

Tracy Pelton Bio

My family relocated to New York from California just over 10 years ago. Prior to moving to New York, I was a professional figure skater, the lead consultant and Program Director for a joint public/private development, the Skating School Director in Palos Verdes, California, and the creator of a children's nutrition and fitness camp. Since moving to New York, I have dedicated my time to the success of students in the community.

When my son entered kindergarten, I became the permanent weekly helper, for two consecutive years I provided reading assistance for first graders, and taught before school nutrition and fitness classes. While serving as the Fishkill Elementary PTA President, I introduced new fundraisers, began before and after school enrichment programs, and advocated for student wellness guidelines. I currently serve on the Wappinger's Central School Board and chair our policy committee.

Advocating for student success, while including all stakeholders through policy is a must. Supporting staff in the development of engaging and effective curriculums, promoting effective professional development for our teachers, and recognizing the importance of morale are essential components to the success of our district.

It has been a privilege being part of a team that has brought back elementary enrichment, intramurals, additional sports, clubs, a marching band, and classroom assistance. The curriculum development and growth throughout our district is commendable. Sustaining these programs while remaining under the tax cap and supporting our administration in their efforts to bring opportunities for all our students is vital. I look forward to potentially continuing my work on policy, being a voice for our community, and thank all who have supported and continue to support my efforts.