



BOE 2024 Candidates

Tully Central School District

Carley Anderson

Carley Anderson moved to Tully in 2021 and has grown increasingly involved in the community since that time. She is passionate about the power of public schools to shape the future of the generations to come, and is an energetic advocate for improving the quality of education and experiences of students within the district. Serving on the Board of Education is a natural continuation of her public service as a Public Health Officer in the U.S. Commissioned Corps, and her training in public health contributes to her ability to look at details in context of systemic patterns to create positive change.

As a Board of Education member, her priorities will include amplifying the perspectives of those historically overlooked, celebrating diversity and inclusion (including increasing representation within the staff of the school), and ensuring high quality mental health support for students and staff, thereby supporting students to reach their optimum academic achievement. By working collaboratively with fellow board members, educators, and parents, she believes she can represent the common interests of students, staff, and the community to continue a supportive and enriching learning environment for all.

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Donna Doody

A graduate and lifelong resident of Tully Schools. Has raised three daughters with husband, Jim.

Recently retired from the business office at Tully School District after 34 years. Was Preble Town Justice from 2012-2023, retiring in December.

Understands the financial needs and concerns of the district. A lifelong learner with a vast knowledge of school district finance and everyday operations. Understands New York State school budget and aid formulas. Has been on many committees with a variety of individuals coming from all different aspects of life and professions. Can collaborate effectively and efficiently. Is a level-headed problem solver. Fair and more than happy to hear all sides of an issue and try to come to some compromise for the best outcome of the district as a whole.

Respect in the classroom, kids' well-being, education, and concerns and needs of the district are her highest priorities; along with fiscally-sound policies to protect the taxpayer. She will challenge herself and others to make the right decisions for all the students, staff, and residents of the Tully School District.

Jeff Phelps

I grew up on a dairy farm in New Ashford, Massachusetts, with 3 brothers, a sister, parents, and grandparents. I graduated from Mt. Greylock Regional HS in 1974 and completed my B.S. in Agriculture and my M.S. in Economic Modeling from the University of Vermont. I worked for the University of Vermont as an IT specialist in the Extension Service, then moved to Syracuse to work for Agway in IT. Following that, I operated an IT consulting business for 20 years and eventually took a position with DairyIdea/Dairy Farmers of America as VP of IT. I have been retired for 2 years.

My wife and I moved to Tully in 1998 so our children could attend Tully schools. Our children were involved in many Tully School groups - music, drama, student government, and several sports. We were involved as well - participating in PTO, volunteer coaching youth sports, chaperoning trips, and fundraising; things that many parents in Tully do to support the schools and the community.

I believe everyone has a responsibility to serve their community. That is something I was raised with; as my grandparents and parents served on many boards and leadership posts in the town I grew up in. Raising our children in the Tully school system, we saw how it provided great opportunities for them to be successful. I would like to help Tully schools continue that legacy by serving on the School Board.



Ed Wortley

My name is Edward Wortley II and I am a third-generation graduate of Tully Central Schools. My family ran a successful drugstore in Tully where I started as a cashier. I grew up with four sisters. My grandfather taught me carpentry and construction skills which I use today in my own business, P&W builders. I majored in electricity and graduated from Delhi College. This helped me to find my current employment at Niagara Mohawk, now National Grid. My wife, Jamie, and I have two daughters. Julia is in 10th grade and Kalynn is in 7th grade at Tully High School. I also have a stepdaughter, Meredith, who also graduated from Tully Central School in 2016 and from SUNY Cortland in 2021.

For the past nine years, you have placed confidence in me by electing me to the Board of Education. I have experienced several challenges in the education field which impacted my decisions regarding my Board voting. Some of these challenges include a capital project that upgraded our school facilities, the development of a school safety and security program, and a program of having our students return safely to school after the COVID-19 shutdown. Most recently, the challenge was hiring a new superintendent and listening to the concerns of the community as the school faces staffing concerns regarding decreasing enrollment.

I would like to carry on the commonsense approach to the education of our children. I ask for your support on May 21,2024

