson	Susan Perras
Amanda Reed	Adam Rehard	

f. Leave of Absence

RESOLVED: That, the *leave of absence* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 745 dated January 22, 2026** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Debbie Opala	Ariel Carlino	Elisabetta Antonacci
Julia McLean		

PERSONNEL-continued...

II. Service

A. Regular

2. Appointment

g. Reinstatement from Leave

RESOLVED: That, the *reinstatement from leave* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 745 dated January 22, 2026** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Lisa Schmitt	Victoria Wilkinson	Anjum Qadri
Debbie Opala	Angela Dispenza	

h. Salary Adjustment/Confidential Employee Agreements

RESOLVED: That, the *salary adjustment & confidential employee agreements* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 745 dated January 22, 2026** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Amy Reinhart		
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B. Substitutes

2. Per Diem Substitutes

RESOLVED: That, the per diem substitutes in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 745 dated January 22, 2026** 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				

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Mr. Laible, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the meeting was adjourned to executive session at 7:49 pm for matters related to the employment history of a particular individual.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	1
Carried	X				

Upon motion made by Mr. Laible, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the following resolution was offered to come out of executive session at 8:11 pm. Action was taken during executive session.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

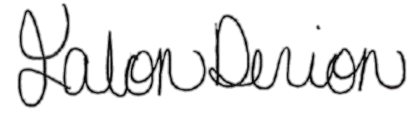
Yes	6	No	0	Absent	1
Carried	X				

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Mr. Laible, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 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