

# The Board of Education

## *Role and Responsibility*



**Tully Central Schools**  
Education Today For Tomorrow's Challenges

### Mission Statement

The mission of the Tully Central Schools is to create an open, caring and supportive atmosphere where every student is nurtured in the development of a respect and thirst for lifelong learning and personal dedication to the pursuit of excellence.

We will, through staff development and the use of the community and its resources, provide a challenging and innovative curriculum which develops creative thinking and problem solving while incorporating high standards and accountability.

Tully Central Schools will graduate competent, compassionate individuals responsible for themselves and the world at large, who can excel at any chosen endeavor.



## *Members of the Board of Education*

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Ken Steiger, *President*

John Burgett

Mark Drumm

Dan Twentyman

James Bertolo, *Vice President*

Denise Cardamone

Jan Kublick

Dustin Draper, *Student Ex Officio*



## *The Responsibilities of the Board of Education*

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The Board of Education is the elected policy-making body of the school district. The Tully Board consists of seven members who volunteer their time for three year terms of office (July 1 - June 30).

The Board of Education is responsible for establishing the vision for the district along with the district administration. In addition, it serves as liaison between the schools and the community. Board responsibilities include:

- define the philosophy and vision of the district
- establish policies for the operation of the district
- recruit and hire the superintendent
- set goals and objectives to achieve educational progress
- evaluate the effectiveness of district programs and services
- adopt and monitor a budget consistent with educational needs and community resources
- communicate the needs and progress of the district to the community, educational governing boards, and legislators
- act on recommendations set forth by the superintendent regarding financial, personnel, operational, and curriculum items

## *The Board of Education Meeting*

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The Tully Board of Education welcomes residents, staff members, students, and other interested persons to meetings. We appreciate your interest in our schools.

Board meetings are usually held on the third Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Junior-Senior High School conference room. Joining the members of the Board of Education at the table is the Superintendent of Schools. The School Business Administrator and building administrators are at each meeting along with the District Clerk, who is also the secretary to the Superintendent of Schools.

Copies of the agenda, which outlines the order of business, are available to the public at each meeting and delivered to board members in advance of the meeting date to allow the members time to study and review the information. They also are available on the district web site the day of each meeting.

## *The Meeting Agenda*

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Call Meeting to Order           | 8. Personnel                      |
| 2. Minutes                         | 9. New Business                   |
| 3. Recognitions and Visitors       | 10. Meetings and Dates            |
| 4. Presentations—Discussion/Action | 11. Round Table                   |
| 5. Financial Items                 | 12. Executive Session (if needed) |
| 6. Policies                        | 13. Adjournment                   |
| 7. Old Business                    |                                   |

The Board of Education encourages public participation at meetings. At the *Recognitions and Visitors* and again at the *Round Table* point in the agenda, members of the public are permitted to ask brief questions or share comments. Persons wishing to speak should identify themselves and any organization they may be representing at the meeting. Comments should be kept as brief as possible and relate to school matters.

## *Executive Session*

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The Board of Education meets in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, labor negotiations, and other matters as defined by the Open Meetings Law of the State of New York. Executive sessions can only be held by resolution at an advertised open meeting. Executive sessions are closed to the public and no official action may be taken unless permitted by law. If a member of the public believes they have an issue to bring to the Board in Executive Session, they should contact the superintendent or Board President for guidance on this issue.

## *The Superintendent of Schools*

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The Superintendent of Schools serves as Chief Executive Officer of the district, providing educational leadership to the Board of Education, staff, students, and community. Responsibilities include supervising the operation of the schools, the instructional program, and management of district personnel. The superintendent also advises the Board of Education on the needs and programs of the schools and is responsible for the administration of all policies adopted by the board.



### *District Administration*

Superintendent of Schools .....Kraig D. Pritts  
School Business Administrator.....Tiffany Nesbitt  
K-6 Principal..... Brent Suddaby  
7-12 Principal..... Mary Ann Murphy  
7-12 Assistant Principal.....Paul Schiener  
Director of Special Education..... Debora Cox

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