



SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF AMHERST AND TONAWANDA

BOARD OF EDUCATION

STUDY SESSION

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026
6:30 PM

A G E N D A

I. A. CALL TO ORDER

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

II. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

III. BUDGET HEARING & MEET THE CANDIDATES

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLVED: That, the agenda set forth for the regular Board of Education meeting held Tuesday, May 12, 2026 is hereby adopted in its entirety.

V. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That, the reading of the minutes the Board of Education meetings held Tuesday, April 21, 2026 be waived and are hereby adopted in their entirety.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from Amherst IDA

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Superintendent Update

Michael Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, will give an update to the Board of Education at the study session on Tuesday, May 5, 2026.

B. Athlete Spotlight

Michael Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, and the Board of Education, will recognize exceptional athletes at the voting meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2026.

C. Award-Winning Teachers

Michael Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, and the Board of Education, will recognize our award-winning teachers at the voting meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2026.

D. Superintendent Update

Michael Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, will give an update to the Board of Education at the voting meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2026.

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VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – continued...

E. Upcoming Events

• May 4-8...	GL: Staff Appreciation Week HH: Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week MM: Staff Appreciation Week WR: Teacher Appreciation Week
• May 4...	DO: Alumni Association Meeting, 5:00 pm @ NVCC HH: PTA Meeting, 5:00 pm DO: SHEF Meeting, 6:00 pm @ NVCC MS: PTSA Meeting, 6:30 pm @ Cafe
• May 5...	Music: Mixed Chorus & Concert Chorale, 7:30 pm @ HS DO: BOE Study Session, 6:30-8:30 pm @ NVCC
• May 6...	Music: MM Chorus & WR Chorus, 7:00 pm @ HS
• May 7-8...	GL: Flower Sale
• May 7...	MM: Special Persons Flower Delivery MM: 5 th Grade Panoramic Picture, 2:00 pm WR: PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm Music: 7 th Grade Choirs, 7:00 pm @ MS
• May 8...	DO: Sweet Home Alumni Wall of Fame Ceremony, 5:30 pm @ HS Foyer
• May 9...	DO: Health and Wellness Fair, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm @ HS Gym
• May 11-21...	GL: Fun Run Fundraiser
• May 11...	HH: PTA Meeting, 5:00 pm GL: PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm Music: 7 th Grade Band, MS & HS Jazz, 7:00 pm @ MS
• May 12...	DO: BOE Voting Meeting, 6:30-8:30 pm @ NVCC HS: HH/GL Blue Band, 6:30-7:30 pm HS: MM/WR Blue Band, Gold Band, 7:30 – 8:30 pm
• May 13...	DO: Dollars For Scholars Meeting, 8:00-9:00 am Music: GL Choir & 6 th Gr. Orchestra, 7:00 pm @ MS
• May 14...	DO: SARD Dinner @ Salvatores HS: PTSA Meeting, 6:30 pm Music: Blue Orchestra HH/GL/MM/WR, Gold Orchestra, 7:00 pm @ HS
• May 15...	GL: Leadership Day 2026 MM: Fun Run
• May 18...	MS: 6 th Grade Band, 8 th Grade Band, 7:00-8:00 pm @ MS
• May 19-21...	MS: Book Fair
• May 19...	DO: Annual District Budget Vote, 7 am – 9 pm @ NVCC DO: Art Show, 7 am – 9 pm, District Office Lobby DO: SH Education Foundation Chicken BBQ, 4:00-7:00 pm @ HS Music: Concert and Symphony Orchestra, 7:30-8:00 pm @ HS

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VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – continued...

E. Upcoming Events

•	May 20...	DO: DEI Meeting, 4:15 pm – 6:15 pm @ NVCC Music: Grade 6 Choirs, 7:00 pm @ MS
•	May 21...	GL: Fun Run HH: Author Visit, Quartez Harris, 9:30 am – 11:30 am WR: Leadership Day Music: Symphonic Band/Wind Ensemble, 7:30 pm @ HS
•	May 22...	MM: Leadership Day
•	May 25...	<i>DO: Memorial Day Observance, No School, Pre-K – 12</i>
•	May 27...	Music: 7 th Grade Orchestra, 8 th Grade Orchestra, Honors Ensemble Concert, 7:00 pm @ MS
•	May 28...	DO: Challenge to Change, 8:30 am – 1:30 pm @ Banchetti's Music: 8 th Grade Choirs, 7:00 pm @ MS
•	May 29...	HH: Leadership Day
•	June 1...	DO: Alumni Association Meeting, 5:00-6:00 pm @ NVCC DO: SHEF Meeting 6:00-7:00 pm @ NVCC MS: PTSA Meeting, 6:30-8:00 pm @ Cafe
•	June 2...	HH: PTA Meeting, 5:00 – 6:00 pm
•	June 3...	MM: Volunteer Appreciation, 5:45 – 6:15 pm MM: PTA Meeting, 6:15 pm
•	June 4...	WR: PTO Meeting, 6:30-7:30 pm
•	June 5...	HH: Family Gathering MM: 5 th Grade Committee Field Trip

IX. OPEN SESSION: Agenda Topics – Policy 1510

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Special Education

1. Class placements for 2025-2026 – Policy 7613

WHEREAS, Public Law 94-142, the Individuals with Disabilities Act, and Chapter 853, Laws of 1976 (New York State Education Act), requires Board of Education approval for all placements of students with disabilities, and

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 April 27, 2026.

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X. 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 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 April 27, 2026.

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. Bids – Policy - 5410

1. Health Medical Supplies Bid

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, award the Health Medical Supplies bid 2026-27-17 to the following vendors at the unit price offered per item specified for a total bid of **\$29,622.44.**

Agni	799.84
Henry Schein	11,079.33
Medco	7,712.17
Pyramid	862.94
Quill	957.12
School Health	3,604.59
School Nurse	3,924.89
UniPak	681.56
TOTAL:	\$29,622.44

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X. NEW BUSINESS – continued...

C. Bids – Policy - 5410

2. Athletic and Physical Education Supplies Bid

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, award the Athletics and Physical Education Supplies bid #2026-27-8 to the following vendors at the unit price offered per item specified for a total bid of **\$95,325.47**.

ADA	216.00
BSN Sports	24,422.39
Lancaster Archery	5,932.13
Laux Sports	25,901.24
Longstreth Sporting Goods, LLC	1,216.02
MFAC	758.00
Pyramid School Products	9,415.16
Riddell	169.35
S&S Worldwide	3,357.56
School Health Corp	439.18
Sportsman	22,159.99
Varsity Spirit	1,338.45
TOTAL:	\$95,325.47

3. Art Teachers and General Classroom Supplies Bid

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, award the Art Teacher and General Classroom Supplies bid #2026-27-7 to the following vendors at the unit price offered per item specified for a total bid of **\$27,113.56**

Blick	5,789.92
Cascade	1,655.74
Kurtz	1,814.40
National Arts	1,400.38
Pyramid	4,706.57
Quill	121.18
School Specialty	5,988.87
Staples	1,794.51
WB Mason	3,841.99
TOTAL:	\$27,113.56

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X. NEW BUSINESS – continued...

D. Municipal Cooperation Agreement – RIC ONE Risk Operations Center

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

“WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Sweet Home Central School District, through its affiliation with a locally based Regional Information Center, participates with the ROC and desires, for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, to authorize the ROC to enter into Data Privacy Agreements and related exhibits (DPAs) with vendors and third-party contractors that include the requirements of, and compliance with, New York State Education Law Section 2-d and Part 121 Regulations (collectively, “Ed Law 2d”) related to student personally identifiable information (PII) and certain Teacher and Principal APPR data;”

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

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

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

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

E. Acceptance of Donation

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the donation of 2 (two) “Supply a Teacher” kits from Kids in Need Foundation, courtesy of Burger King Foundation, as Maplemere Elementary was chosen to receive these supply kits that include pencils, folders, paper, and other school supplies equaling a total value of \$500.

F. School District Calendars, 2026-2027 – Policy 8410

1. District Attendance Calendar

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the 2026-2027 district attendance calendar as presented.

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X. NEW BUSINESS – continued...

F. School District Calendars, 2026-2027 – Policy 8410

2. District Payroll Calendar

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the 2026-2027 district payroll calendar as presented.

3. District Holiday Calendar

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the 2026-2027 district holiday calendar as presented.

G. RESOLUTION APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

May 12, 2026

WHEREAS, the Sweet Home Central School District ("District") and the Sweet Home Service Employees' Association ("Association") have engaged in discussions regarding the placement of Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy positions into the Association; and

WHEREAS, those discussions have resulted in a Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") setting forth the agreed upon terms and conditions of employment for these positions; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the MOA and has determined that it is appropriate for these positions to be placed in the Association's bargaining unit as they best align with the community of positions presently represented by the Association;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the District and the Association; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized and directed to execute the MOA on behalf of the District and to take actions necessary to implement its terms.

XI. OPEN SESSION – Policy 1510

XII. PERSONNEL

I. Teaching and Administrative

A. Regular

2. Appointments

g. Leave of Absence

RESOLVED: That, the *leave of absence*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 749 dated May 12, 2026** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Lori Roth		
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XII. PERSONNEL-continued...

I. Teaching and Administrative

B. Substitutes

2. Appointments

a. Long Term

RESOLVED: That, the *long term substitutes*, in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 749 dated May 12, 2026** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Kaitlyn Burns		
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II. Service

A. Regular

1. Discontinuance

b. Resignation

RESOLVED: That, the *resignation* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 749 dated May 12, 2026** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Amanda Reed	Denzel Taylor	Dominic Dallessandro
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2. Appointments

a. Regular

RESOLVED: That, the *regular appointment* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 749 dated May 12, 2026** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

David Mayo	Razan Desougi	Michele Lampka
Izabella Gonzalez		

e. Transfer

RESOLVED: That, the *transfer* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 749 dated May 12, 2026** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Christine Lyle	Nagham ArRawi	Carrie Dyet
Andrew Herb		

f. Leave of Absence

RESOLVED: That, the *leave of absence* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 749 dated May 12, 2026** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Cassandra Solis	Sheri Glass (chg.)	Amanda Reed (chg.)
Cynthia Milazzo-Schwartz	Kristen Puff (Remove)	Anthony Williams
Cynthia Nixon		

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XII. PERSONNEL-continued...

II. Service

A. Regular

2. Appointments

g. Reinstatement from Leave

RESOLVED: That, the *reinstatement from leave* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 749 dated May 12, 2026** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Kevin Schwab (chg.)	Kelly Hanes	
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XIII. ADJOURNMENT

XIV. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

- a. 2026 NYSSBA Resolutions Kit.
- b. Claims Auditor's Report, March 2026.
- c. ECASB Annual Dinner Flyer