SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026

APPROVED
BY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
APRIL 21, 2026

MINUTES

A meeting of the Sweet Home Board of Education was held on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, in the Norman C. Vergils Community Center. President of the Board, Mr. Bellanti, called the meeting to order at 6:03 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, Danyelle Anthon (virtually attended executive session only)

ABSENT:

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	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
Upon motion made by Mr. Laible, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the meeting was adjourned to executive session at 6:05 pm for matters related to contract negotiations.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

Upon motion made by Mr. Laible, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the following resolution was offered to come out of executive session at 6:46 pm. Action was not taken during the executive session.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
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 Tuesday, March 17, 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 minutes of the voting meetings held on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, and Wednesday, February 25, 2026, 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

1. Call for Nominations – BOCES Election from Nancy Potter.
2. A nomination letter from Janet MacGregor Plarr
3. A nomination letter from John Sherman

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. SkillsUSA Regional First Place Winner

Michael Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, and the Board of Education recognized Gavin Flatau at the study session on Tuesday, March 10, 2026.

B. Hero Spotlight

Michael Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, and the Board of Education recognized Susan Perras and Elizabeth Barbato at the study session on Tuesday, March 10, 2026.

C. 26/27 Budget Update

Donald Feldmann, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Plant Services, gave an update to the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, March 10, 2026.

D. Superintendent Update

Michael Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, gave an update to the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, March 10, 2026.

E. Athlete Spotlight

Michael Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, and the Board of Education recognized Sofia Guadagna and Coach Brandon Woods at the voting meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2026.

F. Superintendent Update

Michael Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, gave an update to the Board of Education at the voting meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2026.

OPEN SESSION: AGENDA TOPICS – Policy 1510

1. James Ryan, Maplemere Elementary Principal - Thank you to all those who came out and supported Angie's celebration of life this past Tuesday. I ask the District and the Board to consider memorializing Angie's contribution to the district, not only at our building, but also at the middle school. When we do have our new wing, we think there should be something there that recognizes her contributions not only in our building, but all throughout the district. She was certainly one of the

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most talented educators, but I would also probably say that, having the pleasure of working in three different schools in this district, she is easily one of the most impressive human beings that I've ever had the opportunity to work with and know. So again, thank you so much for your support and your consideration in the future. Thank you.

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, and L.

A. Rules for Use of Optical Scan Voting Machines

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the Board of Education of the Sweet Home Central School District the following rules were adopted:

Rules for use of Optical Scan Voting Machines and the Submission of Questions or Propositions to be Placed Thereon:

1. The form of ballot and the voting procedure shall conform substantially with the operational requirements of the optical scan voting machines to be used by the District, and with any requirements prescribed by the Election Law of the State of New York for use of optical scan voting machines applicable to school districts.
2. The optical scan voting machines shall be those supplied by the Erie County Board of Elections, but if voting machines are not available from that source, voting machines may be obtained from some other source satisfactory to the Board of Education.
3. For each optical scan voting machine used, two (2) qualified voters of the District shall be appointed by the Board of Education to act as Election Inspectors.
4. The Board of Education shall pay all expenses necessary or incidental to the use or rental, as the case may be, of optical scan voting machines, including but not limited to the operation, calibration, maintenance and securing thereof and the training of the Election Inspectors in the use thereof.
5. Immediately before any optical scan voting machine is used at meetings, elections or votes, annual, special or however otherwise denominated or designated, the Election Inspectors shall examine and calibrate it and see that the machine is, in all respects, in proper condition for use. The Election Inspectors shall also ensure that the configuration of the voting area provides for voter privacy.
6. Each optical scan voting machine shall remain locked against voting, and the paper ballots cast through the optical scan voting machine shall be secured and retained, for the period of thirty days following the meeting, election or vote at which same has been used and as much longer as may be necessary or advisable because of existing or threatened contest over the result of the meeting, election or vote, except as otherwise provided by the Education Law of the State of New York.
7. Any proposition to be voted upon, when presented other than by the Board of Education, must be set forth in such manner as to conform to the requirements of the Education Law of the State of New York, and must be presented in a petition bearing the signatures of twenty-five (25) qualified voters, or 5% of the number of qualified voters voting in the previous annual vote - whichever is greater, of the School District (except where the number of signatures is specified in said Education Law in which case the provisions of the Education Law shall apply) and filed with the Board of Education not less than sixty (60) days before the meeting, election or vote, unless otherwise prescribed by law.

NEW BUSINESS-continued…

A. Rules for Use of Optical Scan Voting Machines

8. Any question or proposition to be presented by the Board of Education must be set forth in a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Board not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting, election or vote, except as to a question or proposition required by law to be stated in the published notice of the meeting, election or vote, in which event such resolution must be adopted at a meeting of the Board not less than fifty (50) days before the meeting, election or vote, except that the fifty (50) day time limitation shall not apply to a special meetings called under the provisions of Section 2007 subdivision 3, paragraph a. of the Education Law of the State of New York.

9. In the event that any question or proposition to be voted upon is too lengthy to be placed upon the ballot to be used in conjunction with the optical scan voting machines, an abstract of such question or proposition shall be placed thereon in such form as may be prescribed by the Board of Education of the District, concisely stating the purpose and effect and setting forth and indicating generally and briefly the subject matter of the question or proposition. Wherever the question is excessively lengthy as above described, a sufficient number of copies thereof shall be available at the voting place in order that each voter may be furnished with a copy thereof before voting.

10. Except as may be otherwise required by law, the District Clerk shall have sole discretion in determining when optical scan voting machines shall be used. Paper ballots may be used if so determined by the District Clerk, including under circumstances where optical scan voting machines are unavailable or not operational, in which case the use of paper ballots shall be consistent with applicable legal requirements, as well as consistent with these Rules to the extent practicable as determined by the District Clerk.

and be it further…

B. Annual Public Hearing and District Vote – Policy 1610

RESOLVED: THAT NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING AND DISTRICT VOTE OF THE SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AMHERST AND TONAWANDA, NEW YORK, BE GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual meeting and election of the Sweet Home Central School District, Erie County, New York, will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 from 7:00 am (EDST) to 9:00 pm (EDST) at the Norman Vergils Community Center, located at the north end of the high school behind the District Office for the purpose of electing one member of the Board of Education, voting on the budget of the District for the 2026-27 fiscal year, and voting on any other proposition(s) authorized by law and the rules of the Board to be voted on at such time.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the election of members of the Board shall be held to fill one (1) at-large position on the Board. The candidates receiving the highest vote totals shall be elected to a five-year term (commencing July 1, 2026 and ending on June 30, 2031.)

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that voting at the Annual Vote shall consist of the Board election, voting on the following propositions, and voting on any other propositions authorized by law and the rules of the Board to be voted on at such time:

NEW BUSINESS-continued…

B. Annual Public Hearing and District Vote – Policy 1610

PROPOSITION NO. 1 (2026-27 BUDGET)

RESOLVED, that the basic budget for the Sweet Home Central School District of Amherst and Tonawanda ("the District") for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, as presented by the Board of Education, is hereby approved and adopted, and the required funds therefor are hereby appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property in the District to be levied and collected as required by law.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that applications for absentee ballots may be obtained from the Office of the School District Clerk, 1901 Sweet Home Road, Amherst, New York, or on the District website at www.sweethomeschools.org. A list of persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available in the Office of the School District Clerk on each of the five days prior to the election during regular office hours Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Completed applications for absentee ballots must be received by the School District Clerk's Office on or before May 12, 2026 if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter for completion. Applications may be filed on or before May 18, 2026 if the absentee ballot is to be picked up by the voter at the District Clerk's Office. Completed absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the vote.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that military voters who are qualified voters of the School District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk or via the District website, www.sweethomeschools.org. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application no later than 4:00 pm on April 23, 2026. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the District between the hours of 8:00 a.m. (EDST) and 5:00 p.m. (EDST) no later than Monday, April 20, 2026. Each petition shall be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District, or 2% of the number of qualified voters voting in the 2025 annual vote - whichever is greater, and shall state the name and residence of the candidate, and shall state the residence of each signer.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that optical scan voting machines will be used to record the votes on the Board election, the budget, and the other proposition(s) presented, pursuant to the District's Rules for the Use of Voting Machines and the Submission of Questions of Propositions to be Placed Thereon. Printed copies of the Rules are available at the Office of the District Clerk located at 1901 Sweet Home Road, Amherst, New York.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that copies of the Budget for the school year 2026 – 2027 will be available to any taxpayer of the District from May 5, 2026, until and including the date of the election, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, at any school of the district between the hours of 8:00 a.m. (EDST) and 3:30 p.m. (EDST).

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the Board of Education meetings in May will be held on May 5, 2026 and May 12, 2026.

For publication during the weeks of: April 2, 2026, April 16, 2026, April 30, 2026, and May 14, 2026.

and be it further…

NEW BUSINESS-continued…

C. 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 March 2, 2026.

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 March 2, 2026.

and be it further…

D. 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-Classroom Activity Report as provided.

and be it further…

E. 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…

NEW BUSINESS-continued…

F. Bids – Policy 5410

1. Commercial Printing Envelopes and Forms, Specialty Paper & Other

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, award the commercial printing envelopes and forms bid #2026-27-14 to the following vendors at the unit price offered per item specified for a total bid of **$14,353.09.**

Concept Print	$398.00
Indiana Printing & Publishing Co.	$738.29
Orffeo Printing	$12,423.00
Quill	$67.80
Ridgewood Press	$726.00
Total	**$14,353.09**

2. Commercial Printing School Calendar

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education award the commercial printing school calendar bid #2026-27-13 to **Orffeo Printing & Imaging** in the amount of **$4,642.00.**

3. Commercial Printing – Sweet Home Source Magazine

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education award the commercial printing "Sweet Home Source Magazine bid #2026-27-15 to **Orffeo Printing & Imaging** for a total bid of **$15,470.00.**

and be it further…

G. Capital Improvement Project Phase 1 – Hazardous Materials Survey and Testing

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education award the Hazardous Materials Survey and Testing RFP to **Stohl Environmental** with a total cost of **$5,085.00** for Phase 1 of the Capital Improvement Project.

and be it further…

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:

Hungen, Germany, August 17-31, 2026 (Leader – Daniel Murphy)

and be it further…

I. Revised Policy – Policy 1410 – Second 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."

and be it further…

NEW BUSINESS-continued…

I. Revised Policy – Policy 1410 – Second Reading

At the regular Board of Education meeting held on February 10, 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 February 10, 2026 presentation.

a.	**3311 – Notification of Disclosure of Employee Disciplinary Records**
b.	**5850 – Data Networks and Security Access**

and be it further…

J. Contract for iPads/Laptops with Apple Inc. (Lease)

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education of the Sweet Home Central School District hereby agrees to enter into the attached contract with the Apple Inc. for a four-year period to authorize Apple Inc. to furnish certain computer services to the District pursuant to Education Law 1950 (4) (JJ) for an amount not to exceed $812,385.00 and authorizes 4 annual payments to be made to Apple Inc. in the amount not to exceed $203,096.25 per year.

Be it further RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Sweet Home Central School District hereby authorizes the Board President to execute on behalf of the district.

and be it further…

K. Designees for Impartial Hearing Officer Appointment

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to appoint impartial hearing officers as needed; and in the event the Board President is unavailable, the Vice President is authorized to make such appointments.

and be it further…

L. **BOCES/Dexter/Sweet Home Contract**

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the lease with Erie 1 BOCES for the rental of space in the Dexter Terrace School Building for the 2026 ESY program, beginning July 1, 2026, per the terms outlined in the attached lease agreement.

Be it further RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Sweet Home Central School District hereby authorizes the Board President to execute on behalf of the district.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	1
Carried	X				

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

J. Coleman: With March being Women's History Month, Summer and I put together a wall in front of the senior lounge titled, "Who Runs the World? Girls", a play on Beyoncé's song. There are multiple influential women of all races, with a quote from them listed about the power and strength women possess. The SpongeBob musical was last week. The cast has been rehearsing since November, and it was a great show to see. We actually have four members in Student Government who performed. They all did a great job. Since about January, select seniors and juniors, with many being involved in student government, have been going to the middle school twice a month for the peer mentoring program. We have lunch with some students from each grade and play games, discuss goals, and check up on their progress. I feel it's very beneficial for middle school students to have someone older to talk to and guide them toward the right direction for their education. It's also been great for us to see improvements some students are making already and how they're destined to do better. The next time we'll be over there is actually Thursday the 19th. Last week, members of the Student ACT Committee went over to Daemen College for the regional Challenge 2 Change event hosted there, along with other schools. I was there this year and last year, and it's overall a very fun event, collaborating with students across different districts, making art, music, having discussions, and more. An update for the Technology Committee has been working on the Raptor passes, trying to remove student IDs from them. They will be removed next year. Spring sports started yesterday, and we plan to have our pep rally on April 2nd. The pep rally will recognize the athletic and academic accomplishments of our classmates, and we plan to highlight winter and spring sports and the Leader in Me habits of mind through games and activities. Summer and I are still meeting with Dr. Luchey, Mr. Lou, and Mrs. Bruce. We actually just met last week, putting together planning and finalizing our plans for mental health awareness. We're looking to do a town hall assembly in April. For Mental Health Awareness Month in May, we'll plan to have tables set up during lunch periods featuring some local mental health resources. We thought this time would be great because kids are studying for AP exams, taking their SATs, and prepping for exams in general. It would be good to talk to someone about mental health and how to get through it. Lastly, members of Student Government have the opportunity to attend Maplemere Elementary on Friday, June 22nd for their leadership day celebrations. We have the opportunity to assist with the day's activity, and we are grateful for the invitation and are excited to be there. Thank you.

M. Jasen: I attended the MM PTA meeting. Mr. Ryan talked a little bit about Angie Commisso, and it was a nice tribute to her. They're getting ready for their leadership day on May 22nd. It's titled, "Under the Sea," and they had an inquiry from Albion Central who's going to come down and just see what the whole process of leadership day is. The word's getting out amongst other districts about what we're doing. They talked a little bit about next year, trying to add to volunteers, and what they can do to showcase what volunteers do and how you can get on board. Then they had a basket raffle dance night. Very well attended. I got five baskets, and it wasn't fixed. The cutest thing was just watching the dads dancing with their daughters in the gym. It was just it's just so cute to see the dads and kids together. It was just a really good night. Very well attended.

S. Johnson: I had the District Safety, our DEI (which is also meeting again tomorrow), the Alumni Committee, and SHEF meetings. We talked about it last week but I went to the celebration of life for Angie Commisso. I had a special meeting for the alumni to look at the wall of fame applications and pick the people who will be put on the wall this year. I visited Glendale last week, and I went in early to spend an hour each in two of the teachers' classrooms. I started with Joelle VanDewater with the Pre-K classroom, and then I moved down the hall to Jessica Wander's kindergarten classroom. I got to spend time with them, talk with the kids, work with the kids on a few things, and then after that Dr. Ginestre and Danyelle Anthon joined me, and we took a tour of the school and talked to a lot of the staff. It was a great use of our time.

A. Battaglia: Just two quick notes for me. I was able to pop over to the Challenge 2 Change at Daemen. I didn't realize they were at Daemen until late in the day and got soaked on my way over there, but I was happy to pop in. Thank you for letting me know, Dr. Wilson, that you guys were there. I filled in for Peter at the Willow Ridge PTO. I left my notes at home, but from memory, I will try. They're in very good financial shape right now.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS-continued…

They're getting ready for board member elections that are coming up. They had some students there from their leadership team who did a presentation. They were so cute. They did a presentation requesting funds to help them put on their leadership day. They did a really great job. They were going to talk about that amongst themselves in terms of the PTA. The Northtown Community Center was there. They have so many great programs. They're just trying to get the word out. They're meeting with all the different PTAs and just really talking it up. Their next meeting is not until May, so, Peter, you're good for next month. It was a great meeting.

D. Rabenold: I was able to attend the Heritage Heights PTA meeting a week or so ago. A lot of the meeting focused on parents in the classroom, and that led to, for me at least, an understanding of what the BLT and the PLT have to do with any of that and the kind of relationships between the PTA and those other groups. So again, that took up a good hour worth of conversation. I think we ended up with what is the policy, and we'll adhere to the policy, and if there are some exceptions, that should go back through the building principal, and again, he participated in that and wants to have a follow-up conversation with me. A good part of the meeting was centered around their multicultural night and the many things they've got planned which is beyond just food and drinks and various people coming in and discussing their cultures, and so I was very happy to hear that. It seems like that's moving in a direction I'd like to see it, and I was able to also help support that myself. So anyway, that's all I have, unless you haven't seen my famous picture in the On Board newspaper from my trip to Washington, DC. It's in the back of the On Board publication from last month. I'll pass it around if you'd like to see it. Although I think my travel stipend might be in danger next year. Would you mind if I just add a little bit about David Lowry and what he's done with his programming? I think he's done a terrific job, and I think why the costs have been kept in check is because he's able to go out and get some of the sponsorship we may not have been able to get in the past. So, thank you for that. I had a little bit of hesitation earlier because I don't appreciate the fact that this (personnel addition) was given to us at the last minute, and I did have a little discussion with Michael. So, we see eye to eye on that. I also wanted to understand a little bit more about the candidate and her new position, her strengths, and her ability to push back on some of the junk that comes out of Albany and State Ed. I'm pretty satisfied with that. So, I think I can move on and vote in the affirmative here.

B. Laible: I attended the finance committee for the Erie County Association of School Boards, where David (Lowrey)was there, and we reviewed the budget. I think the one thing I want to mention to the Board here is that it's been 12 years now without an increase in dues. Kudos to Dave and his team for being able to put on such great programming and maintaining the cost. We know how things have gone up, and so they've done a real good job of being efficient, and being able to maintain, and have such good programming. I did attend the High School Musical. I was not overly familiar with SpongeBob, but I have a new appreciation for the cartoon and I was really impressed with the students, the music, all that. It was just outstanding. I thought the theme really was a good one as well, and it was a very positive story of working together and kind of fitting in with some of the ideas of diversity and inclusion in that. I also attended the athletic committee meeting this month. We began initial discussion and looked at plans for the baseball and softball fields at very early stages. What's impressive about that is we had coaches and members of that committee that are providing feedback that is very practical, down to things like foul balls and where they get hit and netting and those kinds of things, so that the architects can put together an initial draft of some renderings and that. So, I think it was a good first start for that committee. And again, this just focused on softball and baseball. Obviously, there are other fields that we'll be looking at down the road and ultimately come to the board for review and discussion.

P. Bellanti: I attended the Athletic Council meeting as well. Brian pretty much summed it all up. I did attend the play on Sunday afternoon. It's always fun to watch when, you know, you have kids in high school and watch their friends perform. So, very brave souls up there in front of everybody.

OPEN SESSION – Policy 1510

1. Jonathan Makeley, Durham Drive. I would like to speak regarding the matters related to the budgeting process. This year is a challenging year for budgeting and trying to make the numbers work. I hope that as this is being worked on, we continue to focus on the importance of prioritizing and meeting the needs of students, as well as providing key programming and maintaining good support for the teachers and staff at our schools. Thank you.

PERSONNEL

Upon motion made by Mr. Laible, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the following resolution was offered for consent agenda on personnel items (I. Teaching and Administrative, A. Regular), a through h, and j.

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.747 dated March 17, 2026** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Katherine Van Volkenburg		

b. Resignation

RESOLVED: That, the *resignation,* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO.747 dated March 17, 2026** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Luna Yager		

2. Appointments

c. Encumbered

RESOLVED: That, the *encumbered,* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO.747 dated March 17, 2026** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Daniel White	Bennett Granieri	

g. Leave of Absence

RESOLVED: That, the *leave of absence* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO.747 dated March 17, 2026** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Jeanne Hocieniec-Gentile	Lisa Brzeczkowski	Tavis Baish
Cindy Biersbach	Jennifer DePasquale	Kassandra Griffin
Kathleen May		

PERSONNEL-continued…

I. Teaching and Administrative

A. Regular

2. Appointments

h. Reinstatement from leave

RESOLVED: That, the *reinstatement from leave* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO.747 dated March 17, 2026** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Sarah Wright		

j. Co-curricular Activities

Co-curricular Activities – High School

RESOLVED: That, the *co-curricular activities* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 747 dated March 17, 2026** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Zachary Garland (chg.)		

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 for consent agenda on personnel items (I. Teaching and Administrative, A Regular), i.

I. Teaching and Administrative

A. Regular

2. Appointments

i. Salary Adjustment

(1) Administrative

(b) RESOLVED: That, the Superintendent of the Sweet Home Central School District be and hereby is authorized to enter into the revised Employment Agreements for the 2026-27 school year with the following:

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction – Kathryn Barillari

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	1
Carried	X				

PERSONNEL-continued…

Upon motion made by Mr. Laible, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the following resolution was offered for consent agenda on personnel items: (I. Teaching and Administrative) B. Substitutes, and C. Interscholastic.

I. Teaching and Administrative

B. Substitutes

2. Appointment

a. Long Term Substitutes

RESOLVED: That, the *long term substitutes* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO.747 dated March 17, 2026** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Jennifer Bennett	Jade Shipkosky	Samantha Crane
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. 747 dated March 17, 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. 747 dated March 17, 2026** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

C. Interscholastic Activities

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

RESOLVED: That, the *interscholastic activities appointments, High School, Spring* **in the TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO.747 dated March 17, 2026** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Luke Rehbaum (Remove)	Luke Rehbaum	Jeremy Murphy (Remove)
Jeremy Murphy		

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 for consent agenda on personnel item II.

II. Service

A. Regular

1. Discontinuance

b. Resignation

RESOLVED: That, the *resignation* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO.747 dated March 17, 2026** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Gregory Nowakowski	Charles Lyons	Julia McLean
Darrell Hunter		

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II. Service

A. Regular

2. Appointments

a. Regular

RESOLVED: That, the *regular appointment* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO.747 dated March 17, 2026** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Dana Gregory	Precious Scott	Charlene Buczynski
Emma Coburn	Tessa Davidson	Alexis Swanson
Barachel Brown	Lisa Noe	Tyler Avery
David Greco Jr.	Darrell Hunter	

e. Transfer

RESOLVED: That, the *transfer* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO.747 dated March 17, 2026** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Estella Slaughter		

f. Leave of Absence

RESOLVED: That, the *leave of absence* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO.747 dated March 17, 2026** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Sandyanne Hoestermann	Lisa Maurin	Lauren Webber

g. Reinstatement from Leave

RESOLVED: That, the *reinstatement from leave* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO.747 dated March 17, 2026** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Elisabetta Antonacci	Donna Daniele	Julia McLean
Sandyanne Hoestermann		

B. Substitutes

2. Per Diem Substitutes

RESOLVED: That, the *per diem substitutes* **in the SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 747 dated March 17, 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				

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Mr. Laible, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 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