

**Board of Education- Committee Information
2021-2022**

The Board of Education recognizes that it can benefit from the talents, resources, and interests of the members of our school community. To that end, the Board has formed a variety of committees to provide input and expertise regarding topics that support Our Mission and Our Schools. We have several standing committees and from time-to-time form ad hoc committees charged with targeted areas of study.

Most of our committees welcome community participation and we are actively recruiting for several committees which need volunteers. Committee members are selected each September for a one-year term.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact us at BOE@northsalemsschools.org. In your email, please include the following:

- 1- Your name
- 2- Your contact information (email and phone)
- 3- Which committee interests you and why?
- 4- Any specific qualifications you bring to this committee assignment

Assignments are made at the discretion of the committee chairperson.

About Our Committees

COMMITTEE	LEADERSHIP	DESCRIPTION
Audit CAC	Chair: Barbara Briganti BBriganti@northsalemsschools.org BOE: Brian Lange Kurt Guldan Paul Giamundo	Each year, and in compliance with NYS SED requirements, the audit committee oversees the preparation of an audit of school expenditures. This audit is presented to the board in the early fall and is then filed with NYS regulators. From time to time, this committee may also conduct an internal audit to ensure that best business practices are being applied. Past internal audits have looked at topics as varied as timecard management, data security and cafeteria improvements. Community members must have a background in accounting or finance. Members are appointed for a 3-year term.
Communication	Chair: Adam VanDerStuyf avanderstuyf@northsalemsschools.org BOE: Jen Binette Brandy Keenan Brian Lange	<i>UNDER CONSTRUCTION STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION</i>
Facilities	Chair: Ken Freeston KFreeston@northsalemsschools.org BOE:	Community members must have a background in construction, architecture, or engineering. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

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Fields	Chair: Deb D'Agostino dagostinoboe@northsalemsschools.org BOE: Andy Brown Jen Binette	Review planning and design of fields project. Communicate progress to community. Coordinate with Booster Club. Explore fundraising opportunities. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME
Mission	Chair: Julio Vazquez jvazquez@northsalemsschools.org BOE: Deb D'Agostino Brandy Keenan Brian Lange	Promote the mission "To engage students to continuously learn, question, define and solve problems through critical and creative thinking". The committee facilitates our mission in variety of ways which include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting teachers in identifying mission related projects • Providing professional development opportunities • Participating in Ed Leader events • Preparing for and following-up on Tri-state visit • Review and monitor curriculum changes as related to mission <p>To maintain continuity for Tri-State visit new members are not being accepted at this time</p>
Mental Health and Wellness Team	Chair: Adam VanDerStuyf avanderstuyf@northsalemsschools.org BOE: Deb D'Agostino Brandy Keenan Paul Giamundo	The mental health and wellness team is charged with educating the school community on issues related to mental health and wellness. This includes formulating recommendations regarding the allocation of resources; overseeing the implementation of mental health and wellness programs for students; professional development for faculty and staff; and parent/community education. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME
Policy	Chair: Ken Freeston KFreeston@northsalemsschools.org BOE: Deb D'Agostino Brown Brandy Keenan	Select, review and update district policies and research and formulate response to requests for policy changes. Not open to public participation.
Safety	Co-Chairs: Vince DiGrandi(*) vdigrandi@northsalemsschools.org Mary Johnson(*) mjohnson@northsalemsschools.org BOE: Andy Brown Kurt Guldán Paul Giamundo	This committee monitors and makes recommendations to the board regarding school and campus safety. Committee members also monitor all district safety drills in accordance with NYS requirements. This committee operates in conjunction with local first responders. Not open to public participation.

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Garden Committee	<p>Chair: Kate Murphy kmurphy@northsalemsschools.org</p> <p>BOE: Brandy Keenan Jen Binette</p>	<p>The garden committee facilitates participation in the MS/HS community garden and coordinates with PQ garden initiatives.</p> <p>VOLUNTEERS WELCOME</p>
School Start Time	<p>Chair: Ken Freeston KFreeston@northsalemsschools.org</p> <p>BOE: Jen Binette Brandy Keenan</p>	<p>Study strategies for modifying start time. and propose alternatives to be considered by the BOE.</p> <p>VOLUNTEERS WELCOME</p>
Board Steering Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	<p>Chair: Brandy Keenan keenanboe@northsalemsschools.org</p> <p>BOE: Deb D'Agostino Brian Lange</p>	<p>Oversee, coordinate and provide feedback on the EDI work being done within the District. Assist in the development of a clear communication plan about the Culturally Responsive-Sustaining Education Framework promulgated by the Board of Regents.</p> <p>This committee was formed in April 2021 and the term for current members is in progress.</p>
Climate Smart	<p>Chair: Brian Lange langeboe@northsalemsschools.org</p> <p>BOE: Kurt Gulden</p>	<p>Our school district has an obligation to preserve and protect our natural environment for years and generations to come. In that vein, the Board of Education has created a Climate Smart committee to coordinate efforts with the Town Board's committee of the same name. We will explore opportunities for green energy subsidies, waste reductions, curriculum enrichment, and more.</p>