

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Woodrow Wilson Elementary School  
Tuesday, February 24, 2026  
6:30 p.m.**

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Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge

Board President called meeting to order

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

Roll Call

Motion by J. Stachewicz seconded by R. Tarapacki, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 22, 2026.

Approve  
Minutes

Motion Carried 6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by Z. Smith seconded by S. Dombrowski, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of January, 2026 as submitted.

Approve  
Reports

Motion Carried 6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by J. Stachewicz seconded by Z. Smith, to approve the Student Activities Report and School Lunch Report for the month of January, 2026.

Motion Carried 6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by Z. Smith seconded by R. Tarapacki, to approve the Appropriation Status Report and the Revenue Report for the period ending January 31, 2026 as submitted.

Motion Carried 6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by S. Dombrowski 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. Wayne Drescher, Business Manager – 2026-2027 Budget Update

Presentations

Ms. Alexis Cacciatore & Ms. Jennifer Meyers—Restorative Practice update at JFK Middle/High School

Mrs. Janelle Finn, Assistant Superintendent—NYSED Accountability Update

Student Representative – monthly highlights for each school

Motion by J. Kregg seconded by R. Tarapacki, to accept the resignation of Katherine Palmiter as the Boys' Varsity Tennis Head Coach, effective December 4, 2025.

Motion Carried 6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by J. Stachewicz seconded by R. Tarapacki, to accept the resignation from David Mansfield, Consultant Teacher at John F. Kennedy Middle/High School, effective February 13, 2026.

Resignation:  
D. Mansfield

Motion Carried 6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by R. Tarapacki seconded by J. Stachewicz, to accept the resignation due to retirement from Mark J. Ciccarella, Business teacher at John F. Kennedy High School, effective June 30, 2027.

Retirement:  
M. Ciccarella

Motion Carried 6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

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Motion by J. Stachewicz seconded by R. Tarapacki, to approve the request from Nancy Kelly-Skokowski, Personal Care Aide at Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School, to take an unpaid leave of absence beginning February 23, 2026 with an anticipated return date of March 5, 2026.

Unpaid Leave  
of Absence:  
N. Kelly-  
Skokowski

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 S. Dombrowski seconded by R. Tarapacki, to approve the following field trip requests:

Field Trips

- The previously approved field trip for Amy Capalbo to take ten art students to Villa Maria College on January 15, 2026 has been rescheduled to March 11, 2026 due to inclement weather. All other details remain the same.
- Trevor Prutsman to take a JFK Middle School Band student to the NYSSMA Jr. High All-County Concert on March 6, 2026 and March 7, 2026 at Amherst Central High School. Parent/Guardian will provide transportation. There is no cost to the District.
- Casey Snyder to take six athletes to the Student Athletic Leadership Summit at Buffalo State College on March 26, 2026 from 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Cost to the District: \$400.00 registration fee and 1 bus.
- Sarah Borowiec, Megan Zoladz, and Mr. Farrell to organize the Mobile Museum of Tolerance (MMOT) for JFK Middle School students. Students will attend this traveling human rights education center on March 31, 2026 (or April 1, 2026) throughout the school day. It will take place in the school parking lot. There is no cost to the District.
- Jessica Stiglmeier and Jennifer Meyers to take eight JFK High School students and four JFK Middle School students to the *Youth Leadership Conference* at the Orchard Park Community Activity Center on April 17, 2026 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost to the District: 1 bus.
- Jessica Stiglmeier to take approximately five JFK High School students to the *GLYS of Western New York Annual Youth Leadership Conference* at Hamburg High School on May 6, 2026 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Cost to the District: 1 bus.
- Samuel Farber and the Fourth Grade Team to take the 4th grade students to The Buffalo Museum of Science on June 4, 2026 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost to the District: 3 buses.
- Julie Curtiss and the Third Grade Team to take the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students to Hidden Valley Animal Adventure located in Varysburg, NY on June 10, 2026 from 8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Cost to the District: 3 buses.
- Heather Frisicaro and Julia Mehnert, Senior Class Advisors, to take the Class of 2027 on their class trip to Boston, Massachusetts (itinerary as submitted). They will leave on November 10, 2026 at 6:00 a.m. and plan to return on November 13, 2026, at approximately 3:00 p.m. There is no cost to the District.

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

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Motion by R. Tarapacki seconded by Z. Smith, to approve the following Fundraising requests:

Fundraisers

- Varsity “K” Club has requested to change the date of their previously approved Volleyball Tournament, at JFK High School, from March 12, 2026 to a new date of March 5, 2026. All other details remain the same.
- Class of 2028 to hold a School-Wide Badminton Tournament on March 4, 2026 from 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. in the JFK High School gymnasium. Proceeds will be used for their class events.
- JFK High School Class of 2028 to hold *Hat Day* fundraisers, on the dates submitted, for \$1.00 each. Profits will be used for class funds and events.
- JFK High School Class of 2029 to hold a “Support My School” Spring Catalog fundraiser from March 2, 2026 through March 17, 2026. Profits will be used for class funds and events.
- JFK Varsity Softball Team to hold a Chipotle fundraiser on March 11, 2026 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Walden Avenue location in Cheektowaga. Proceeds will be used for pitching lessons and apparel.
- Varsity Track and Field team to hold a *Lap-a-thon* on April 1, 2026 (with a rain date of April 16, 2026) from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. A post-fundraiser meal will take place after the event in the cafeteria until 6:30 p.m. Profits will be used for track warm-up suits, team banquet, and team equipment.
- JFK High School Class of 2027 and Class of 2028 to collect bottles and cans on April 25, 2026 (with a backup date of May 2, 2026) from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. These items will be returned for their deposit and the profits will be used for class events.

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by J. Stachewicz, to approve the request from the Monsignor Martin High School Athletic Association to use the track at John F. Kennedy High School for one track meet during each week of: April 13<sup>th</sup>, April 20<sup>th</sup>, April 27<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup>, and May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 from 5:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Use of Facilities:  
Msgr. Martin  
HS Athletics  
Association

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, the Board of Education approves the second reading and the adoption of the policies as first submitted on January 22, 2026. Policy #5413, 5674, 5681, and 7522.

Second Reading  
& Adoption of  
Updated Policies

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by J. Stachewicz, to adopt the Instructional Calendar for the 2026-27 school year as submitted.

Adopt '26-'27  
Instructional  
Calendar

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by R. Tarapacki seconded by S. Dombrowski, to nominate Ms. Janet MacGregor Plarr residing at 3494 Heatherwood Drive, Hamburg, NY 14075, which is located in the Frontier Central School District, as a candidate for election to be held on April 21, 2026, to serve as a trustee for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, First Supervisory District of Erie County, in a term beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029.

BOCES  
Candidate:  
J. MacGregor  
Plarr

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by Z. Smith seconded by J. Stachewicz, to nominate Mr. John W. Sherman residing at 30 Milton Street, Tonawanda, NY 14150, which is located in the Tonawanda City School District, as a candidate for election to be held on April 21, 2026, to serve as a trustee for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, First Supervisory District of Erie County, in a term beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029.

BOCES  
Candidate:  
J. Sherman

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

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Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by R. Tarapacki, to accept the Statement of Profit and Loss from JFK HS Student Council for homecoming events held during the week of September 15, 2025. The statement shows a profit of \$638.75.

Profit and Loss

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by Z. Smith seconded by S. Dombrowski, to approve the request from Timothy Murray and deem the equipment submitted as obsolete and dispose of the same.

Obsolete  
Equipment

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

The Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free School District's use of \$100,000 capital outlay project for the District's 2026-2027 fiscal year will consist of replacing the outdated John F. Kennedy High School gymnasium divider with a modern high-quality gym divider curtain which divides the entire gymnasium into sections allowing for varying activities to take place at the same time.

SEQR Capital  
Outlay Project

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF CHEEKTOWAGA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT FINDING THAT CERTAIN RENOVATIONS, ALTERATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DISTRICT'S BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES AS PART OF A PROPOSED CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECT CONSTITUTE A TYPE II ACTION UNDER THE NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT.

Motion by R. Tarapacki seconded by J. Stachewicz, to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Cheektowaga Sloan Union Free School District (the "District") has considered whether the alterations, renovations and improvements to the District's buildings and facilities, as described in the Scope of Work attached to this resolution as Exhibit A (collectively referred to as the "Proposed Action"), individually and collectively constitute a Type II action within the meaning of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, constituting Article 8 of the New York Environmental Conservation Law, and the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated thereunder (6 N.Y.C.R.R. 617.1 et seq., including, in particular, 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Section 617.5) and any applicable regulations of the New York State Commissioner of Education (collectively, "SEQRA"); and

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the District are voting to potentially approve the District's 2026-2027 budget calling for the application of \$100,000 for such purpose, with the work on the Project to occur during the District's 2026-2027 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the advice of its Architect concerning the Proposed Action and its status under SEQRA, given the nature and extent of the work to be performed; and

WHEREAS, because the Board finds the Proposed Action involves the replacement, rehabilitation and reconstruction of structures and improvements in kind and does not involve any substantial changes in existing structures, such actions individually and collectively qualify as a Type II Action under SEQRA and are therefore exempt from any further action under SEQRA;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the applicable provision of the New York State Environment Quality Review Act, the replacement, rehabilitation and reconstruction of structures and improvements in kind of the Proposed Action, is a Type II Action under SEQRA for which no further environment review is necessary. This resolution shall be effective immediately.

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

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Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by R. Tarapacki, to adjourn this meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Knaebe  
District Clerk