

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Czubaj Board of Education Room, Woodrow Wilson Elementary School
Tuesday, August 25, 2026
6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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Board President called meeting to order

Roll Call: James Stachewicz - President
Jennifer Kregg – Vice President
Stephanie Dombrowski
Lesly Harmon
Denise McCowan
Gary Sieczkarek
Racheal Tarapacki

Roll Call

Motion by J. Kregg seconded by R. Tarapacki, to approve the minutes of the Reorganizational Meeting and Regular Meeting of July 21, 2026.

Approve
Minutes

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by G. Sieczkarek seconded by D. McCowan, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of July, 2026, as submitted.

Approve
Reports

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by R. Tarapacki, to approve the School Lunch Report for the month of July, 2026 as submitted.

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by D. McCowan seconded by G. Sieczkarek, to approve the Appropriation Status Report and the Revenue Report for the period ending July 31, 2026, as submitted.

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by S. Dombrowski 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 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Mr. Wayne Drescher, Business Official – Summary of the 2026-2027 Tax Rate
Mrs. Janelle Finn, Assistant Superintendent – Overview of the Professional Development Plan (PDP) and District Goals/Priorities for the 2026-2027 School Year

Presentations

Motion by J. Kregg seconded by S. Dombrowski, to accept the following resignations:

Resignations:
K. Kaminski
M. Haley
S. Smith

- Katrina Kaminski, Coordinator of Special Education and Student Services, effective August 28, 2026.
- Meghan Haley, Elementary Education Teacher at Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School, effective August 31, 2026.
- Sandra Smith, Cleaner at JFK High School, retirement effective February 20, 2027.

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by G. Sieczkarek seconded by L. Harmon to accept the resignation with reappointment of Sandra McCafferty from a 4.5 Hour Food Service Helper, at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School, to the Classroom Aide position at Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School effective September 2, 2026. This position holds a six-month probationary period. Compensation and benefits as per the CSEA contract.

Reappointment
S. McCafferty

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

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Coaches

Motion by D. McCowan seconded by R. Tarapacki, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the submitted Coach and Volunteer Coaches shall be appointed for the 2026-2027 school year. Compensation as per the TAC contract with no compensation for the volunteer coaches.

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by G. Sieczkarek seconded by L. Harmon, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Alexandria Zosh be appointed to the Classroom Aide position at John F. Kennedy Middle School effective September 2, 2026. This position holds a six-month probationary period. Compensation and benefits as per the CSEA contract.

Classroom Aide
A. Zosh

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by R. Tarapacki seconded by J. Kregg, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Margaret Germanovich be appointed to the Classroom Aide position at Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School effective September 2, 2026. This position holds a six-month probationary period. Compensation and benefits as per the CSEA contract.

Classroom Aide
M. Germanovich

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by D. McCowan seconded by S. Dombrowski, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Jana Washington be appointed to the Personal Care Aide position at Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School effective September 2, 2026. This position holds a six-month probationary period. Compensation and benefits as per the CSEA contract.

Personal Care
Aide
J. Washington

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by G. Sieczkarek seconded by L. Harmon, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Madelynn Lockwood, having initial certification in English to Speakers of Other Languages and Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), be appointed to the English as a New Language (ENL) position at John F. Kennedy Middle School and Woodrow Wilson Elementary School effective August 27, 2026. This position holds a probationary period beginning August 27, 2026 through August 26, 2030. Compensation and benefits as per the TAC Contract.

ENL Teacher
M. Lockwood

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by L. Harmon seconded by R. Tarapacki, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Chloe K. Adams, having initial certification in early Childhood Education (Birth – Grade 2) and Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), be appointed to the Pre-Kindergarten position at Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School, effective August 27, 2026. This position holds a probationary period beginning August 27, 2026 through August 26, 2030. Compensation and benefits as per the TAC Contract.

Pre-K Teacher
C. K. Adams

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by J. Kregg, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Sophia Rupp, having initial certification in early Childhood Education (Birth – Grade 2) and Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), be appointed to the Kindergarten position at Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School, effective August 27, 2026. This position holds a probationary period beginning August 27, 2026 through August 26, 2030. Compensation and benefits as per the TAC Contract.

Elementary
Teacher
S. Rupp

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Motion by G. Sieczkarek seconded by R. Tarapacki, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Rachel Donner, having initial certification in Earth Science (Grades 7-12) be appointed to the Earth Science Teacher position at John F. Kennedy High School, effective August 27, 2026. This position holds a probationary period beginning August 27, 2026 through August 26, 2030. Compensation and benefits as per the TAC Contract.

Earth Science
Teacher
R. Donner

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by L. Harmon, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the submitted list of individuals be appointed as Peer Advisor Mentors for the 2026-2027 school year. Compensation as per the TAC contract.

Peer Mentors

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by D. McCowan seconded by J. Kregg, to approve the list of teaching and non-teaching substitutes as submitted.

Substitutes

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by D. McCowan, to approve the recommendations from the CSE/CPSE as submitted.

CSE/CPSE

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by D. McCowan seconded by L. Harmon, to approve the Professional Development Plan (PDP) for the 2026-2027 school year.

Professional
Development
Plan (PDP)
2026-2027

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by R. Tarapacki seconded by S. Dombrowski, to approve the requests 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 letters dated July 21, 2026 and July 28, 2026.

Use of
Facilities:
Town of
Cheektowaga

Motion Carried 6 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 1 Abstain

Motion by G. Sieczkarek seconded by D. McCowan, 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 24, 2026 through May 27, 2027 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

JFK Alumni
Basketball
Association

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by L. Harmon, to approve the request from Elizabeth Zaccarine and deem the items submitted as obsolete and dispose of the same.

Obsolete Item

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by J. Kregg seconded by R. Tarapacki, to approve the following field trip request:

Field Trip

- Julie Curtiss and the Third-Grade Team to take the 3rd grade students to The Great Pumpkin Farm located in Clarence, NY on October 20, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Cost to the District: 3 buses.

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

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

Fundraisers

- The Woodrow Wilson Lighthouse Club and JFK National Junior Honor Society to sponsor a Pink Ribbon Drive to benefit the American Cancer Society during the week of October 5, 2026. All donations will go to the American Cancer Society.

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Fundraisers
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- The JFK National Junior Honor Society to sell concession stand snack items during the modified football games on the dates submitted. Profits will be used for their induction ceremony and sponsored events.
- The JFK National Junior Honor Society to sell after school snacks Monday through Friday from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., in the JFK Middle School main hallway, during the school year. Profits will be used to fund schoolwide Betterment Committee initiatives.
- The JFK National Junior Honor Society Betterment Committee to host a *Glow Dance* on February 26, 2027 and a *Luau Dance* on May 14, 2027. Profits will be used for the Betterment Committee initiatives and events.
- The JFK National Junior Honor Society Betterment Committee to hold a JFK-themed clothing sale through Willow and Layne Company during the months of September, October, December, and April of this school year. Profits will be used for committee-based Level Up initiatives.

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by G. Sieczkarek seconded by D. McCowan, to adopt the following resolution:

Set Tax Rate
2026-2027

WHEREAS, the Assessors of the Town of Cheektowaga and the Town of West Seneca have certified to the Board of Education, that the total assessed valuation of real property including special franchises, subject to taxation of Cheektowaga-Sloan UFSD lying in the Towns of Cheektowaga and West Seneca, as shown on the completed tax rolls of the Towns for the year 2026-27, in the amount of \$769,204,595 and \$12,473,671, respectfully.

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 for the Towns of Cheektowaga and West Seneca for the year 2026-27 are 74.0% and 22.0%, respectfully.

WHEREAS, the portion of the budget adopted by the qualified voters of the Cheektowaga-Sloan UFSD for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, 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 \$19.612062 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.
- On property lying within the Town of West Seneca at the rate of \$65.967843 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the amount of the budget for the current year to be raised by the levy of real property taxes of \$15,908,549 be levied and spread upon the taxable property of Cheektowaga-Sloan UFSD at the rates 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 1st day of October, file with the Clerk of Erie County Legislature verification of adopting the tax budget and tax rate.

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded R. Tarapacki, by to adjourn this meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Knaebe
District Clerk