

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Woodrow Wilson Elementary School  
Tuesday, April 21, 2026  
6:30 p.m.**

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Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge

Board President called meeting to order

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

Roll Call

Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by J. Kregg, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 17, 2026.

Approve  
Minutes

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by Z. Smith seconded by R. Tarapacki, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of March, 2026 as submitted.

Approve  
Reports

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by J. Kregg seconded by S. Dombrowski, to approve the Student Activities Report and School Lunch Report for the month of March, 2026.

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by Z. Smith seconded by J. Kregg, to approve the Appropriation Status Report and the Revenue Report for the period ending March 31, 2026 as submitted.

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by R. Tarapacki, 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 Development  
Mrs. Janelle Finn, Assistant Superintendent and Mr. Christopher Farrell, JFK Middle School Principal – CommonLit update – JFK Middle School  
Student Representative – Monthly highlights for each school

Presentations

Motion by R. Tarapacki seconded by J. Kregg, to accept the request from Cathleen Ann Caruso, Senior Clerk Typist in the Special Education Office, to change her date of retirement from July 25, 2026 to August 18, 2026.

Date Change  
for Retirement :  
C. Caruso

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by J. Kregg, to accept the resignation from Jennifer Meyers, School Social Worker at John F. Kennedy Middle School, effective April 17, 2026.

Resignation:  
J. Meyers

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by R. Tarapacki seconded by S. Dombrowski, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Hiraful Ahmed be appointed as a Personal Care Aide for the Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free School District effective May 4, 2026. This position holds a six-month probationary period. Compensation and benefits as per the CSEA contract.

Appointments:

H. Ahmed,  
Personal Care  
Aide

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Motion by J. Kregg seconded by R. Tarapacki, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Laura Peresan, be appointed as a Provisional, Full Time, 12-Month, Senior Clerk Typist at John F. Kennedy Middle/High School (split position) effective May 4, 2026. Upon appointment, after the Civil Service Testing, there will be a 6-month probationary period. Compensation and benefits as per the CSEA contract.

L. Peresan  
Provisional Sr.  
Clerk Typist

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by J. Kregg, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Danielle C. Smerda, certified in Students with Disabilities (Grades 7-12) and Social Studies (Grades 5-6, Grades 7-12), be appointed to the Consultant Teacher position at John F. Kennedy Middle and High School effective April 27, 2026. This position holds a probationary period beginning April 27, 2026 through April 26, 2030. Compensation and benefits as per the TAC contract.

D. Smerda  
Consultant  
Teacher

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by R. Tarapacki seconded by J. Kregg, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the submitted Department Chairpersons and Team Leaders shall be appointed for the 2026–2027 and 2027–2028 school years, with compensation as per the TAC contract.

Dept. Chairs,  
Team Leaders  
2026-27 &  
2027-28

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 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 2026-2027 school year. Compensation as per the TAC contract.

Club Advisors  
Coaches  
2026-2027

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by J. Kregg seconded by S. Dombrowski, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Casey Snyder be appointed to the Athletic Director position and Julia Mehnert be appointed to the Athletic Scheduler of Supervision/Lead Supervisor position effective July 1, 2026 for the 2026-2027 school year. Compensation as per the TAC contract.

C. Snyder,  
Athletic  
Director  
  
J. Mehnert,  
Athletic  
Scheduler

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

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

CSE/CPSE

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by Z. Smith seconded by S. Dombrowski, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free School District Board of Education adopts the BOCES administrative budget for 2026-2027 as presented at \$4,255,646.

Adopt BOCES  
2026-27 Budget

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by Z. Smith seconded by R. Tarapacki, to cast a ballot for Janet MacGregor Plarr, from the Frontier Central School District, as a Trustee for the Board of Cooperative Education Services for the term of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029.

Cast Ballots:  
  
J. MacGregor  
Plarr

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by Z. Smith seconded by S. Dombrowski, to cast a ballot for John Sherman, from the Tonawanda City School District, as a Trustee for the Board of Cooperative Education Services for the term of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029.

J. Sherman

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

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Motion by J. Kregg seconded by R. Tarapacki, THAT BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Cheektowaga-Sloan UFSD will conduct a Hearing to review the budget as presented to the public for the 2026-2027 school year at a special meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School in the Cafetorium, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the annual election will take place on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 in the following polling place: John F. Kennedy Middle/High School, 305 Cayuga Creek Road, Cheektowaga, NY between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. to vote on the school budget, elect one member to the Board of Education, and any other referendum or proposition to amend the budget.

Set  
Cheektowaga-  
Sloan UFSD  
Election Dates

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by Z. Smith, to adopt the Real Property Tax Report Card for the 2026-2027 fiscal year and submit the same to the New York State Education Department.

Adopt Real  
Property Tax  
Report Card

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by Z. Smith seconded by J. Kregg, that the Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free School District Board of Education shall be authorized to expend the sum set forth in the proposed 2026-2027 budget in the amount of \$44,146,792 and to levy the necessary tax.

Adopt Budget

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by Z. Smith seconded by S. Dombrowski, to approve the request from Elizabeth Zaccarine to deem various library books at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School as obsolete or damaged and to donate and/or dispose of the same.

Obsolete Books

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

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

Field trips

- Jason McCarthy and Eric Fiorello to take approximately twenty JFK Middle and High School students to the *Tech Wars Competition* at SUNY Niagara in Sanborn, NY on May 21, 2026 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost to the District: 1 bus.
- Ann Schieder, Timothy Murray, and Trevor Prutsman to take selected students from the JFK HS Concert Choir, JFK HS Band and JFK MS Band to the NYSSMA Solo Festival at West Seneca East High School on May 29, 2026 and May 30, 2026. Parents will transport their children. There is no cost to the District.
- Jennifer Piontkowski to take the Pre-K students to Kelkenburg Farm on May 29, 2026 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The parents will transport their children. There is no cost to the District.
- Gretchen Judge to take the Kindergarten students to the *Explore & More Museum* on June 18, 2026 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Cost to the District: 3 buses.
- Michelle Rogowski to take the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade students to the Buffalo Zoo on June 22, 2026 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost to the District: 3 buses.
- Melanie Wojtowicz to take the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade students to the Burchfield Penney Art Center on May 22, 2026 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. There is no cost to the District due to a grant.
- Melanie Wojtowicz to take the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade students to Akron Acres on June 10, 2026 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Cost to the District: 3 buses.
- Timothy Miller to take the John F. Kennedy Middle School 8th Grade class to Darien Lake Theme Park on June 12, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Cost to the District:  
3 buses.

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

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Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by J. Kregg, to accept the following  
Statements of Profit and Loss:

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Profit and Loss

- The Varsity K Club held a Volleyball Tournament on March 5, 2026. The statement shows a profit of \$33.76.
- The Class of 2026 held a Krispy Kreme fundraiser on March 18, 2026. The statement shows a profit of \$4,735.00.
- The JFK Varsity Softball Team held a Chipotle fundraiser on March 12, 2025. The statement shows a profit of \$43.74.

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by R. Taracki seconded by J. Kregg, to adjourn this meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion Carried            6 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent 0 Abstain

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Knaebe  
District Clerk