

Regular Meeting (Tuesday, March 24, 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
Scott Haynes, Member
Jeffrey Phelps, Member
Cheryl Wayne, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Donna Doody, Member

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Andy Buchsbaum, Superintendent
Mike O'Brien, Jr./Sr. High Principal
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 6:02 p.m.

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Approve Agenda - Motion by Jeffrey Phelps, 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 Jeffrey Phelps, seconded by Shannon Brown to approve the minutes of March 3, 2026 as presented. Vote 6 to 0. Motion Carried.

3. Recognitions

3.1 Student and Staff Recognitions - Mike O'Brien presented students and staff from the JSHS Musical "The Addams Family" turning introductions over to staff. He also presented Art Students and staff turning introductions over to the staff.

4. Visitors

4.1 Visitors are recognized and welcomed - Kelsey Hall, Pete Cardamone, Kayla Liddington, Michelle Gazdik, Art Rienhardt, Mike Kutty, Stacy Kutty, Abby Meade Young, Sherry Huggins, Heather Hudon, Suzanne Hardy, Peter Leahey, Kate Currie various others including students.

5. Presentations and Items for Discussion

5.1 Tully Free Library Budget Presentation - Kelsey Hall presented Library Budget information.

5.1 2026-2027 Budget Development - Kevin Sommer presented continued budget development information.

5.3 Superintendent's Report - Conference feedback was positive; PTO TES Read-A-Thon success; Sports starting; alot going on right now moving into the end of the school year.

5.4 Board of Education President's Report

- Board Member Items:
 - OCM BOCES' Annual Meeting is April 7, 2026, 7:00 p.m. (Dinner at 6:00 p.m) at the Cortlandville Campus.
 - Tully CSD BOE Member Candidate packets are now available. There will be 2 (two) seats available for the term of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029. Nominating petitions must be submitted to the district clerk by 5:00 pm on April 20, 2026.
 - Virtual attendance at board meetings - at this time, this option will not be pursued.

- o Reorganization meeting date for July 2026 - suggested and agreed tentatively July 13, 2026. To be voted on next month.

5.5 Committee Reports - No additions or corrections to minutes.

- Tuesday, March 3 - Finance and Audit Committee Minutes
- Wednesday, March 4 - Academic Advisory Committee Minutes
- Tuesday, March 10 - Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
- Wednesday, March 18 - Wellness Committee Minutes
- Wednesday, March 18 - Facilities Committee Minutes

6. Financial Items

6.1 Financial Reports - approval of the February 2026 financial reports as presented.

6.2 Claims - approval of the February 2026 claims/payments as presented.

6.3 Budget Transfers - approval of the budget transfers as presented.

Motion by Scott Haynes, seconded by Cheryl Wayne 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

- 7513 - Medication and Personal Care Items - Motion by Bettemae Russell, seconded by Jeffrey Phelps to approve policy 7513 for first reading. Vote 6 to 0. Motion Carried.
- 7521 - Students w Life-Threat Health Conds-Anaphylaxis - Motion Jeffrey Phelps, seconded by Bettemae Russell to approve policy 7521 for first reading. Vote 6 to 0. Motion Carried.

7.2 Policies for Second Reading

- 1620 Annual Organizational Meeting
- 1640 Absentee, Military, and Early Mail Ballots

Motion by Jeffrey Phelps, seconded by Shannon Brown to approve policies 1620 and 1640 for second reading and adoption by consent. Vote 6 to 0. Motion Carried.

8. Personnel

8.1 Appointment of Payroll Coordinator - the appointment of Briana Ford to the competitive class Cortland County Civil Service position of provisional Payroll Coordinator effective April 14, 2026. This appointment is contingent upon ~~fingerpint clearance and Breana~~ Briana Ford taking ~~and being reachable on~~ the next available Payroll Coordinator exam through Cortland County Civil Service ~~and being reachable on the eligible list for this position.~~ This appointment is in accordance with the terms of the current Payroll Coordinator Agreement.

8.2 TTA Agreement - Memorandums of Agreement - approval of Memorandums of Agreement to the current Tully Teachers Association Agreement as presented.

8.3 Status Change of Food Service Helper - approval of the status change of Tarah Kadlubowski to the non-competitive class position of permanent Food Service Helper with a retroactive effective date of February 10, 2026 due to the successful completion of the probationary period. This appointment is in accordance with the terms of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement between Tully Central School District and Teamsters Local Union 317.

8.4 Resignation of Groundskeeper - acceptance of the resignation from Kaleb Korkue from the position of Groundskeeper retroactively effective March 13, 2026.

8.5 Teamsters Local Union 317 Agreement - Memorandum of Agreement - approval of Memorandum of Agreement to the current Collective Bargaining Agreement Teamsters Local Union 317 as presented.

8.6 Resignation of Building Maintenance Worker - acceptance of the resignation from Matthew Tibbetts (~~Tibbitts~~) from the position of Building Maintenance Worker retroactively effective March 13, 2026.

8.7 Substitute(s) - approval of substitute(s) as presented below.

Substitute Contract Bus Driver

Christopher Card effective March 25, 2026

Motion by Scott Haynes, seconded by Cheryl Wayne to approve personnel items 8.1 through 8.7 by consent. Vote 6 to 0. Motion Carried.

9. New Business

9.1 Proposition II - Student Transportation - approval of the following language for Proposition II on the ballot for May 19, 2026.

"Shall the Board of Education of the Tully Central School District be authorized to lease, lease purchase, or finance three (3) 65-passenger school buses, one (1) 65-passenger school bus with a luggage compartment and AC and one (1) 30-passenger wheelchair school bus, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto, and expend a total sum not to exceed \$835,182, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District, in the principal amount not to exceed \$835,182, shall be issued?"

9.2 Proposition III - 2026 Capital Reserve Fund - approval of the following language for Proposition III on the ballot for May 19, 2026.

"Shall the Board of Education of the Tully Central School District, be authorized to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for a ten-year term pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law to be titled "2026 Capital Reserve Fund" and fund such reserve in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000, inclusive of accrued interest and other investment earnings, to be used for renovations and additions to all District facilities, including purchase of equipment, technology upgrades, classroom equipment and/or school infrastructure equipment, site development, athletic fields, storm and sanitary sewer, driveways, and parking lots, such reserve fund to be funded from (i) year-end budget surplus funds known as unassigned fund balance, as available, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter for the term of the reserve fund, (ii) transfers of excess monies from Board of Education designated reserves, (iii) amounts from budgetary appropriations from time to time, and (iv) New York State Aid received and made available by the Board of Education from time to time, all as permitted by law?"

9.3 Proposition IV - Library Tax - approval of the following language for Proposition IV - 2026/2027 Library Tax on the ballot for May 19, 2026.

"For the purpose of funding the Tully Free Library, shall the sum of Two Hundred Sixty Thousand, Three Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$260,370) be raised by annual levy of a tax upon the taxable real property within the Tully Central School District?"

9.4 Notice of Public Budget Hearing, Annual Meeting and Budget Vote/Election - approval of the attached notice for the Budget Hearing, Annual meeting of budget vote and election, related information with the District Clerk and the Superintendent of Schools and/or School Business Administrator being authorized to make revisions as needed for publication.

9.5 SEQRA Resolution - approval of the attached SEQRA resolution as written.

9.6 Resolution-Action on Voter Second Petition - approval of the attached resolution for the Action on Voter Second Petition.

9.7 Approval of JSHS Overnight Fieldtrips - approval of the Tully Art Club - NYC 2026 and FFA State Officer Nominating Committee overnight field trips as presented.

9.8 Donation - acceptance of a donation to the Rodger Conway Scholarship Fund as presented.

9.9 Emergency Herbicide or Pesticide Application - The Child Safe Playing Fields Act requires the Board of Education to declare an emergency and approve any application of a herbicide or pesticide to an athletic or play field/area. This is a request for the Board of Education to approve herbicide/pesticide vegetation control application(s) be applied to all grassy areas on campus. The Vegetation Control treatments will be applied by a New York Certified Applicator and has been scheduled for the following dates as presented below:

First Treatment

Anticipated April 3, 2026 (April 4, 2026 alternate date)

Second Treatment

Anticipated June 22, 2026 (June 23 alternate date)

Third Treatment -

Anticipated August 14, 2026 (August 15, 2026 alternate date)

Note: Treatment areas will be closed off for use on Friday, Saturday and Sunday after each treatment.

9.10 Transportation/Maintenance Surplus - approval of the surplus of transportation/maintenance items as listed on the attachment and the School District is authorized to sell, donate or dispose of the technology items as it may deem fit, consistent with applicable law.

9.11 Volunteer(s) - approval of additional volunteer(s) as presented below.

- William Hackett
- Jonathan Martin

9.12 CSE Recommendations - approval of CSE recommendations as presented.

Motion by Bettemae Russell, seconded by Jeffrey Phelps to approve new business items 9.1 through 9.12 by consent. Vote 6 to 0. Motion Carried.

10. Meetings and Dates

10.1 Upcoming meetings and dates

- Athletic Advisory Committee Meeting - March 25, 2026, 3:30 p.m.
- Health & Safety Committee Meeting - March 26, 2026, 3:00 p.m.
- Policy Committee Meeting - April 7, 2026, 8:15 a.m.
- Finance and Audit Committee Meeting - April 20, 2026, 5:00 p.m.
- BOE Meeting - April 20, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

11. Public Comments

11.1 Public Comments - Parent shared transportation concerns and questions.

12. Executive Session

12.1 Proposed Executive Session - None

13. Adjournment

13.1 Adjourn Meeting - Motion by Cheryl Wayne, seconded by Jeffrey Phelps to adjourn the meeting. Vote 6 to 0. Motion Carried. Time: 7:20 p.m.


Jeanette Neadom, District Clerk

Draft Minutes: 3/27/2026
Scheduled for BOE Review: 4/20/2026
BOE Approval: 4/20/2026