SWEET HOME CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2026

APPROVED
BY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOVEMBER 17, 2026

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Sweet Home Board of Education was held on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, in the Norman C. Vergils Community Center. President of the Board, Mr. Laible, called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

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

PRESENT: Scott Johnson, Dirk Rabenold (arrived at 5:44 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 5:36 pm for matters related to a student matter covered by FERPA, 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 Mr. Rabenold, the following resolution was offered to come out of executive session at 7:15 pm. Action was 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. 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 20, 2026, is hereby adopted in its entirety.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
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, October 6, 2026, be waived and is hereby adopted in its entirety.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Educator Spotlight - Mia Miranda

Dr. Ginestre recognized Mia Miranda for her induction into the Stony Brook Athletics Hall of Fame. Emily Mrozek, Director of Buildings and Grounds, was also recognized for receiving a New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal scholarship to attend a conference.

B. PTA Night

Dr. Ginestre recognized PTA Night and thanked the District's PTAs for their work on behalf of students.

C. District Audit Findings, 2025-2026

Randy Shepard, audit partner with The Bonadio Group, LLC, presented the 2025-2026 audit results to the Board of Education. The District received an unmodified (clean) audit opinion, and no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies were identified.

D. Superintendent's Report

Michael Ginestre, Superintendent of Schools, gave an update to the Board of Education.

OPEN SESSION - AGENDA TOPICS - POLICY 1510

None.

NEW BUSINESS

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

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

NEW BUSINESS-continued…

A. Special Education

1. Class placements for 2026-2027 - Policy 7613

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 October 5, 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

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 October 5, 2026.

and be it further…

B. District Audit Report, 2025-2026

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve and accept the Sweet Home Central School District of Amherst and Tonawanda **"FINANCIAL STATEMENTS" for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 and the Extra Classroom Activity Funds report dated June 30, 2026,** and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools to submit, as required, an approved copy of the Sweet Home Central School District of Amherst and Tonawanda **"FINANCIAL STATEMENTS" for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 and the Extra Classroom Activity Funds report dated June 30, 2026 to the State Education Department,** and be it further

RESOLVED: That, the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Plant Services be authorized to publish these **"FINANCIAL STATEMENTS"** in a newspaper(s) that has general circulation in the school district.

and be it further…

C. 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, Budget Transfer Report, and the Extra Classroom Account Report as provided.

and be it further…

NEW BUSINESS-continued…

D. Resolution of Board of Education

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.

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.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

B. Plath - Asked the Board to consider revisiting the student dress code on hats, noting that a student suggestion box had drawn about 100 responses, roughly 40 of which asked to allow hats. He proposed a compromise, such as allowing hats that do not cover the ears. Board members noted that the rule has been reviewed in past years, citing respect and the need to see whether students are wearing earbuds, and it was noted that the topic could be included in the work of the DEI Committee.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS-continued…

M. Jasen - Reported that the Dollars for Scholars craft fair was very well attended, with crafters happy and the event well organized.

J. Stephens - Commended the basket raffle volunteers, who were amazing again this year.

S. Johnson - Reported on attending the NYSSBA annual business meeting, where all of the recommended bylaw amendments and resolutions passed, and the three that were not recommended did not pass. The meeting ran just under three hours, possibly a record, since it has run beyond eight hours in the past. He spoke on a handful of issues at members' request. He also noted that NYSSBA issues an annual report on the progress of past resolutions, with a new one to be issued soon.

D. Anthon - Reported that a number of District teachers and administrators took part in the Cancer Walk on the Wicked Strong team, which raised close to $5,000.

D. Rabenold - Asked about the NYSSBA resolutions booklet's report on the progress of past resolutions and thanked Mr. Johnson for representing the District at the business meeting. Also shared that he recently traveled to London for his nephew's wedding.

PERSONNEL

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

I. TEACHING & ADMINISTRATIVE

RESOLVED: That the following *appointments* in the **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF THE PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM NO. 755 dated October 20, 2026,** be approved as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

A.2.i. Salary Adjustment

See Salary Adjustments- In-service Credits Memo dated October 20, 2026.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Anthon, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

Yes	7	No	0	Absent	0
Carried	X				

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