

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Czubaj Board of Education Room, Woodrow Wilson Elementary School
Tuesday, September 15, 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
Leslyy Harmon
Denise McCowan
Gary Sieczkarek
Racheal Tarapacki

Roll Call

Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by L. Harmon, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 25, 2026.

Approve
Minutes

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by D. McCowan seconded by J. Kregg, to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the month of August, 2026, as submitted.

Approve
Reports

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by G. Sieczkarek seconded by R. Tarapacki, to approve the School Lunch Report for the month of August, 2026 as submitted.

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 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 August 31, 2026, as submitted.

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by D. McCowan seconded by G. Sieczkarek, to suspend the reading of each Warrant payment and to approve payments for the General Fund, School Lunch Fund, and Special Aid Fund as submitted.

Approve
Payments

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Mr. Wayne Drescher, Business Official – Committed Fund Balance
Mrs. Janelle Finn, Assistant Superintendent – Portrait of a Graduate

Presentations

Motion by G. Sieczkarek seconded by J. Kregg, to accept the following resignations:

Resignations:
J. McCarthy
J. Goodrow

- Jason McCarthy, Technology Education Teacher, effective September 26, 2026.
- Joseph Goodrow, Director of Facilities/Maintenance Mechanic Crew Chief, retirement is effective May 8, 2027.

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Appointments:

Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by D. McCowan, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Julia Stranges be appointed to the Spanish Teaching position at John F. Kennedy Middle School, effective September 16, 2026. The Spanish 7-12 certification is forthcoming and contingent upon tenure. This position holds a probationary period beginning September 16, 2026 through September 15, 2030. Compensation and benefits as per the TAC Contract.

Spanish
J. Stranges

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

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Motion by D. McCowan seconded by R. Tarapacki, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Alison Heilig, certified in School Psychology, be appointed as a School Psychologist for the Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free School District, effective October 5, 2026. This position holds a probationary period beginning October 5, 2026 through October 4, 2030. Compensation and benefits as per the TAC contract.

School Psych.
A. Heilig

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, the submitted list of individuals be appointed as Peer Advisor Mentors for the 2026-2027 school year. Compensation as per the TAC contract.

Peer Advisor
Mentors

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by R. Tarapacki, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Edwin Hawkins, certified in Technology Education, be appointed to the Technology Teaching position at John F. Kennedy High School, effective October 5, 2026. This position holds a probationary period beginning October 5, 2026 through October 4, 2029. Compensation and benefits as per the TAC contract.

Technology
E. Hawkins

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by J. Kregg seconded by R. Tarapacki, to approve the list of teaching substitutes as submitted.

Substitutes

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, the following tenure appointments be approved:

Tenure:
G. Accurso
D. Drennen, Jr.

- Gina Accurso, being certified in French (Grades 7-12) and English to Speakers of Other Languages, be granted tenure effective 9/27/2026.
- Denver Drennen, Jr., Director of Curriculum and Instruction, being certified as School District Leader, be granted tenure effective October 21, 2026.

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by R. Tarapacki, to approve the recommendation from the CPSE as submitted.

CPSE

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by G. Sieczkarek seconded by J. Kregg, to approve the first reading of Policy #7134 – Safeguarding the Rights of Immigrant Students, as submitted, waive and suspend the second reading, and adopt said policy effective September 16, 2026.

Policy #7134
Safeguarding
Student Rights

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by G. Sieczkarek seconded by J. Kregg, to award the bid for the 2026-2027 Cheektowaga-Sloan UFSD Capital Outlay Project to Building Z, LLC who was the lowest responsible bidder and recommended by the District's Architects, with a bid in the amount of \$40,200.00.

Award Bid

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by D. McCowan, to approve the end of year budgetary transfers as submitted.

Budget
Transfers

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

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

Commit Fund
Balance

WHEREAS, the District would like to provide funding for potential future costs for students with special needs, and

WHEREAS, in closing the District's books of account for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026 potential additional funding was determined to be available,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Commitment of Fund Balance for Special Education in the amount of \$3,397,525 as of June 30, 2026.

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded by D. McCowan, to approve the field trip request from Casey Snyder to take approximately forty JFK Middle School students to Cleveland Hill High School on November 4, 2026 from 3:10 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. for an Extramural Volleyball Tournament. There is no cost to the students. Cost to the District: 1 bus and athletic supervision pay for two supervisors.

Field Trip

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

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

Fundraisers

- John F. Kennedy Girls JV and Varsity Volleyball to host a pancake breakfast at Applebee's, 1050 Union Rd., West Seneca, on Saturday, October 3, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Profits will be used for the end of the season banquet and tournament.
- Class of 2029 to hold a School-Wide Badminton Tournament during the first week of November 2026 and the first week of March 2027 from 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. in the JFK High School gymnasium. Profits will be used for their class events.
- JFK High School Class of 2028 and Class of 2029 to collect and then return bottles and cans on April 24, 2027 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at JFK High School. Profits will be used to build funds for class events.

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by G. Sieczkarek seconded by D. McCowan, to accept the Statement of Profit and Loss from the JFK High School Band. They held a Flower Power Fundraiser in the spring of 2026 and the statement shows a profit of \$507.00.

Profit and Loss

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Motion by S. Dombrowski seconded J. Kregg, by to adjourn this meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion Carried 7 Ayes 0 Noes 0 Absent 0 Abstain

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Knaebe
District Clerk