

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Tuesday, May 20, 2025**  
**John F. Kennedy High School, Library**  
**7:15 p.m. Executive Session / Return to Public Session approximately 8:00 p.m.**

Pledge of Allegiance	Page 3162
Board President called meeting to order	Pledge
Roll Call: Denise McCowan - President Zachary Smith – Vice President Stephanie Dombrowski Jennifer L. Kregg Ava-Marie Shonitsky - unexcused Gary Sieczkarek James Stachewicz	Roll Call
Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by J. Kregg, to go into Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. for the appointment of a particular person and collective bargaining.	Executive Session
Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain	
Motion by J. Kregg seconded by J. Stachewicz, to adjourn from Executive Session and resume regular order of business at 8:03 p.m.	
Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain	
Motion by J. Stachewicz seconded by S. Dombrowski to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 29, 2025.	Approve Minutes
Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain	
Motion by Z. Smith seconded by G. Sieczkarek, to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the month of April, 2025 as submitted.	Approve Reports
Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain	
Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by J. Kregg, to approve the Student Activities Report and School Lunch Report for the month of April, 2025 as submitted.	
Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain	
Motion by G. Sieczkarek seconded by Z. Smith, to approve the Appropriation Status Report and the Revenue Report for the period ending April 30, 2025 as submitted.	
Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain	
Motion by J. Stachewicz seconded by J. Kregg, 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            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain	
Student Representative – Monthly highlights for each school	Presentation
Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by C. Ferrucci, to accept the resignation, due to retirement, from Julie Regan, Elementary Education Teacher at Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School, effective June 30, 2025.	Retirement J. Regan
Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain	

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Motion by J. Stachewicz seconded by Z. Smith, to approve the updated request from David Mansfield, Consultant Teacher at John F. Kennedy Middle/High School, to extend his unpaid leave of absence from May 22, 2025, with a return date of June 5, 2025.

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Unpaid LOA  
D. Mansfield

Motion Carried                    6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by J. Kregg seconded by Z. Smith, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Kristen Ganci, certified in Spanish (Grades 5-6), Spanish (Grades 7-12), English to Speakers of Other Languages, and Students with Disabilities (Grades 7-12), be appointed to the Spanish Teacher position at John F. Kennedy High School, effective August 21, 2025. This position holds a probationary period beginning August 21, 2025 through August 20, 2028. Compensation and benefits as per the TAC contract.

Appointments:  
K. Ganci  
Spanish

Motion Carried                    6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by G. Sieczkarek seconded by Z. Smith, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Julie Pijacki, certified in English Language Arts 7-12, be appointed to the English Teacher position at John F. Kennedy High School, effective August 21, 2025. This position holds a probationary period beginning August 21, 2025 through August 20, 2029. Compensation and benefits as per the TAC contract.

J. Pijacki  
English  
Language Arts

Motion Carried                    6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by J. Stachewicz seconded by S. Dombrowski, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Alyssa Klaffka, certified in Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6), Students with Disabilities (Grades 7-12), and Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), be appointed to the Special Education Teacher position at John F. Kennedy High School, effective August 21, 2025. This position holds a probationary period beginning August 21, 2025 through August 20, 2029. Compensation and benefits as per the TAC contract.

A. Klaffka  
Special Ed.

Motion Carried                    6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by J. Stachewicz seconded by Z. Smith, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Kaelyn Bova, certified in Visual Arts, Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), and Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6), be appointed to the Art Teacher position at John F. Kennedy Middle School, effective August 21, 2025. This position holds a probationary period beginning August 21, 2025 through August 20, 2029. Compensation and benefits as per the TAC contract.

K. Bova  
Art

Motion Carried                    6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by G. Sieczkarek seconded by S. Dombrowski, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the submitted Coaches shall be appointed for the 2025-2026 school year. Compensation as per the TAC contract.

Coaches

Motion Carried                    6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

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

Tenure:  
Ernst  
Rice  
Tanalski

- Alyssa Ernst, being certified as a Provisional School Social Worker, be granted tenure effective 9/1/2025.
- Caitlin Rice, being certified in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) and Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6) be granted tenure effective 9/1/2025.
- Hannah Tanalski, being certified in Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2), Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Students with Disabilities (Birth-Grade 2 and Grades 1-6), be granted tenure effective 9/1/2025.

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

CSE/CPSE

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by J. Kregg, 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 2025-26 Summer Feeding Program as submitted.

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by Z. Smith seconded by J. Stachewicz, to approve the request from Robert Julian to deem the submitted equipment as broken or obsolete and dispose of the same.

Obsolete Equipment

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

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

Field Trip

- Michael Lester and the Seventh Grade Team to take the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students to the Cave of the Winds in Niagara Falls, NY on June 5, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Cost to the District: 3 buses.

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by G. Sieczkarek seconded by S. Dombrowski, to approve the following Fundraising requests:

Fundraisers

- JFK High School Class of 2026 to hold a Krispy Kreme fundraiser from September 8, 2025 through September 16, 2025 (delivery will be on September 24, 2025). Profits will be used to off-set the cost of senior class activities.
- JFK High School Class of 2027, Class of 2028, and Class of 2029 to hold a T-shirt sale from September 14, 2025 through September 27, 2025. Profits will be used for end of year picnics, class proms and graduation ceremonies.

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by J. Stachewicz seconded by S. Dombrowski, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education shall approve the donations as submitted.

Donations

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by Z. Smith seconded by S. Dombrowski, to schedule the July 2025 Reorganizational Meeting on Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Irma Czubaj Board of Education Room at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School.

Reorganization Meeting

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Pause/Resume  
Meeting

Meeting paused at 8:26 p.m.  
Meeting resumed at 9:11 p.m.

Motion by Z. Smith seconded by J. Kregg, 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 2025-2026 Budget in the amount of \$42,901,087 and to levy the necessary tax?

**Yes = 267**      No = 101

Budget Passed

**Proposition # 2**

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 \$19,500,000? The total not to exceed cost of \$19,500,000 is to be funded with \$5,000,000 from the District's Capital Improvement Reserve Funds and \$14,500,000 of serial bonds, which is hereby authorized to be issued and expended to pay for the Project.

**Yes = 286**      No = 83

Construct and  
Improve  
Passed

**Proposition # 3**

Shall the Board of Education of the Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free School District be authorized to establish Capital Improvement Reserve Fund No. 3 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, 2025. The source of funding of this capital reserve will be from annual budgetary savings only as authorized by the District's Board of Education.

**Yes = 270**      No = 93

Capital  
Improvement  
Reserve Fund  
No.3  
Passed

**Board Members** – To elect two (2) members to the Board of Education, each serving a five (5) year term, commencing on July 1, 2025, and expiring on June 30, 2030. The positions are currently held by Stephanie Dombrowski and Ava-Marie Shonitsky. Vote for any two:

Racheal Tarapacki                      278

Stephanie Dombrowski                226

Motion Carried                      6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Board Members  
Tarapacki  
Dombrowski

Motion by J. Kregg seconded by J. Stachewicz to adjourn this meeting at 9:14 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion Carried                      6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Respectfully submitted,

*Denise Knaebe*

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District Clerk