SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF AMHERST AND TONAWANDA

BOARD OF EDUCATION

VOTING MEETING **TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026**
6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

I. A. CALL TO ORDER
B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
C. ROLL CALL

II. MOTION TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLVED: That, the agenda set forth for the regular Board of Education meeting held Tuesday, August 18, 2026 is hereby adopted in its entirety.

IV. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED: That, the reading of the minutes from the reorganization meeting and the regular meeting of the Board of Education held on July 7, 2026 be waived and are hereby adopted in their entirety.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Tax Rates – Donald Feldmann

B. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Michael Ginestre

C. Upcoming Events

August 12…	MS: Grade 6 Meet and Greet, 5:30pm MM: UPK Orientation @ St. Leo's, 6:00pm – 8:00pm
August 15…	DO: AA Alum Backpack Giveaway @ HS Parking Lot, 10am-2pm
August 17…	HS: Varsity/JV Football Tryouts
August 18…	HS: Summer Graduation @ HS Library, 5pm DO: Board Voting Meeting, @ NVCC, 6pm
August 24…	HS/MS: First Day of Fall Athletics GL: UPK Orientation, 4pm
August 25…	WR: UPK Parent Orientation, 5pm
August 27…	GL: Supply Drop Off, UPK – 1st Grade, 4:30pm GL: Welcome Bash, 5pm – 7pm DO: Sweet Home Athletics Back-to-School Celebration @ Dick's House of Sport, 5pm – 8pm

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VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT-continued…

C. Upcoming Events

August 31…	MM: Kindergarten Orientation, 5pm MM: PTA Meet and Greet, 6pm MS: Gr. 6 Orientation for Last Names A-M, 5:30pm DO: New Teacher Orientation, 8am – 3pm
September 1…	HH: UPK Orientation, 11am – 1pm HH: Supply Drop Off Day, 1:30pm - 3:30pm HS: Freshman/New Student Walkaround, 5:30pm - 7pm MS Gr 6 Orientation for Last Names N-Z, 5:30pm - 7pm DO: New Teacher Orientation, 8am – 3pm DO: Board Voting Meeting @ NVCC, 6pm

VIII. OPEN SESSION – AGENDA TOPICS – Policy 1510

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Special Education

1. Class placements for 2026-2027– 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 2026-2027 placements for students with disabilities be approved as recommended in a memorandum to Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, dated August 3, 2026.

2. Preschool class placements for 2026-2027 – 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

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IX. NEW BUSINESS-continued…

A. Special Education

2. Preschool class placements for 2026-2027 – Policy 7614

RESOLVED: That, the 2026-2027 placements for preschool students with disabilities be approved as recommended in a memorandum to Michael V. Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, dated August 3, 2026.

B. Monthly Financial Reports – Policy 2140

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accept the Investment Schedules, the Treasurer's Reports, the Budget Appropriation Status Reports, the Budget Transfer Reports, the Revenue Budget Status Reports, and the Extra-Curricular Accounts Reports as provided.

C. Tax Rates

ADOPTION AND CERTIFICATION OF SCHOOL BUDGET, HOMESTEAD AND NON-HOMESTEAD PROPORTIONS, AGGREGATE HOMESTEAD AND NON-HOMESTEAD TAX SHARES AND TAX RATE

RESOLVED: That, pursuant to Paragraph 4(b) of the §1903-a of the Real Property Tax Law, the homestead and non-homestead proportions for the fiscal year 2026-2027 are as follows:

Homestead Proportion		.5752
Non-Homestead Proportion		.4248
	TOTAL	1.0000

and be it further

RESOLVED: That, pursuant to Paragraph 4(c) of §1903-a of the Real Property Tax Law, the aggregate homestead and non-homestead tax shares for the fiscal year 2026-2027 are hereby fixed and certified to be as follows:

Aggregate Homestead Tax Share		.4691
Aggregate Non-Homestead Tax Share		.5309
	TOTAL	1.0000

Total Budget	$ 108,608,147
To be raised by tax	$ 56,283,605
Total homestead share	$ 26,400,120
Amherst homestead share	$ 20,646,639
Tonawanda homestead share	$ 5,753,481
Total non-homestead share	$ 29,883,485
Amherst non-homestead share	$ 27,819,699
Tonawanda non-homestead share	$ 2,063,786

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C. Tax Rates

Tax rate to raise such amount (rounded to the nearest cent)

Amherst - homestead	$ 10.148090
Amherst - non-homestead	$ 15.578273
Tonawanda - homestead	$ 45.720001
Tonawanda - non-homestead	$ 68.984348

and be it further

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education approve the "Certification of Aggregate Homestead and Non-Homestead Tax Shares" and "Certification of Tax Budget and Rate" for the 2026-2027 school year

and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board to sign the documents entitled "Certification of Adoption of School Budget" and "Certification of Tax Budget and Rate" dated August 19, 2026.

D. 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.

E. Committee Appointments

The Superintendent of Schools recommends the appointment of the following individuals for the school year 2026-2027.

1. Safety Committee

RESOLVED: That, the following individuals be and are hereby appointed to serve on the district's Safety Committee for the 2026-2027 school year:

Ryan Conrad	Ray Bailey	Lindsay Marcinelli	Sheila Connors
Stephen Shepherd	Karen DeLaPlante	Donald Feldmann	Michael Ginestre
Amanda Glenn	Rebecca Harmon	Wendy Januchowski	Marianne Jasen
Scott Johnson	David Kasprowicz	Lynn Kawa	Scott Kennedy
Matt LaRoach	Falon Derion	Ben Morton	Antonio Perry
Kristen Piurek	Jason Phillips	Mallory Piwtorak	John Radens
Emily Mrozek	Christine Lyle	Katie Barillari	Ariel Carlino
Rob Woodford			

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E. Committee Appointments

2. Wellness Committee

RESOLVED: That, the following individuals be and are hereby appointed to serve on the district's Wellness Committee for the 2026-2027 school year:

Erica Duerr	Karen Barrett	Peter Bellanti	Morgan LePage
Christine Couvutsakis	Karen DeLaPlante	Donald Feldmann	Marcy Gerlach
Shannon Hutchinson	Sara Juico	Keli-Koran Luchey	Anne Nowak
Kristin Puff	Mary Rao	Danyelle Anthon	

F. Code of Conduct – Policy 3410

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the 2026-2027 Code of Conduct and Plain Language Code of Conduct as written.

G. District Safety Plan

WHEREAS, Project SAVE, the Safe Schools Against Violence in Education Act Education Law 2801, requires that every school district review the District Safety Plan and yearly and update as necessary and

WHEREAS, the District Safety Committee has recommended revisions to the District Safety Plan and Code of Conduct and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accept the revised.

H. Purchasing Cooperative

WHEREAS, the Sweet Home Central School District (School District) pursuant to the authority granted in General Municipal Law, Article 5A (Public Contracts), Section 103 desires to participate in the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, Sourcewell, National IPA, National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA), OMNIA Partners, PEPPM Cooperative Purchasing, the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) ValuePoint Cooperative Purchasing Organization and TIPS-USA Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, Section 103 of the General Municipal Law permits the School District to make purchases of apparatus, materials, equipment or supplies, or to contract for services related to the installation, maintenance or repair of apparatus, materials, equipment, and supplies, may make such purchases, or may contract for such services related to the installation, maintenance or repair of apparatus, materials, equipment, and supplies, as may be required by the School District therein through the use of a contract let by the United States of America or any agency thereof, any state or any other county or political subdivision or district therein if such contract was let to the lowest responsible bidder or on the basis of best value

IX. NEW BUSINESS-continued…

H. Purchasing Cooperative

in a manner consistent with this section and made available for use by other governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, the School District desires to participate for the purpose of fulfilling and executing its public governmental purposes, goals, objectives, programs and functions; and

WHEREAS, the School District has reviewed the benefits of participating in these programs and based on this review has concluded these programs will provide the best value to taxpayers of this School District through the anticipated savings to be realized.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Sweet Home Central School District authorizes the School District's participation in the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, Sourcewell, National IPA, National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA), OMNIA Partners, PEPPM Cooperative Purchasing, the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) ValuePoint Cooperative Purchasing Organization and TIPS-USA Cooperative and authorizes the Purchasing Agent to register for participation in such purchasing cooperative programs on behalf of the School District.

I. 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 August 18, 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 August 18, 2026 presentation.

a. 1510 – Regular Board Meetings and Rules (Quorum and Parliamentary Procedure)
b. 1511 – Agenda Format
c. 5140 – Administration of the Budget

J. 403b Employee Option

Resolved: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the addition of Legend Group – Roth to our list of approved 403b options for our employees.

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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XI. OPEN SESSION

XII. PERSONNEL

I. TEACHING & ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLVED: That the following *discontinuances* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 752 dated August 18, 2026,** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

A.1.b. Resignation
Kelsey Chubb
Brad Horrigan

RESOLVED: That the following *appointments* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 752 dated August 18, 2026,** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

A.2.a. Tenure
Marissa Dauria
John Pilato
Natasa Popovic

A.2.b. Regular Appointment
Nina Colucci
Anne Downing
Andrea Vu
Liam Kelly
Paul Schmidt
Elham Dehghanipour

A.2.f. Transfer
Grace Carey
Lauren Kilian
Hayley Stein
Jaqueline Wzientek

A.2.g. Leave of Absence
Diana Calandra

A.2.h. Reinstatement from Leave
Sarah English
Kathleen May
Sharrie Scully
Antonio Perry
Kimberley Kwoka

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XII. PERSONNEL -continued…

I. TEACHING & ADMINISTRATIVE

A.2.I. Summer School
Paige Bressett
Andrea Vu

B.2.a. Substitute Long-Term Appointments
Lisa Schmitt

C.1. Interscholastic Appointments
Lisa Feyes (Chg.)
Christy May (Remove)

B.2.c. Student teachers for 2026-2027 school year

RESOLVED: That the *student teachers* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 752 dated August 18, 2026,** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

II. SERVICE

RESOLVED: That the following *discontinuances* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 752 dated August 18, 2026,** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

A.1.b. Resignation
Samara Williams
Ali Aljebori
Ronald Farleo
Catherine Amber
Liam Kelly
Amanda Wight
John Burckhalter
Elizabeth Barbato

RESOLVED: That the following *appointments* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 752 dated August 18, 2026,** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

A.2.c. Permanent Civil Service
Kaylee Holderrieth

A.2.f. Leave of Absence
Lisa Schmitt
JoDeane Didio
Mae Fisher

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XII. PERSONNEL -continued…

II. SERVICE

A.2.g. Reinstatement from Leave
Lisa Goodwin
Taniya Khatun
Andrew Herb
Kristin Puff

XIII. MOTION TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

XV. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

a. BOE member info 26/27.
b. Claims Auditor's Reports for May 2026.
c. Administrative Regulation 26/27.
d. Field Trip Requests through August 11, 2026.
e. 26/27 Sweet Home Music Department Calendar.