SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REORGANIZATION MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2026

APPROVED
BY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AUGUST 18, 2026

District Clerk Falon Derion called the Reorganization meeting of the Sweet Home Central School District to order at 6:03 pm.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by Falon Derion.

Roll Call
PRESENT: Danyelle Anthon, Amy Battaglia, Marianne Jasen, Scott M. Johnson, Brian Laible, Dirk Rabenold, Jessica Stephens

ABSENT:

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

Oath Of Office
District Clerk Falon Derion administered the Oath of Office to **Jessica Stephens** as a newly elected school board member and entered the same in the Oath of Office book.

Appointment of a temporary chairman to conduct the election and balloting for the President of the Board of Education
Upon motion made by Scott Johnson, seconded by Brian Laible, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLVED: That, Falon Derion be appointed temporary chairman of the meeting to conduct the election and balloting for president of the Board of Education.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

Election of the President of the Board of Education
The chairman called for nominations for the office of President of the Board of Education.

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

RESOLVED: That **Brian Laible** be nominated for President of the Board of Education of this district for the ensuing year ending June 30, 2027.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

Election of the President of the Board of Education-continued…

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

RESOLVED: That **Brian Laible** be elected President of the Board of Education of this district for the ensuing year ending June 30, 2027.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

Oath of Office

The Oath of Office was administered to **Brian Laible** as President of the Board of Education by Falon Derion, and the same was entered into the Oath of Office book.

Newly elected President assumes chairmanship

Brian Laible assumed his official responsibilities as President of the Board of Education.

Election of Vice President

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

RESOLVED: That **Scott Johnson and Danyelle Anthon** be nominated for Vice President of the Board of Education of this district for the ensuing year ending June 30, 2027. Danyelle Anthon respectively declined vice presidency.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

Upon motion made by Mrs. Jasen, seconded by Ms. Anthon, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLVED: That **Scott Johnson** be elected Vice President of the Board of Education of this district for the ensuing year ending June 30, 2027.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

Oath of Office

The Oath of Office was administered to **Scott Johnson** as Vice President of the Board of Education by Falon Derion, and the same was entered into the Oath of Office book.

Superintendent's Oath of Office

The Oath of Office was administered to **Michael V. Ginestre** as Superintendent of the Sweet Home Central School District by Falon Derion, and the same was entered into the Oath of Office book.

Upon motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Anthon, the following resolutions were offered for consent agenda on items IX, X, XI, XII, XIII, XIV, XV, XVI, XVII, XVIII, XIX, and XX.

IX. Appointments

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

1.	Legal Counsel	Gross Shuman/Lippes Mathias/Hodgson Russ
2.	Clerk of the District	Falon Derion**
3.	Deputy District Clerk	Lisa Cebulski**
4.	District Treasurer	Nicole Kuss**
5.	Deputy District Treasurer	Michelle Callowhill**
6.	Treasurer, Extra Classroom Accounts	Ariel Carlino**
7.	District Auditor, Extra Classroom Accounts	Nicole Kuss**
8.	Board Secretary	Falon Derion**
9.	Tax Collector(s)	Town of Amherst, Town of Tonawanda

* Per memorandum from Donald G. Feldmann dated June 29, 2026.
** Per memorandum from Michael V. Ginestre dated June 29, 2026.

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X. Other appointments

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

1. Chief Medical Officer	Dr. Robert Kaplan*
2. Bus Driver Drug Testing Contractor	Occustar Workplace Compliance, LLC*
3. Claims Auditor	Denise Kolber*
4. External Auditor	The Bonadio Group LLC*
5. Internal Auditor	Tronconi Segarra & Assoc. LLP*
6. Purchasing Agent	Donald Feldmann
7. Grant Coordinator – Federal & State Grants	Donald Feldmann
8. Title IX Compliance Officer	Finune Shaibi
9. Male Harassment Complaint Officer	Donald Feldmann
10. Civil Rights Compliance Officer	Finune Shaibi
11. Chief Emergency Officer	Donald Feldmann
12. Residency Officer	Elizabeth Kosakowski
13. Homeless Liaison	Anne K. Nowak
14. Section 504 Compliance Officer	Lindsay Maricinelli
15. Designated Educational Officer	Kathryn Barillari
16. Appointing Officer for Civil Service Transactions	Finune Shaibi
17. Data Privacy Officer	Donald Feldmann
18. Census Enumerator	Donald Feldmann
19. Supervisor of Attendance	Lindsey Harrington
20. Records Access Officer	Falon Derion
21. Records Management Officer	Ariel Carlino
22. Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Designee	Emily Mrozek
23. Chemical Hygiene Officer	Dave Kasprowicz
24. Dignity Act Coordinators	

X. Other appointments-continued…

High School	Andrea Vu	**Glendale**	Lynn Kawa
Ready Academy	Matthew Capriotto	**Heritage Heights**	Sal Glorioso
Middle School	Megan Hamm	**Maplemere**	Julie Eberle
		Willow Ridge	Wendy Januchowski

* Per memoranda from Donald G. Feldmann dated June 29, 2026.

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XI. Committee appointments

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

A. Special Education

1. Committee on Special Education

The Board of Education hereby appoints Preschool/school age committees on special education, comprised of members from the following list of all related service providers and all general education teachers employed by the district as needed:

CPSE Members

Chairperson:

Lindsay Marcinelli
Chandra Jagielo
Amanda Hoffman
Beth Cornwall-Crawford
Lacie Cristofanelli
Katelyn DiRosa
Samantha Kio
Paige Bressett
Leanne Hanlon
Lauren Hearn
Jill Garvin
Jim Mahar

Parent Members:

Lisa McGovern

CSE Members

Chairperson:

Lindsay Marcinelli
Chandra Jagielo
Amanda Hoffman
Beth Cornwall-Crawford
Lacie Cristofanelli
Katelyn DiRosa
Samantha Kio
Paige Bressett
Leanne Hanlon
Lauren Hearn
Dr. Robert Kaplan

Parent Members:

Lisa McGovern

Psychologist:

Beth Cornwall-Crawford
Lacie Cristofanelli
Katelyn DiRosa
Samantha Kio
Lauren Hearn

2. Surrogate Parent

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, the Board of Education appoint the following individuals as Surrogate Parent as per regulations of the Commissioner Part 200.5(c)(e)for the 2026-2027 school year:

Lisa McGovern

XI. Committee appointments-continued…

B. Audit Committee

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

Scott Johnson Brian Laible Mary Ellen Prentice William Stoj

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XII. Board of Education appointments to the Erie County Association of School Boards and New York State School Board Association

A. Delegate to ECASB Delegate Assembly – Amy Battaglia

B. Alternate to ECASB Delegate Assembly – Marianne Jasen

C. Representative on ECASB and NYSSBA Legislative Committee – Scott Johnson

D. Alternate Representative on ECASB and NYSSBA Legislative Committee – Danyelle Anthon & Dirk Rabenold

E. Delegate to New York State School Boards Convention - October 22-24, 2026 in Buffalo – Scott Johnson

F. Alternate Delegate to New York State School Boards Convention - October 22-24, 2026 in Buffalo – Dirk Rabenold

G. Representative on the ECASB Budget and Finance Committee – Dirk Rabenold

H. Alternate Representative on the ECASB Budget and Finance Committee – Brian Laible

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XIII. Designations

The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following designations.

A. Official bank depositories

Bank of America	Citibank	Customers Bank
Evans National Bank	JP Morgan Chase Bank	Key Bank
LPL Financial	M&T Bank	NYCLASS

XIII. **Designations-continued…**

B.	**Signatures on checks for:**		
	1.	**General Fund**	Nicole Kuss
	2.	**Extracurricular Activity Fund**	Donald G. Feldmann, Nicole Kuss
C.	**Person to submit bid notices to newspapers**		Donald G. Feldmann
D.	**Person to open bids**		Donald G. Feldmann
E.	**Official newspapers**		Bee Publications Buffalo Business First
F.	**Certification of payroll**		Donald G. Feldmann

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XIV. **Bonding of personnel**

The Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of a bond in the amounts listed, which would cover all district employees. This would also include board members and volunteers working on behalf of Sweet Home Central School District.

Employee Theft - $2,000,000	Computer Fraud - $2,000,000
Funds Transfer Fraud - $2,000,000	Forgery or Alteration - $100,000
Computer Restoration - $100,000	Contracted BOCES Employee - $100,000
Social Engineering - $250,000	

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XV. **Attendance at educational conferences at school expense**

The Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of the following resolution.

WHEREAS, it is considered to be a part of the duties of a member of the board, officer, or employee of the school district to attend educational conferences when so authorized,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education delegate to the Superintendent of Schools of the District, concurrently with the Board of Education, the power to authorize any member of the board, officer, or employee of the school district to attend, at school district expense, any convention, conference, workshop, or institute that is determined to be a benefit to the school district, providing that funds sufficient to cover such expenses shall have been provided for and are currently in the budget.

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XVI. **Adoption of policies and regulations in effect at the close of the school year**

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that all existing policies and regulations operative at the close of the school year 2025-2026 be approved for the 2026-2027 school year.

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XVII. **Postage checks**

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the district treasurer be authorized to issue checks and transfer funds in amounts not to exceed $7,000.00 for U.S. postage payable to Neopost Inc., at such times as are necessary for the purpose of purchasing stamps or for reestablishing credits in the postage meter(s).

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XVIII. **School lunch program**

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Plant Services be authorized to sign agreements, reports, and claims with the State Education Department in connection with the operation of the National School Lunch Program in the schools in the district.

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XIX. **Petty Cash**

The Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of the following cash funds in the amount of $l00.00 each as allowed by New York State Education Law, for the 2026-2027 school year, for the following offices.

District Office	Sweet Home High School
Glendale Elementary School	Sweet Home Middle School
Heritage Heights Elementary School	Sweet Home Community Education
Maplemere Elementary School	Sweet Home Buildings & Grounds Dept.
Willow Ridge Elementary School	Sweet Home Transportation Department

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XX. **Transfer of funds**

RESOLVED: That, within monetary limits as established by the Board and outlined below, the Superintendent and/or his designee are authorized to transfer funds within the budget within the parameters specified. All transfers will be properly documented in the monthly financial reports supplied to the Board. Any transfers over $50,000.00 shall require the approval of the Board of Education. Transfers within specific departments or schools may be approved by the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Plant Services with no dollar limit.

Transfer amount Authorization

Up to $25,000 Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Plant Services
$25,001 - $50,000 Superintendent of Schools
$50,000 and higher Board of Education

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

ADJOURNMENT

The Reorganization meeting was not adjourned as it preceded the regular voting meeting.

Falon Derion

Falon Derion
Secretary, Board of Education
District Clerk
Sweet Home Central School District

JULY REORG MEETING MINUTES

Now that Brian is our Board President with his strong conviction for Student Achievement as our #1 goal, I'd like to talk about a Board member who would make a great Vice President. Someone who will complement and promote student achievement. Someone who will support Brian in his role.

She has unique qualities for that role. Experience in the classroom as a teacher and today runs her own business with all those skills.
This balance provides an understanding of the needs in the classroom and the need of the community to provide quality education. She has firsthand knowledge of the impact of a quality education on her family.

We need to return our primary focus to Student Achievement and understand that resources are limited.

We've had our differences at first, but with her ability to listen objectively and communicate professionally, together we found that we had similar goals and aspirations for the students at Sweet Home.

There is a saying that said, "You can't see the forest through a tree".
We need a fresh set of eyes in our Board leadership position. Danyelle sees the forest and can support our new President with our renewed focus on student achievement.
I nominate Danyelle Anthone for Vice President.