SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2026

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Sweet Home Board of Education was held on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, in the Norman C. Vergils Community Center. President of the Board, Mr. Laible, called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

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

PRESENT: Scott Johnson, Dirk Rabenold (arrived at 7:23 pm), Marianne Jasen, Amy Battaglia, Brian Laible, Jessica Stephens, Danyelle Anthon

ABSENT: None

Upon motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Anthon, 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				

MOTION TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Anthon, the meeting was adjourned to executive session at 6:06 pm for matters related to the employment history of particular individuals as well as collective negotiations.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	1
Carried	X				

Upon motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Anthon, the following resolution was offered to come out of executive session at 6:38 pm. Action was not taken during the executive session.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	1
Carried	X				

OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. Laible introduced Brayden Plath, Student Member of the Board of Education, and Falon Derion, District Clerk, administered the Oath of Office.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

RESOLVED: That, the agenda set forth for the regular Board of Education meeting held Tuesday, October 6, 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 MEETINGS

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

RESOLVED: That, the reading of the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held Tuesday, September 15, 2026 be waived and is hereby adopted in its entirety.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	6	No	0	Absent	1
Carried	X				

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Northwest Amherst Community Center Student Appreciation

Heidi Lefebvre of the Northwest Amherst Community Center gave awards to students at the regular meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2026.

B. Superintendent's Report

Michael Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, gave an update to the Board of Education at the regular meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2026.

C. NYSSBA Proposed Bylaw Amendments & Resolutions

Mr. Johnson, the District's delegate to the NYSSBA annual business meeting, led the Board in reviewing the proposed bylaw amendments and resolutions in advance of that meeting, noting that the Board's positions would guide the votes he casts on the District's behalf. Mr. Johnson explained that one proposed bylaw amendment reflects the annual business meeting no longer being tied to the NYSSBA convention. Board members discussed several resolutions.

OPEN SESSION - AGENDA TOPICS - POLICY 1510

1. *Jonathan Makeley, community member* - Brought to the Board's attention a recent report by Environment America and NYPIRG on lead in school drinking water, noting that a number of schools statewide were above the state's 5 ppb limit, that Sweet Home was not among them, and that the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends no more than 1 ppb. He suggested the Board review the report's recommendations for additional protective measures in the District. In response, it was noted that Sweet Home was one of the few Erie County districts with no taps testing positive for lead, that filtered water-filling stations have been added in District buildings, and that any faucet that tested for lead is posted as not for drinking.

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NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Rabenold, the following resolution was offered for agenda items A, B, C, D, E, and F.

A. 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…

B. 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:

- Interscholastic Swimming Competitions, Rochester, NY, Oct. 9-10, 2026 (Leader– Patrick McNelis)
- NYSSMA Area All State Music Festival, Fredonia, NY, Nov. 20-21, 2026 (Leaders – Cory Morrow, Kim Harrison, Jackie Wzientek)
- Historical, Cultural, and Musical Learning, New York, NY, April 8 – 11, 2027 (Leaders – Kim Harrison, Cory Morrow, Jackie Wzientek)

and be it further…

C. 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 October 6, 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 October 6, 2026 presentation.

a. 7135 – Safeguarding the Rights of Immigrant Students

and be it further…

D. Appointments

RESOLVED: That, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following appointments as provided:

1. **Purchasing Agent** – Dr. Michael Ginestre
2. **Grant Coordinator - Federal & State Grants** – Kathryn Barillari
3. **Male Harassment Complaint Officer** – Christopher Schiumo
4. **Chief Emergency Officer** – Dr. Michael Ginestre

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D. Appointments

5. **Data Privacy Officer** – Lindsey Harrington
6. **Census Enumerator** – Bart Schuler
7. **Audit Committee** – Bart Schuler
8. **Signature on checks for Extracurricular Activity Fund** – Bart Schuler
9. **Person to open bids** – Falon Derion
10. **Certification of Payroll** – Dr. Michael Ginestre
11. **Safety Committee** – Dr. Michael Ginestre
12. **Health & Wellness Committee** – Kathryn Barillari
13. **Insurance point of contact** – Bart Schuler

and be it further…

E. Extracurricular Activity Account -- Policy 7410

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the following extracurricular activities accounts be opened.

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to take the appropriate action regarding the following extracurricular activities accounts.

ACCOUNTS TO BE OPENED: **Class of 2030**
SHMS Ski/Snowboard Club
HS Debate Team

and be it further…

F. Contractual Agreement

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorizes the district to enter into a contractual agreement with Erie 1 BOCES for Interim School Business Official services.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

STUDENT EX-OFFICIO REPORT

Brayden Plath - Introduced himself to the Board, noting that he plays four sports at Sweet Home and ran for the position to be a voice for students, since few students attend Board meetings. He reported that last year he was part of a group of students that helped bring back the junior prom.

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PERSONNEL

Upon motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Anthon, the following resolution was offered for consent agenda on personnel items I and II:

I. TEACHING & ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLVED: That the following *appointments* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 754 dated October 6, 2026,** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

A.2.a. Tenure

Christopher Schiumo
Brianna McMahon

A.2.b. Regular Appointment

Annalise Scherer (Chg.)

A.2.c. Encumbered

Victoria Wilkinson

A.2.d. Mentor

Administrators
Robert Polino
Lindsay Marcinelli
James Ryan
Lindsey Harrington
Chandra Jagielo
Karen DeLaPlante
Elizabeth Kosakowski
Scott Kennedy
Antonio Perry

Teachers
Derek Zgoda
Jessica Sears
Jacqueline Wzientek
Simran Desai
Sarah Lipinski
Kimberly Gugino
Margaret Kruchten
Lacie Cristofanelli
Scott Harriger
Kristen Piurek
Julieann Duma
Ty Critelli
Paul Szymendera
John Elliott
Mariya Barnum
Kimberly Harrison
Kerry Steinagle

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I. TEACHING & ADMINISTRATIVE

A.2.d. Mentor

Stephen Budnack
Kelly Corcoran
Keri Davis
Neal McLoughlin
Denea Czapla
Lauren Killian
Amy Cress
Kimberly Major
Jessica Wilkinson
Brent Peterson

A.2.e. Continuing Activities

GL. Brittany Weber
Jill Hopcia
Danielle Papero
Nicole Baker
Kelly Gravel
Sandra Piatek
Danielle Kawa
LeighAnn Hildreth
Molly DiPirro
Peter Korte
Lauren Webber

HH. Kailee Fitzpatrick
Stephanie Bickelman
Susan Stephens
Elaina Blenk
Patricia Miranda
Ashleigh Emery
Martin Scholl
Heather Reichmuth
Kimberly Gugino
Kimberly Ranney
Kaylee Holderrieth

MM. Julia Taboni
Sharrie Scully
Allison Radecke
Christy Wach
Julie Eberle
Jessica Greco
Karen Meltser
Julie Roberto

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PERSONNEL-continued…

I. TEACHING & ADMINISTRATIVE

A.2.e. Continuing Activities
Bonnie Lorentz
Karen Barrett
Yelena Suffoletto

A.2.e. Continuing Activities
WR. Margaret Dirrigl
Michelle Zimmer
Brooke Bainbridge
Sharon Notaro
Jessica Wheaton
Mark Ramsay
Catherine Olczak
Marisa Adams
Jamie Riddoch
Christine Magyar
Nicholas Pordon

MS. Keri Davis
Neal McLoughlin
Jennifer Heidinger
James Brennan
Lisa Mangione
Jenine Nowakowski
Thomas Smith
Joshua Montalbo
Megan Hamm
Christopher Monaco
Patricia Wilemski
Jason Phillips

HS. Alysia LaPenna
Mary Beth Bruce
Melissa Skurzewski
Mark Ricupito
Debra Spence
Almaris Miranda- Rivera
Melissa Minorczyk
Kimberly Harrison
Ty Critelli
Jeremy Murphy
Lorraine Beaudet
Cassandra Solis
Sheila Connors

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PERSONNEL-continued…

I. TEACHING & ADMINISTRATIVE

A.2.e. Continuing Activities

Lighthouse
Kelly Gravel
Danielle Papero
Kelly Lux
Leanne Fischer-Zlotek
Jessica Greco
Sarah Nowak
Elif Weiser
Jamie Riddoch
Hannah Criscione
Emily Balisteri
Lari Macpeek
Ashlee Lipka
Lindsay Crimmins
Mary Beth Bruce
Christine Utzig

A.2.f. Transfer

Maria Berrios
Sarah Kosloski-Reed

Annual Appts.
Alex Walker
Amanda Hoffman
Molly DiPirro
Leigh Ann Hildreth
Kimberly Gugino
Heather Reichmuth
Bonnie Lorentz
Julie Roberto
Jamie Riddoch
Marisa Adams

A.2.g. Leave of Absence

Michelle Schmitt
Elizabeth Vari
Melinda Calandra
Madeline Cappuccilli
Lauren Becker
Rebecca Mansell
Chelsea Buttino
Lori Roth
Kailee Fitzpatrick

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I. TEACHING & ADMINISTRATIVE

A.2.h. Reinstatement from Leave

Kathryn Littlefield
Diana Calandra

A.2.i. Salary Adjustment

See Salary Adjustments – Graduate Hours Memo dated October 6, 2026

A.2.j. Co-curricular

Music	Cory Morrow
	Sarah Acero-Grant
	Sarah Acero-Grant
	Jessica Bridon
	Melissa Udy
	Deborah Zehler
	Kelly Gravel
	Deborah Zehler
MS Musical	Peter Blanford
	Matthew Refermat
	Peter Blanford
	Riley Connors
	Anna Stang
	Katelyn Bechtel
Middle School	Ajani Wall
	Christina Ramsperger
	Neal McLoughlin
	Lari MacPeek
	Jeremy Traverse
	Kelly Corcoran
	Lisa Brzeczkowski
	Peter Blanford
	Sarah Kosloski-Reed
	Stephen Budnack
	Megan Hamm
	Joseph Quader
	Thomas Smith
	Christopher Monaco
	Kelly Corcoran
	Christopher Monaco
	Abbigail Ryan
	Jadon Wegrzyn
	Jamie Engl

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PERSONNEL-continued…

I. TEACHING & ADMINISTRATIVE

A.2.j. Co-curricular

High School	Naryan Padmanabha
	Ashley Shutt
	Scott Aquilino
	Lisa Feyes
	Kristina Pinkowski
	Scott Harriger
	Scott Szabo
	Heidi Mussachio
	Scott Szabo
	Heidi Mussachio
	Eva Basehart
	Cory Morrow
	Kimberly Harrison
	Robert Cooke
	Cory Morrow
	Lori Depoint
	Robert Cooke
	Carolyn Freeman
	Carolyn Freeman
	Nicholas Bonvissutto
	Cory Morrow
	Anna Stang
	Julia Guppenberger
	Jane Woloss
	Jane Woloss
	Jon Campolo
	Carolyn Freeman
	Deborah Zehler
	Scott Harriger
	Jackie Wzientek
	Rebecca Mansell
	Jon Campolo
	Richard Cicero
	Zachary Garland
	Melissa Minorczyk
	Carolyn Freeman
	John Elliott
	Scott Aquilino
	Nicole Kuss

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I. TEACHING & ADMINISTRATIVE

A.2.k. Building Chair

CSE Paige Bressett
Lacie Cristofanelli
Katelyn DiRosa
Leanne Hanlon
Samantha Kio
Lauren Weston

SST Paige Bressett
Lacie Cristofanelli
Katelyn DiRosa
Leanne Hanlon
Samantha Kio
Lauren Weston

A.2.m. ASAP

Jon Campolo
Christopher Fillip
Thaddaeus Geraci
Nicholas Newman
Elaina Davis-Givens
Julia Ryan
Christopher Fillip
Daniel Tracz
Timothy Cardinal

B.2.a. Substitute Long-Term Appointments

Samantha Mandel
Julian Blake
Brandie Miller
Mehri Fakharzadeh
Lauren Doerfler
Teddi Logan
Devon Perri

B.2.b. Substitute teachers for 2026-2027 school year

RESOLVED: That the *substitutes* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 754 dated October 6, 2026,** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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I. TEACHING & ADMINISTRATIVE

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. 754 dated October 6, 2026,** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

C.1. Interscholastic Appointments

Danielle Hughes
Caleb Dabney
Cameron Hopkins
Erica Prible
Jeremy Murphy
Gavin Janas
Alexis Ciehomski
Julia Jarvis
Kristen Noltee
Brandon Woods
Michael Licata
Zachary Garland
Andrew Murak
Christopher Monaco
Ajani Wall
Thomas Smith
James Russo
Cory Mickey
Timothy Cardinal
Patrick McNelis
Andrea Wodarczak
Jayna Pawlak
Christopher Dabney
David Radlich
Quintus Simmons
Donald Lilly
Sean Gray
Bailey Crouse
Zachary Blask
Luke Papagallo
Kyle Tirone
Michael Licata
Jadon Wegrzyn
Julia Miller

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II. SERVICE

RESOLVED: That the following *discontinuances* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 754 dated October 6, 2026,** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

A.1.a. Retirement Resignation

Lisa Galucki
Mary Marzec

A.1.b. Resignation

Jennifer Keller
Debra Carlini
Takari Lang-Smith
Pradyuman Joshi
Karen Schwier
Allison Williams
Alexander Schuster

RESOLVED: That the following *appointments* in the **SERVICE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 754 dated October 6, 2026,** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

A.2.a. Regular Appointment

Cattra Childs
Taylor Diesing
Sonali Patel
Jennifer Keller
Nicole Murphy
Jenae Quinn
Debra Carlini
Robert Maxwell
Gerald Kurzdorfer
Ronald Ward
Jennifer Lawson
Jennifer Lawson
Kimbrough Williams
Lily Ayotte
James Doohan
Christopher Dattilo
Cameron Hopkins
Audrey Macchiaroli
Danielle Catanzaro
Seanne Dattilo
Jordan Stoelting

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II. SERVICE

A.2.a. Regular Appointment

Jennifer Russell
Julie Israel
Michele Lampka
Kira Clark
Eric Paolini
Maher Alkayyali
Brianna Ryan
E'Ziah Baldwin

A.2.f. Leave of Absence

Ayana Campagna
Victoria Wilkinson
Maria Ginsburg
Lisa Jones
Karen Kneitinger
Kathleen Lasher
Brian White
Estella Slaughter
Mae Fisher
Lekpea Benson
Gul Turk

A.2.g. Reinstatement from Leave

JoDeane Didio
Nicole Flanagan

B.2. Per Diem Substitutes for 2026-2027 school year

RESOLVED: That the *per diem substitutes* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 754 dated October 6, 2026,** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

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ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Anthon, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

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

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