

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, May 21, 2024
John F. Kennedy High School, Library
8:00 p.m.

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Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge

Board President will call meeting to order

Roll Call

Roll Call: Denise McCowan - President
Zachary Smith – Vice President
Stephanie Dombrowski
Claire Ferrucci
Gary Sieczkarek
James Stachewicz
Jeffery Stewart

Motion by J. Stachewicz seconded by S. Dombrowski, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 16, 2024.

Approve Minutes

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by Z. Smith seconded by C. Ferrucci, to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the month of April, 2024 as submitted.

Approve Reports

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by C. Ferrucci, to approve the Student Activities Report and School Lunch Report for the month of April, 2024 as submitted.

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by J. Stachewicz seconded by J. Stewart, to approve the Appropriation Status Report and the Revenue Report for the period ending April 30, 2024 as submitted.

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by C. Ferrucci seconded by Z. Smith, 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

Presentation

Student Representative – Monthly highlights for each school

Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by C. Ferrucci, to accept the resignation, due to retirement, from Brenda Kaminski, Cleaner at John F. Kennedy High School, effective November 30, 2024.

Retirement
B. Kaminski
Cleaner

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by G. Sieczkarek seconded by J. Stachewicz, to accept the resignation, due to retirement, from Michaelene Bernas, School Social Worker at Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School, effective June 30, 2024.

Retirement
M. Bernas
School Social
Worker

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

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Motion by Z. Smith seconded by C. Ferrucci, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Sheila McNamara, be appointed as a Full Time, 12-Month, 2nd Shift Cleaner for the Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free School District effective May 28, 2024. This position holds a 6-month probationary period. Compensation and benefits as per the CSEA contract.

Appointments
S. McNamara
Cleaner

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by J. Stachewicz, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Caitlin Rupp, be appointed to the School Nurse position at John F. Kennedy Middle/High School effective May 28, 2024. Registered Professional Nurse certification is forthcoming. This position holds a 6-month probationary period. Compensation and benefits as per the TAC contract.

C. Rupp
School Nurse

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by C. Ferrucci seconded by J. Stachewicz, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Hannah Smith, be appointed as School Psychologist for the Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free School District, effective August 26, 2024. School Psychologist certification is forthcoming. This position holds a probationary period beginning August 26, 2024 through August 25, 2028. Compensation and benefits as per the TAC contract.

Hannah Smith
School
Psychologist

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by G. Sieczkarek, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Matthew Whalen, certified in Physical Education, be appointed to the Physical Education Teaching position at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School, effective August 26, 2024. This position holds a probationary period beginning August 26, 2024 through August 25, 2028. Compensation and benefits as per the TAC contract.

M. Whalen
Physical
Education

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, the following tenure appointments be approved:

Tenure:
McCarthy
Pfohl
Potienko
Raymond
Zaccarine

- Jason McCarthy, being certified in Technology Education, be granted tenure effective 9/1/2024.
- Christina Pfohl, being certified in English Language Arts Grades 7-12, be granted tenure effective 9/1/2024.
- Mary Potienko, being certified in Reading and Pre-K–6, be granted tenure as a reading specialist effective 9/1/2024.
- Jennifer Raymond, being certified in Spanish 7-12, be granted tenure effective 9/1/2024.
- Elizabeth Zaccarine, being certified as School Building Leader, be granted tenure as Elementary School Principal effective 8/2/2024.

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, the submitted Club Advisors and Coaches shall be appointed for the 2024-2025 school year. Compensation as per the TAC contract.

Club Advisors
and Coaches

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

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Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by Z. Smith, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following appointments be made for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years, with compensation as per the TAC contract:

Appoint
Department
Chairs and
Team Leaders

- Arts & LOTE Department Chair – Timothy Murray
- English & Language Arts Chair – Krista Mendoza
- Math Chair – Kathleen Dougherty
- Science Chair – Amy Kochan
- Social Studies Chair – Colin Brinson
- Student Support Services Chair – Jessica Stiglmeier
- 6th Grade Team Leader – Megan Zoladz
- 8th Grade Team Leader – Timothy Miller

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by G. Sieczkarek seconded by C. Ferrucci, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free School District and the Cheektowaga-Sloan UFSD Administrators Association from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2029, and to authorize the Superintendent of Schools and Board President to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

MOA
Administrators
Association

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, the Varsity K Club and Girls Athletic Association (GAA), in coordination with Casey Snyder and Julia Mehnert, will oversee the concession stand at John F. Kennedy High School for the home JV Football games for the fall 2024-2025 season.

Volunteers

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by Z. Smith seconded by J. Stachewicz, to approve the recommendation from the CSE/CPSE as submitted.

CSE/CPSE

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

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

Combining of
School Athletic
Programs

- Varsity and Modified Co-ed Cross Country (held @ JFK)
- Modified 7-9, JV, and Varsity Boys Volleyball (held @ Cheektowaga Central)

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by C. Ferrucci seconded by S. Dombrowski, to waive and suspend the second reading of the revised Procurement: Uniform Grant Guidance for Federal Awards Policy #5413, as submitted, and adopt it effective May 22, 2024.

Revise Policy
#5413

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by Z. Smith seconded by J. Stachewicz, to approve the following field trip requests:

Field Trips

- Trevor Prutsman to take two select musicians from the JFK MS Band to West Seneca East High School on June 1, 2024. Parents/guardians will be transporting the students. There is no cost to the District.
- Tim Murray to take two select musicians from the JFK HS Band to West Seneca East High School on June 1, 2024. Parents/guardians will be transporting the students. There is no cost to the District.

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- Michael Lester and the Seventh Grade Team to take the 7th grade students to the Cave of the Winds in Niagara Falls, NY on June 6, 2024 from 8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Cost to the District: 3 buses (which may be refundable through the grant).
- Melanie Wojtowicz and the Second Grade Team to take the 2nd grade students to Akron Acres in Akron, NY on June 13, 2024 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Cost to the District: 3 buses.
- Emily Markiewicz and the First Grade Team to take the 1st grade students to the Buffalo Zoo on June 18, 2024 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Cost to the District: 3 buses.
- Maria Cosen and the Kindergarten Team to take the kindergarten students to the Buffalo Museum of Science on June 20, 2024 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Cost to the District: 3 buses.
- Jennifer Pavlock and the Pre-K Team to take the Pre-K students to Kelkenburg Farm in Clarence Center, NY on May 24, 2024 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Parents will transport their children. There is no cost to the District.

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Field Trips
Continued

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by C. Ferrucci, to approve the requests from Erin Greene and Jeffrey Mochrie to deem the submitted equipment as broken or obsolete and dispose of the same.

Obsolete
Equipment

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

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

WHEREAS, The District has been approved to provide meals for children under 18 years of age; and

Summer
Feeding
Program

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 2024-25 Summer Feeding Program as submitted.

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by G. Sieczkarek seconded by J. Stachewicz, 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, 2024 through June 30, 2025 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 C. Ferrucci, to approve the following Fundraising requests:

Fundraisers

- The Varsity K Club and Girls Athletic Association (GAA) to sell snacks at the JFK HS concession stand during the JFK JV Football home games for the fall 2024-2025 season. Proceeds will be split 50% between the football program and 50% towards scholarships through the clubs.
- The Varsity K Club and Girls Athletic Association (GAA) to sell tickets for chicken BBQ dinners before and during the homecoming game on September 21, 2024. Proceeds will go toward student scholarships.
- The Varsity K Club and Girls Athletic Association (GAA) to host Volleyball Tournaments at John F. Kennedy High School on October 30, 2024 and March 6, 2025 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. All proceeds will go toward student scholarships.

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

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Motion by J. Stachewicz seconded by Z. Smith, to schedule the July 2024 Reorganizational Meeting on Monday, July 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Irma Czubaj Board of Education Room at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School. The Regular Board Meeting for the month of July will be scheduled to immediately follow the reorganizational meeting.

Reorganization Meeting

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Meeting paused at 8:44 p.m. / Claire Ferrucci left the meeting
Meeting resumed at 9:10 p.m.

Pause/Resume Meeting

Motion by Z. Smith seconded by S. Dombrowski, 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 2024-2025 Budget in the amount of \$41,151,279 and to levy the necessary tax? The budget includes the awarding of the first year of a three-year contract extension for transportation service, the total estimated cost of which is \$10,401,998 (total estimated cost of the three-year contract extension).

Yes = 266 No = 124

Budget Passed

Board Members – To elect two (2) members to the Board, one for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2024 and expiring on June 30, 2029, currently held by Jeffery Stewart, and one for a term beginning upon election and expiring on June 30, 2025, currently held by Claire Ferrucci. All seats are at large. The candidate receiving the most votes will receive the longest term available. Vote for any Two:

Ava-Marie Shonitsky 267 (one-year term)
Jennifer L. Kregg 273 (five-year term)

Board Members
Shonitsky
Kregg

Motion Carried 6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by J. Stachewicz seconded by J. Stewart to adjourn this meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion Carried 6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Knaebe
District Clerk