

Regular Meeting (Tuesday, February 10, 2026)

Tully Central School District
 Board of Education
 Tully Junior-Senior High School
 Library, 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Edward Wortley, President
 Bettemae Russell, Vice President
 Shannon Brown, Member
 Donna Doody, Member
 Scott Haynes, Member
 Cheryl Wayne, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jeffrey Phelps, Member

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Andy Buchsbaum, Superintendent
 Ed Kupiec, Elementary Principal
 Mike O'Brien, Jr./Sr. High Principal
 Adam O'Neill, Director of Student Support Svcs.
 Paul Schiener, Director of Instructional Support Svcs.
 Kevin Sommer, School Business Administrator

OTHERS PRESENT

Jeanette Neadom, District Clerk

1. Call Meeting to Order - Meeting was called to order by Edward Wortley at 6:00 p.m.

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Approve Agenda - Motion by Cheryl Wayne, seconded by Shannon Brown to approve the agenda as presented. Vote 6 to 0.
 Motion Carried.

2. Minutes

2.1 Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting - Motion by Bettemae Russell, seconded by Cheryl Wayne to approve the January 20, 2026 and January 21, 2026 minutes as presented. Vote 6 to 0. Motion Carried.

3. Recognitions

3.1 Student and Staff Recognitions - Ed Kupiec, TES Principal presented the cast and directors from "*Summer Camp*" Musical.

4. Visitors

4.1 Visitors are recognized and welcomed - Valerie Good, Art Rienhardt, Greg Brewer, Lindsey Shaw, Susan Biggar, Cindy Shaw, Ariana Robbins, Heather Hudon, Jim Paccia, and various students. All declined to comment.

5. Presentations and Items for Discussion

5.1 2026-2027 Budget Development - Kevin Sommer presented 2026-27 Budget Development information.

5.2 Superintendent's Report

Student Government - 3/13 Trivia Knight, Musical coming up in March, Graduation Committee is starting to plan, Teen Institute and Grade 6 Buddy Program, DWI Crash Presentation (every other year), Sr. Art Club trip to NYC, International Club and Chinese New Year, Athletic Teams are doing really well.

JSHS - Danieli Leadership Training is wrapping up of the year, Visits to OCC to see potential of classes for Technology collaborating with Micron pathway.

TES - Musical went well despite a Bat interruption, 3/20 Conference Day is in the works, Finishing up with safety drills, Visits to Westhill to see how others are structuring academic needs, Attendance is still going strong, For PreK no lottery will be needed at this point.

Special Education - Special Olympiad is around the corner and more information is to come, Jr/Sr/Spanish Honor Society Clubs help and volunteer for this event which is held at SUNY Cortland.

5.3 Board of Education President's Report

- Board Member Items - BOCES Board Member Nominations need to be submitted to the BOCES Clerk by 4:00 p.m. on March 18, 2026. Tully BOE candidate packets are available in the district office.

5.4 Committee Reports - No additions or corrections to Minutes.

- Finance and Audit Committee - January 20, 2026
- Facilities Committee - January 21, 2026
- Health & Safety Committee - January 22, 2026
- Athletic Advisory Committee - February 4, 2026-CANCELLED

6. Financial Items

6.1 Financial Reports - approval of the December 2025 financial reports as presented.

6.2 Claims - approval of the December 2025 claims/payments as presented.

6.3 Budget Transfers - approval of the budget transfer(s) as presented.

Motion by Bettemae Russell, seconded by Shannon Brown to approve financial items 6.1 through 6.3 by consent. Vote 6 to 0. Motion Carried.

7. Policies

7.1 Policies for First Reading-None

7.2 Policies for Second Reading

- Policy 5840 Artificial Intelligence (new policy-clean version/no marked version)
- Policy 5850 Data Networks and Security Access

Motion by Donna Doody, seconded by Bettemae Russell to approve policies 5840 and 5850 for second reading and adoption. Vote 6 to 0. Motion Carried.

8. Personnel

8.1 Abolish the position of Mathematics Teacher - approval of the abolishment of the position of one (1) Mathematics Teacher effective June 30, 2026, from the district staff, in order to align staffing needs.

8.2 Appointment of Tenure - approval of tenure appointment of Mark Chambers in the area of Mathematics Teacher effective June 18, 2026.

8.3 Resignation of Teaching Assistant - acceptance of the resignation from Cheryl Bliss from the position of Teaching Assistant retroactively effective January 2, 2026.

8.4 Resignation of Payroll Coordinator - acceptance of the resignation from Carol Beck from the position of Payroll Coordinator retroactively effective January 30, 2026.

8.5 Appointment of Bus Driver Trainer - approval of the retroactive appointment effective January 29, 2026 of David Earley to the title of Bus Driver Trainer to assist with 19-A and SBDI training at the rate of \$25/hr with hours as approved by the Superintendent for the 2025-26 school year.

8.6 Leave of Absence Request of Custodian - acceptance of the leave of absence request from Amy Muir from the position of Custodian with a start date of February 24, 2026 and with an anticipated return date of March 13, 2026.

8.7 Leave of Absence Request of Maintenance Worker - acceptance of the leave of absence request from Matthew Tibbitts from the position of Maintenance Worker with a start date of February 24, 2026 and with an anticipated return date of March 13, 2026. **Correction: start date of January 8, 2026 and an anticipated return date to be determined.**

8.8 Resignation of Contract Bus Driver - acceptance of the resignation from Michael Lee from the position of Contract Bus Driver effective February 19, 2026.

8.9 Revised TES Co-Curricular Personnel Recommendations (Dept. Chair/Mentors) - approval of the revised TES Department Chairperson(s) and New Teacher Mentors appointments for the 2025-2026 school year as presented.

8.10 Substitutes - approval of substitute(s) as presented below.

Substitute Custodian

Kathy Thomas, effective February 11, 2026

Motion by Bettemae Russell, seconded by Cheryl Wayne to approve personnel items 8.1 through 8.10 by consent. Vote 6 to 0. Motion Carried.

8.11 Stipend Payments - approval of stipend payments for payroll coverage as presented in memorandum and the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to sign the agreement.

Motion by Bettemae Russell, seconded by Shannon Brown to approve personnel item 8.11. Vote 5 to 0 with one abstention-Edward Wortley. Motion Carried.

8.12 Spring Coaching Appointments - approval of 2026 spring coaching appointments as presented.

Motion by Donna Doody, seconded by Scott Haynes to approve personnel item 8.12. Vote 4 to 0 with two abstentions-Bettemae Russell and Edward Wortley. Motion Carried.

9. New Business

9.1 Amendment - King & King Contract/Ref. 12.11.25 - approval of the amendment to the King & King Contract/Ref. 12.11.25 and adoption of said resolution as presented. The Board of Education President or the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to sign same.

9.2 Election Inspectors and Machine Technician - approval of the election inspectors and machine technician for the annual budget vote and BOE candidate vote scheduled for May-~~20~~**19**, 202**6**.

9.3 CSE Recommendations - approval of CSE recommendations as presented.

Motion by Cheryl Wayne, seconded by Donna Doody to approve new business items 9.1 through 9.3 by consent. Vote 6 to 0. Motion Carried.

10. Meetings and Dates

10.1 Upcoming meetings and dates

- Monday, February 16 through Friday, February 20 - Winter Recess
- Wednesday, February 25 - Facilities Committee Meeting, 3:00 p.m. Virtual
- Thursday, February 26 - Health and Safety Committee Meeting, 3:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, March 3 - Finance and Audit Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m.**
- Tuesday, March 3 - BOE Meeting, JSHS Library 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 4 - Academic Advisory Committee Meeting, 3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 10 - Policy Committee Meeting, 8:15 a.m.
- Wednesday, March 18 - Wellness Committee Meeting, 3:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 18 - Facilities Committee Meeting, 3:00 p.m. Virtual

11. Public Comments

11.1 Public Comments - All declined to comment.

12. Executive Session

12.1 Proposed Executive Session - Motion by Cheryl Wayne, seconded by Shannon Brown to adjourn into executive session to discuss contract negotiations. Vote 6 to 0. Motion Carried. Time: 6:35 p.m.

12.2 Return from Executive Session - Motion by Bettemae Russell, seconded by Donna Doody to return to open session. Vote 6 to 0. Motion Carried. Time: 7:18 p.m.

12.3 Possible Action from Executive Session - None

13. Adjournment

13.1 Adjourn Meeting - Motion by Scott Haynes, seconded by Donna Doody to adjourn the meeting. Vote 6 to 0. Motion Carried. Time: 7:18 p.m.


 Jeanette Neadom, District Clerk

Draft Minutes: 2/17/2026
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