When and where does the Board meet?

The Whitesboro Central School District Board of Education meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month during the school year and once each month in December, July and August. Meetings are held at the Administration Building at 65 Oriskany Blvd. in Whitesboro, or at one of the school buildings in the District. Please refer to our website, www.wboro.org, for updated information regarding the Board of Education meeting schedule.





Do you have a concern?

The Board encourages parents and community members who have a concern about their children's education or other school-related problems to *try to resolve them first at the level most directly involved*, usually the classroom teacher or the Building Principal.

If you feel that District officials have not brought your concern to resolution, you may contact the Board through written communication sent to the Board President at the District Office. The President will relay your concern(s) to the entire Board and they will discuss your problem.

District Office: 65 Oriskany Blvd. Whitesboro, NY 13492

Welcome to a Meeting of the Whitesboro Central School District Board of Education



Current Members

Mr. Michael Head, President
Mr. Brian McQueen, Vice President
Mr. Edward Blake
Mr. Donald H. Henderson
Dr. Jonathan Henderson
Mr. Thomas Schoen, Jr.
Dr. Steven Szatko

Mission

To inspire, cultivate, and empower all learners to maximize their potential.

Inspire—Cultivate—Empower

Vision

Together with our community, the Whitesboro Central School District provides a dynamic, comprehensive program committed to relevant, engaging, individualized experiences, while fostering a culture of personal and professional growth in a safe, diverse, positive learning environment.

What is a Board of Education?

The Board is the official policy making body of the School District. The Board is composed of seven members, elected by the public, who serve three-year terms of office. Board of Education members receive no paid compensation for their services.



What are the responsibilities of the Board?

- Establish District policies
- Identify District philosophy and direction
- Develop an annual budget for voter approval
- Act on the Superintendent of Schools' recommendations regarding personnel matters
- Review programs and instructional materials

No person or group of persons acts in the name of the Board. All motions require a majority vote before the Board can act. A board member acts in an official capacity only during an official Board meeting. The Board employs a Superintendent of Schools as the Chief Executive Officer of the School District. The Superintendent of Schools is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the District and administration of Board policies, programs and plans for Board action.

How are Board meetings conducted?

A typical agenda for a Board Meeting includes:

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Ouorum Check
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance
- 4. Public Comment
- 5. Consent Agenda
- 6. Superintendent's Reports and Presentations
- 7. Old Business
- 8. New Business
- 9. Discussion
- 10. Public Comment
- 11. Executive Session
- 12. Adjournment

If I attend a Board meeting, must I stay until the end?

Don't worry if you have to leave early! We won't be offended! Some of you will leave at the conclusion of the "Communications" section of the agenda, some of you will stay longer and some of you will stay for the entire meeting.



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Can the public speak at Board meetings?

Normally, the Board will allow opportunities for the public to speak both at the beginning and end of each meeting. You will be asked to state your name and address before speaking. Visitor comments will be limited to three minutes each. The President will curtail discussion on a topic to ensure that others have an opportunity to speak and that there is sufficient time to consider all agenda items. The Board of Education members will not engage in dialogue with the public during this time.

Comments relative to personnel or students are inappropriate to address in open session and will not be allowed.



What is executive session?

The Board also meets in executive session to discuss personnel matters, labor negotiations and other matters defined as confidential by the Open Meeting Law of the State of New York. All executive sessions are closed to the public. The Board of Education may not vote during executive session.