



# Skaneateles

## Central School District

### Board Bios Fall 2018

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#### **Julie Abbott-Kenan**

Julie Abbott-Kenan is a mother of five boys, who lives with her husband, Skaneateles native, Steve Kenan. A 17-year resident of the district, Julie passionately serves on the Board's Strategic Planning, Communications, Wellness, and Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment Committees. She's also currently serving on the Onondaga County School Safety Task Force.

After studying Speech Communication in the Department of Rhetorical Studies at Syracuse University, Julie's enjoyed working as a Television Producer, News Anchor, Investigative Journalist, Schools Reporter, and Talk Show Host. In addition, volunteerism is a huge part of Julie's life where she's worn many hats: Skaneateles PTC Board member, State Street's School Improvement team, Syracuse City Schools Reading Program, Lakeshore Baseball, Skaneateles Youth Football, Vera House, Alzheimer's of CNY, Arts & music....and often emceeding various fundraising events.

#### **Kerry Brogan**

Kerry Brogan is in her second term with the BOE. Kerry was born and raised in Skaneateles and is a 1986 SCS graduate. She and her husband, Tom, have three daughters. Madelyn is currently a sophomore in college, Riley a junior at Skaneateles High School and Isabelle is currently in 8th grade. Kerry received her BSW from Nazareth College and her MSW from Syracuse University. She is currently a school social worker with Jordan Elbridge Central School District. She enjoys watching both high school and college sports. She has coached various recreational teams and has volunteered her time both at school and in the Skaneateles and Jordan Elbridge communities.

#### **Geralyn Huba**

Geralyn Huba is serving her second term on the Board of Education. A 15-year district resident, she and her husband, William, have three children who all graduated from the Skaneateles Central School District.

Geralyn has been "a professional volunteer" in the community and the District since moving to Skaneateles. She was actively involved in all three PTC groups, served on School Improvement Teams, volunteered with the drama and sports programs her children were involved in, and particularly enjoyed her time volunteering in the various school libraries. She volunteers researching vintage books donated to the Friends of the Marcellus Free Library Book Nook, and has also served as a board member for the Skaneateles Library.

Geralyn holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Theater from Oswego State, and worked for many years in the museum administration and not-for-profit fields.

### **Mike Kell**

Mike has been an active volunteer in the community for the past 10+ years such as helping with pre-school initiatives and coaching countless sports teams while more recently becoming a board member for the Lakeshore Little League and Skaneateles Central School District. He also proudly served on active duty in the United States Air Force including two deployments in support of Operation Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. Mike and his wife, Alicia, have four children (Alanna in 4th grade, Cambria in 1st grade, Theron and Clayton will soon follow).

Mike is a Vice President at AI Insight Inc. where he leads a team of analysts in charge of the alternative investment data that powers a web-based research platform and participates in the company's growth through strategic planning and business development initiatives. Prior to joining AI Insight, he was a Compliance Analyst with Cadaret, Grant & Co. Inc. and a Financial Advisor with First Command Financial Planning. Mike earned his MBA from the Sorrell College of Business at Troy University, has a certificate in financial planning from Boston University, achieved a Master Instructor rating in the Air Force and holds many FINRA securities licenses.

### **Tom Lambdin**

Since first being elected during the Great Recession in 2010, Tom has worked with seventeen Skaneateles school board members, four district superintendents, and many, many parents, residents, administrators, faculty, and staff members. He and his wife Claudia have two children who completed grades K-12 at Skaneateles and who now attend college. Tom is a Principal Engineer for Baker Hughes in Skaneateles with various US and international patents. After earning his BA from Hamilton College in 1983, he earned an MS in Computer Science from Union College. He is a certified track and field coach and competes regularly as a masters-division hammer thrower.

### **Susan Murphy**

Susan Murphy is going into her 7<sup>th</sup> year on the Board of Education, and her second year as President. Sue is a native of Skaneateles and a graduate of Skaneateles High School. Her children, Matthew, who will be attending college in the fall, and David, who will be returning as a super senior to complete credits and to start an internship in the fall, both graduated from Skaneateles High School as well.

Sue graduated from Mohawk Valley Community College, worked for the Onondaga County Bar Association as Associate Director for 17 years, before taking a position with the Town of Skaneateles, where she has worked for the past 18 years. She currently is the Town of Skaneateles Parks Manager.

Sue also serves on the Parents with Students with IEPs Committee, and has served on the Policy, Memorials and Dedications, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Strategic Planning and Wellness Committees.

### **Margaret Usdansky Niebuhr**

Margaret Usdansky Niebuhr has been a member of the Skaneateles Central School District Board of Education since 2013. She currently directs the Center for Learning and Student Success (CLASS) at Syracuse University. Margaret holds a Ph.D. in sociology from Princeton University; is married to Gustav Niebuhr and has two children, Christopher Niebuhr, a 2016 graduate of SCS, and Jonathan, a high school junior. On the Board, Margaret serves as a member of the school district's Audit, Budget, and Finance Advisory Committee.