

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, May 16, 2023
John F. Kennedy High School, Library
7:30 p.m. Executive Session / Return to Public Session approximately 8:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance	Page 3047
Board President will call meeting to order	Pledge
Roll Call: Denise McCowan - President	Roll Call
Claire M. Ferrucci – Vice President	
Stephanie Dombrowski	
Wesley Schlossin	
Gary Sieczkarek – arrived 7:52 p.m. did not attend executive session	
Zachary Smith	
Jeffery Stewart – arrived 7:42 p.m. in executive session	
Motion by C. Ferrucci seconded by W. Schlossin, to go into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. for appointment history of a particular person.	Executive Session
Motion Carried 5 Ayes 0 Noes 2 Absent 0 Abstain	
Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by W. Schlossin, to adjourn from Executive Session and resume regular order of business at 7:53 p.m.	
Motion Carried 6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain	
Motion by W. Schlossin seconded by C. Ferrucci, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 18, 2023.	Approve Minutes
Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain	
Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by W. Schlossin, to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the month of April, 2023 as submitted.	Approve Reports
Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain	
Motion by Z. Smith seconded by J. Stewart, to approve the Student Activities Report and School Lunch Report for the month of April, 2023 as submitted.	
Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain	
Motion by C. Ferrucci seconded by W. Schlossin, to approve the Appropriation Status Report and the Revenue Report for the period ending April 30, 2023 as submitted.	
Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain	
Motion by Z. Smith seconded by C. Ferrucci, to suspend the reading of each Warrant payment and to approve payments for the General Fund, School Lunch Fund, Special Aid Fund, and Capital Fund as submitted.	Approve Payments
Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain	
Motion by G. Sieczkarek seconded by S. Dombrowski, to accept the revised resignation of Mary Bojanowski, English teacher at John F. Kennedy High School, effective June 30, 2024. (*see below)	Revised Retirement M. Bojanowski
Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain	
Motion by Z. Smith seconded by C. Ferrucci, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Miranda Angrignon, certified in Early Childhood Education (Birth – Grade 2), Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Students with Disabilities (All Grades), and Literacy (Birth – Grade 6), be appointed to the Consultant Teacher position at Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School effective August 28, 2023. This position holds a probationary period beginning August 28, 2023 through June 30, 2027. Compensation and benefits as per the TAC contract.	Appointments M. Angrignon Elementary
Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain	

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Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by C. Ferrucci, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Jesse E. Brodka, certified in English Language Arts (Grades 7-12), Students with Disabilities is forthcoming in August 2023, be appointed to the Consultant Teacher position at John F. Kennedy High School effective August 28, 2023. This position holds a probationary period beginning August 28, 2023 through June 30, 2027. Compensation and benefits as per the TAC contract.

J. Brodka
CT Teacher

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by C. Ferrucci seconded by W. Schlossin, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Ashley Martin, certified in Early Childhood Education (Birth – Grade 2) and Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), be appointed to the Elementary Education teaching position at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School effective August 28, 2023. This position holds a probationary period beginning August 28, 2023 through June 30, 2027. Compensation and benefits as per the TAC contract.

A. Martin
Elementary

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by G. Sieczkarek seconded by Z. Smith, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Jennifer Meyers, certified School Social Worker, be appointed as Social Worker at John F. Kennedy Middle School effective August 28, 2023. This position holds a probationary period beginning August 28, 2023 through June 30, 2027. Compensation and benefits as per the TAC contract.

J. Meyers
Social Worker

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by C. Ferrucci seconded by W. Schlossin, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Trevor M. Prutsman, certified in Music, be appointed as Music Teacher at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School and John F. Kennedy Middle School effective August 28, 2023. This position holds a probationary period beginning August 28, 2023 through June 30, 2027. Compensation and benefits as per the TAC contract.

T. Prutsman
Music

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by G. Sieczkarek seconded by Z. Smith, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Rebecca Balmer, certified School Counselor, be appointed as a School Counselor for the Cheektowaga-Sloan UFSD effective July 17, 2023. This position holds a probationary period beginning July 17, 2023 through June 30, 2027. Compensation and benefits as per the TAC contract.

R. Balmer
School
Counselor

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by Z. Smith, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Katherine Palmiter, certified School Counselor, be appointed as a School Counselor for the Cheektowaga-Sloan UFSD effective July 17, 2023. This position holds a probationary period beginning July 17, 2023 through June 30, 2027. Compensation and benefits as per the TAC contract.

K. Palmiter
School
Counselor

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by C. Ferrucci seconded by Z. Smith, to approve the substitute list as submitted.

Approve
Substitutes

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by G. Sieczkarek seconded by Z. Smith, to approve the recommendations from the CSE/CPSE as submitted.

CSE/CPSE

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Motion by Z. Smith seconded by W. Schlossin, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following tenure appointments be approved:

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- Meghan Haley, being certified in Early Childhood Education (Birth – Grade 2) and Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), be granted tenure effective 9/1/2023.
- Cara Minervini, being certified in Speech & Language Disabilities, be granted tenure effective 9/1/2023.
- Jennifer Pavlock, being certified in Early Childhood Education (Birth – Grade 2), Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), and Students with Disabilities (Birth – Grade 6) be granted tenure effective 9/1/2023.
- Lindsay Ragusa, being certified in English to Speakers of Other Languages, Early Childhood Education (Birth – Grade 2) and Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), be granted tenure effective 9/1/2023.
- Robert N. Julian, Jr., being certified as School Building Leader and School District Leader, be granted tenure as High School Principal effective 6/30/2023.

Tenure:
Haley
Minervini
Pavlock
Ragusa
Julian

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by C. Ferrucci, to adopt the following resolution:

Summer
Feeding
Program

WHEREAS, The District has been approved to provide meals for children under 18 years of age; and
WHEREAS, in order for NYSED to complete our enrollment in the program, the Board of Education is required to authorize the Cheektowaga Sloan Union Free School District to participate in the Summer Feeding Program;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Cheektowaga Sloan Union Free School District approves the 2023-24 Summer Feeding Program as submitted.

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by G. Sieczkarek seconded by W. Schlossin, to approve the agreement by and between the County of Erie through the Erie County Department of Social Services and the Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free School District beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 and to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute the same agreement.

Agreement with
Erie County

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by W. Schlossin, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves the combining of the school athletic programs as listed with the Cheektowaga Central School District:

Combining of
School Athletic
Programs

- Boys' Volleyball—Varsity, JV & Modified (held @ Cheektowaga Central)
- Girls' Soccer—JV & Modified (held @ Cheektowaga Central)
- Co-Ed Cross Country—Varsity & Modified (held @ JFK HS)

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by G. Sieczkarek seconded by Z. Smith, to approve the following field trip requests:

Field Trips

- Michelle Struzik to take the Woodrow Wilson fifth grade class to the Sloan Village Park on June 12, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. There is no cost to the District.
- Timothy Miller to take the John F. Kennedy Middle School eighth grade class to Darien Lake Theme Park on June 9, 2023 from 8:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Admission is approximately \$30 and will be based on the number of students attending. The PTO is covering part of the cost. Cost to the District: 3 buses.

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Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by Z. Smith, to approve the following Fundraising requests:

Fundraisers

- Varsity “K” to host a “Lawn Games Tournament” outdoors at John F. Kennedy High School for students in grades 9 through 12 on June 1, 2023 from 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. All proceeds will go toward Varsity “K” scholarships.
- JFK MS Administration and JFK MS PTO to hold a “Coin Wars Challenge” from May 22, 2023 through June 2, 2023. All funds will be applied to the MS PTO fund.

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by G. Sieczkarek seconded by C. Ferrucci, to accept the Statement of Profit and Loss from the JFK HS Class of 2024 for their Chipotle fundraiser. The statement shows a profit of \$87.90.

Statement of Profit and Loss

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by C. Ferrucci seconded by S. Dombrowski, to approve the budgetary transfers as submitted.

Approve Budgetary Transfers

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by C. Ferrucci seconded by J. Stewart, to pause meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Pause Meeting

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by Z. Smith seconded by G. Sieczkarek, to resume meeting at 9:14 p.m.

Resume Meeting

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by C. Ferrucci, to clarify Mary Bojanowski’s resignation date as effective June 30, 2023.*

Bojanowski Retirement

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by G. Sieczkarek seconded by W. Schlossin, to accept the resignation due to retirement for Joanne Selice, Spanish Teacher at John F. Kennedy High School, effective June 30, 2024.

Revised Retirement Selice

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by Z. Smith seconded by W. Schlossin, to accept the following results of the Propositions and Board of Education Election:

Accept Budget and Election Results

Proposition #1:

Shall the Board of Education of the Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free School District be authorized to expend the sums set forth in the proposed 2023-2024 Budget in the amount of \$40,373,761 and to levy the necessary tax.

Budget Passed

Yes = 399 No = 166

Proposition #2:

Shall the Board of Education of the Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free School District be authorized pursuant to Education Law Sections 170(3) and (3a), 1804(12) and (12a) and 2502(10) and (10a) to allow a student to serve on the School Board as ex-officio, non-voting member for two years. Such student would not have a vote, would not be allowed to attend executive sessions, and would receive no compensation for participating in board meetings.

Student Ex-Officio Passed

Yes = 433 No = 122

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Proposition #3:

Shall the Board of Education of the Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free School District be authorized to construct and improve school buildings, facilities and sites and to expend therefor in an amount not to exceed \$8,500,000. The total not to exceed cost of \$8,500,000 is currently on hand and to be funded from the District's "Capital Improvement Reserve Fund" which is hereby authorized to be expended to pay for the Project.

Construct and
Improve
Passed

Yes = 439 No = 118

Proposition #4:

Shall the Board of Education of the Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free School District be authorized to establish a Capital Improvement Reserve Fund No. 2 under Education Law Section 3651[1] the purpose of which would be to fund or assist in the funding of cost of future capital improvements to District facilities. The Capital Reserve Fund may not exceed total funding in excess of \$10,000,000 plus interest earned thereon over a term not to exceed ten (10) years beginning July 1, 2023. The source of funding of this capital reserve will be from annual budgetary savings only as authorized by the District's Board of Education.

Capital
Improvement
Reserve Fund
No. 2
Passed

Yes = 410 No = 145

Board Members – Two five (5) year terms commencing July 1, 2023 and expiring on June 30, 2028.

Board Members
Stachewicz
Sieczkarek

Vote for any Two:

James R. Stachewicz **434**
Claire M. Ferrucci 237
Gary H. Sieczkarek **257**

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by J. Stewart seconded by S. Dombrowski, to adjourn this meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Knaebe
District Clerk