

School Board Recognition Week

October 16-20, 2023

The New York State School Boards Association recognizes October 16-20 as School Board Recognition Week. This is a time to promote awareness and understanding of the important work performed by local school boards. Public schools form the bedrock of our communities and our country. Democracy thrives with educated citizens capable of critical thinking and civil discourse.

We do not usually think of School Board members as school volunteers, but they do in fact volunteer to serve. School Board members give their time, energy, and counsel to the District. They take on the job of governing the District, and spend many hours studying education issues and regulations in order to provide the kind of accountability our community stakeholders expect.

The key work of school boards is to raise student achievement by:

- Developing a shared vision and goals for the district
- Ensuring strategies, resources, policies and programs align with district goals
- Assessing and providing accountability for student achievement
- Supporting a healthy school district culture in which to work and learn
- Evaluating the superintendent to ensure continuous improvement
- And much more!

Board members serving our district are as follows:

Scott Jaffee – 2018

Jeffrey Mensch – 2021

Samantha Smith - 2022

Danny Fung – 2023

Katherine Hallissy Ayala – 2023

It takes strong schools to build a strong community, and our board members devote countless hours to making sure our schools are helping every student reach their potential. These dedicated volunteers reside in our community; they are our friends, neighbors, community leaders, and parents. During this week of recognition, we ask you to show your appreciation for their service. Thank them for advocating on behalf of our collective interests and making the difficult decisions to make Blind Brook schools the best they can be.