

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Tuesday, July 29, 2025  
Czubaj Board of Education Room, Woodrow Wilson Elementary School  
6:30 p.m.

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Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge

Board President called meeting to order

Roll Call

Roll Call: Gary Sieczkarek – President  
James Stachewicz – Vice President  
Stephanie Dombrowski – excused  
Jennifer L. Kregg  
Denise McCowan  
Zachary Smith  
Racheal Tarapacki

Motion by J. Stachewicz seconded by J. Kregg, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 17, 2025 and the Reorganizational Meeting of July 1, 2025.

Approve  
Minutes

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by Z. Smith seconded by J. Kregg, to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the month of June, 2025 as submitted.

Approve  
Reports

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by R. Tarapacki seconded by J. Stachewicz, to approve the Student Activities Report and School Lunch Report for the month of June, 2025 as submitted.

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by J. Kregg seconded by R. Tarapacki, to approve the Appropriation Status Report and the Revenue Report for the period ending June 30, 2025 as submitted.

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by Z. Smith seconded by J. Stachewicz, 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

Mr. Brian Zybala, Director of Technology – Review Policy Updates

Presentation

Motion by R. Tarapacki seconded by Z. Smith, to accept the resignation due to retirement from Michael Wolentarski, Senior Custodian at Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School, effective August 23, 2025

Retirement:  
M. Wolentarski

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by J. Stachewicz seconded by J. Kregg, to accept the resignation from Melanie Smits, Literacy Specialist at Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School, effective June 26, 2025.

Resignation:  
M. Smits

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by Z. Smith seconded by J. Stachewicz, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Sabrina Mongiello be appointed to the Provisional 12-month Civil Service Senior Clerk Typist position in the Office of Special Education and Student Services effective July 30, 2025. Upon appointment, after the Civil Service Testing, there will be a 6-month probationary period. Compensation and benefits as per the CSEA.

Appointments:  
S. Mongiello  
Sr. Clerk Typist

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Motion by J. Kregg seconded by J. Stachewicz, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Alissa Dixon, certified in Early Childhood Education (Birth - Grade 2) and Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), be appointed to the Elementary Teaching Position in the Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free School District 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.

Elementary  
Education  
Teacher  
A. Dixon

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by Z. Smith seconded by R. Tarapacki, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Alaina Faulise, certified in Early Childhood Education (Birth - Grade 2) and Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), be appointed to the Elementary Teaching Position in the Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free School District 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.

Elementary  
Education  
Teacher  
A. Faulise

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by Z. Smith, seconded by J. Stachewicz, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Maria Cosen, certified in Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, Grades 1-6, and Student with Disabilities (Grades 1-6), be appointed to the AIS Reading Specialist Position at Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School effective September 1, 2025. This position holds a probationary period beginning September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2028. Compensation and benefits as per the TAC contract.

AIS Reading  
Specialist  
M. Cosen

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by J. Stachewicz seconded by R. Tarapacki, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the submitted list of individuals be appointed as Peer Advisor Mentors for the 2025-2026 school year. Compensation as per the TAC contract.

Peer Advisor  
Mentors

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by Z. Smith seconded by J. Kregg, to approve the Stipulation between the Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free School District and Mark Ostempowski, as submitted, and to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute the Stipulation.

Stipulation  
M. Ostempowski

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

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

CSE/CPSE

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by J. Stachewicz seconded by R. Tarapacki, to approve the requests from Christopher Farrell, Robert Julian, Jr., Jeffrey Mochrie, and Elizabeth Zaccarine and deem the items submitted as obsolete or damaged and dispose of the same.

Obsolete Items

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by J. Kregg seconded by R. Tarapacki, to approve the following District Plans for the 2025-2026 school year:

District Plans:  
Safety  
Mentoring  
DCIP  
SCEP

- District Wide Safety Plan
- District Wide Mentoring Plan
- District Comprehensive Improvement Plan (DCIP)
- School Comprehensive Education Plan (SCEP)

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Motion by J. Kregg seconded by Z. Smith, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the second reading of the updated and newly required policies, as submitted and listed below, which were first read on July 1, 2025 and to adopt said policies effective July 29, 2025: Policy #1210, 1510, 3311, 5230, 5640, 5670, 5672, 5681, 5683, 5685, 5740, 5741, 6120, 6121, 6140, 6150, 6411, 6550, 6560, 7212, 7316, 7320, 7350, 7420, 7530, 7550, 7551, 7553, 8210, 8220.

Adopt Policies

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by J. Stachewicz seconded by J. Kregg, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to rescind Policy #1130 - *Students Serving as Ex-Officio Members of the Board*, which has been superseded by Policy #1210 - *Board Members: Nomination and Election*, effective July 29, 2025.

Rescind Policy

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by J. Kregg seconded by R. Tarapacki, to approve the following Fundraising requests:

Fundraisers

- JFK High School and Middle School Bands to sell Ecoscents candles from September 29, 2025 through October 3, 2025. All proceeds will be used toward band apparel, field trips and music festivals.
- JFK HS Classes of 2027, 2028 and 2029 to hold a face-painting booth during the Homecoming festivities on September 19, 2025. All proceeds will be used to help build funds for class events.

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by Z. Smith seconded by J. Stachewicz, to accept the Statements of Profit and Loss:

Statements of Profit and Loss

- The JFK HS Drama Club held a Spring One Act Play on May 30 and May 31, 2025. The statement shows a profit of \$2,884.57.
- The JFK HS Yearbook Club sold high school yearbooks and ads for the 2025 yearbook. The statement shows a profit of \$934.19.

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by J. Stachewicz seconded by R. Tarapacki, to approve the request from the Town of Cheektowaga Youth and Recreation Department to use the John F. Kennedy High School pool on the dates and times, as requested, on their submitted letter dated July 7, 2025.

Use of Facilities:

Town of Cheektowaga Youth & Rec

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by J. Kregg seconded by J. Stachewicz, to approve the request from the JFK Alumni Basketball Association to use the John F. Kennedy Middle School and/or High School Gym on Thursday evenings beginning September 25, 2025 through May 28, 2026 from 7pm – 9pm.

JFK Alumni Basketball Association

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by J. Stachewicz seconded by R. Tarapacki, to approve the agreement by and between First Friends Daycare and the Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free School District beginning September 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 and to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute the same agreement.

First Friends Daycare

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Motion by J. Stachewicz seconded by J. Kregg, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Agreement between the Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free School District and the Teachers' Association of Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free School District (TAC), as submitted, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029.

TAC Contract  
2025-2029

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by J. Stachewicz seconded by J. Kregg, to adopt the following resolution:

Set Tax Rate  
2025-2026

WHEREAS, the Assessor of the Town of Cheektowaga has certified to the Board of Education, that the total assessed evaluation of real property including special franchises, subject to taxation of Cheektowaga-Sloan UFSD lying in the Town of Cheektowaga as shown on the completed tax roll of the said Town of Cheektowaga, for the year 2025-26 in the sum of \$768,952,656.

WHEREAS, the Assessor of the Town of West Seneca has certified to the Board of Education, that the total assessed evaluation of real property including special franchises, subject to taxation of Cheektowaga-Sloan UFSD lying within the Town of West Seneca, as shown on the completed tax roll of the said Town of West Seneca, for the 2025-26 school year in the sum of \$12,078,995.

WHEREAS, the equalized rate of taxation for school taxes in the Cheektowaga-Sloan UFSD, as fixed by the New York State Equalization Board, duly made and filed with the Board of Education of the Cheektowaga-Sloan UFSD, with said Towns as follows: for the Town of Cheektowaga 75.00% and for the Town of West Seneca 24.00%.

WHEREAS, the portion of the budget fully adopted by the qualified inhabitants of Cheektowaga-Sloan UFSD for the current year, which commenced July 1, 2025 and shall end June 30, 2026, shall be levied and spread upon the taxable property within the said Towns as follows: on property lying within the Town of Cheektowaga, at the rate of \$19.529683 per each thousand dollars of assessed valuation and on property lying within the Town of West Seneca, at the rate of \$61.030260 per each thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the amount of the budget for the current year to be raised by real property taxes of \$15,754,586 to be levied and spread upon the taxable property of Cheektowaga-Sloan UFSD at the rate herein before determined and fixed by the Board of Education.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk of the Cheektowaga-Sloan UFSD prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, file with the Clerk of Erie County Legislature, verification of adopting of the tax budget and tax rate.

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by J. Kregg seconded by D. McCowan, to adjourn this meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Knaebe  
District Clerk