

Welcome and thank you for your interest in the Spackenkill Union Free School District. Spackenkill School District enjoys a strong, productive working relationship among the dedicated administrators, teachers, support staff, and Board of Education. Also, it thrives on great community support. Parental involvement through the PTA, Site-Based teams, various committees, classroom volunteers, and trip chaperones is essential to our success. As a result, each of our schools is ranked at the top in Dutchess County.

The Board of Education is committed to delivering the best possible education for every student in our community. It serves as the policy making body for the district. It reviews and adopts policies on almost every aspect of the school district. The Board values its productive relationship with the superintendent and district leadership.

The Board comprises five elected representatives, each serving a five-year term. Each year, at the May budget vote, one available seat is voted on. We usually hold two meetings per month during the school year. During these meetings, we typically have a presentation item on our agenda and schedule principals, teachers, staff, or students to share with us what is happening in the classroom. We also provide updates on on-going activities such as the current capital project. Some of the meetings may be dedicated to a specific topic, for example the development of the annual budget, to allow for community and staff input before adoption by the Board and being voted on by our residents. At times special meetings may be called to address a topic that requires immediate attention. All meetings are open to the public. At each meeting there is an opportunity for the community to address the Board directly. In order to give as many community members as possible the chance to speak and not prolong the meeting, the board may set time limits on individual public comments on any one topic

The Board is a member of the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA), Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), and Dutchess County School Boards Association. These organizations provide training and a wide range of

information and services to help the Board guide the district. Board members are encouraged to attend training, seminars, and meetings to further their expertise in school board matters. We closely follow the results and trends of the state and local testing programs to ensure that our students are learning to their full potential. We frequently communicate with our elected representatives regarding legislative mandates and available funding. We strive to make the most efficient use of tax dollars and state and federal funding we receive.

We hope to see you at our meetings and in our classrooms sharing whatever time and talents you have. If you have any comments, concerns, or questions, please feel free to contact any board member.

Sincerely,

Daniel G. Koehler, P.E.

Board of Education President