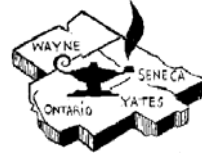


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ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA



WELCOME AND PLEDGE

President Tom Scherer
(Geneva BOE)

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

President Tom Scherer

STUDENT PARTICIPATION

Display of Student Work:

Wayne CSD

Student Performance:

Musical Interludes

Geneva CSD

Jazz Band

Geneva CSD

DINNER

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

- ❖ Minutes of May 29, 2008
- ❖ Bylaws Amendments
- ❖ Executive Director's Report – Sharon Sweeney
- ❖ Nominating Committee Report & Election of Officers –Jeanne Durfee (Past President)

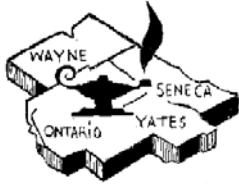
SLATE OF OFFICERS

- President –**Joyce Lyke** (Wayne BOE)
- First Vice President – **Nancy Scher** (Penn Yan/W-FL BOCES BOE)
- Second Vice President – **Anne Morgan** (Romulus/W-FL BOCES)
- ❖ Incoming President's Remarks
- ❖ Outgoing President's Remarks

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Thomas Rogers

Executive Director, NYS Council of School Superintendents



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ANNUAL DINNER AND MEETING May 29, 2008

MINUTES

The Four County School Boards Association held their Annual Dinner and Business Meeting at the Belhurst Castle in Geneva, New York on Thursday, May 29, 2008. President Tom Scherer (Geneva) presided. First Vice President Nancy Scher (Penn Yan/Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES), Second Vice President Joyce Lyke (Wayne), Past President Jeanne Durfee (Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES) and Program Planning Committee Chair Kathy Malone were also in attendance. The following eighteen districts were represented: Bloomfield, Clyde-Savannah, Dundee, Gananda, Geneva, Manchester-Shortsville, Marcus Whitman, Marion, Naples, North Rose-Wolcott, Penn Yan, Phelps-Clifton Springs, Romulus, Sodus, South Seneca, Victor, Wayne, and Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES.

Special guests included New York State Education Department Senior Deputy Commissioner for Education P-16, Johanna Duncan-Poitier; New York State Education Department Coordinator of the Office of District Superintendents, Dr. Raymond Kesper; NYSSBA President, Wayne Schlifke (Erie 1 BOCES); NYSSBA Area 2 Director, Tom Nespeca (Webster); Executive Director Monroe County School Boards Association, Jody Siegle; Executive Director Genesee Valley School Boards Association, Grace Flannery; Hunt Engineers, Architects, and Surveyors Director of Interior Design, Keith Laird; and Turner Construction Education Program Consult and former Four County Executive Director, Judy Huber.

During the social hour which was held on the lawn over-looking Seneca Lake members and their guests enjoyed a fashion show of "wearable" art provided by the students from the North Rose-Wolcott CSD. At the registration area, art work from the Bloomfield and Clyde-Savannah Central School Districts was on display. Members of the North Rose-Wolcott High School Jazz Band, under the direction of Mike Witkiewicz, entertained members and their guests as they entered for dinner. Thanks to art teachers Debra Teska (North Rose-Wolcott), Kris King and Sue Lane (Clyde-Savannah), Kim Baylor-Smith, Amu Forster, and Andy Reddout (Bloomfield) for providing the student art from their districts.

President Scherer welcomed all and thanked the students and their teachers for sharing their talent and their time. He then introduced the special guests and the business sponsors, as well as past presidents of the Association who were in attendance. Tom recognized those members who will retire from board service on June 30 this year. Present to receive their certificates were Jane Lawson (Dundee), John Nihill (South Seneca), Ken Weigert (Victor), and Rick Johnson (Wayne). Others will receive their certificates in the mail. He then invited members and their guests to enjoy dinner and conversation.

Following dinner, President Tom Scherer called the Annual Business Meeting of the Four County School Boards Association to order. He noted that the minutes from the May 2006 Annual Meeting are in the Annual Report having been approved by the Board of Directors at their September 2006 meeting. He then introduced Executive Director Sharon Sweeney to comment on her Annual Report to the Membership.

Sharon referenced her written report which provides 3 an accounting of the programs and projects

undertaken during 2006-2007. She encouraged all to review it to gain an appreciation, as she does each year, for the many and varied things that the Association offers to its members. She noted that the usual events had been offered as well as some new. Particular among the new are additional programs for board clerks, at their request. This is generated by the large number of brand new clerks. Sharon thanked the officers and members of the Steering Committee for their investment of time and dedication, and Administrative Assistant Mary Tranelli. She then thanked the members for their unwavering membership and participation, congratulated them on the 100% passage of Four County budgets, thanks to their leadership, and encouraged them to continue to demand from the Association what they need to continue and to advance their ability to be education leaders.

Tom then introduced Past President Jeanne Durfee (Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES) as Chair of the Nominating Committee to present the Slate of Officers and conduct the election. Jeanne thanked the other members of the Committee – Mary Evans (Marcus Whitman) and Jim Koehler (Dundee) for their assistance. She then placed the Slate of Officers for 2008-2009 in nomination and called for nominations from the floor. With no additional candidates offered, nominations were closed. The Slate was unanimously elected through a motion by Kathy Malone (Clyde-Savannah) that was seconded by Jane Lawson (Dundee). Elected to lead the Association for 2008-2009 are: President Tom Scherer (Geneva), First Vice President Joyce Lyke (Wayne), and Second Vice President Nancy Scher (Penn Yan/Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES).

Tom commented on the accomplishments of the year and offered his view of the coming year. He also thanked the officers and members of the Steering Committee for their involvement and then introduced the speaker for the evening.

New York State Education Department Senior Deputy Commissioner for Education P-16, Johanna Duncan-Poitier outlined the issues, concerns, on the agenda for education from pre-school through college in New York State. Her vision is to make the department more responsive to the field, to be more helpful and less in the way of local leadership. Her presentation was engaging and her passion and enthusiasm contagious.

President Scherer thanked Ms. Duncan-Poitier for her comments, the members and their guests for attending and adjourned the 32nd Annual Dinner and Meeting with wishes for an enjoyable summer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon A. Sweeney,
Executive Director

2008-2009 ASSOCIATION YEAR

The Four County School Boards Association has provided service for thirty-five years to the school board members in Ontario, Seneca, Wayne, and Yates Counties. In 2008-2009 membership increased from twenty Boards of Education to twenty-two with the return of Newark and Williamson. Throughout the year, the Association continued its tradition of providing leadership and support services to its member boards and board members. The Steering Committee and Board of Directors, with input from the Program Planning Committee and the membership, held a series of programs to address topics of interest. These programs tapped local “experts” as well as those from around the state to provide an interesting array of speakers and topics. The Standing Committees were actively engaged, an Ad Hoc Committee reviewed and made recommendations for amendments to the Bylaws, and the mandatory six-hour fiscal training program was presented. Concern for the current fiscal climate and a desire to enhance efficiencies, the Legislative Committee has begun creating a targeted action plan for relief from key mandates.

STEERING COMMITTEE

The Steering Committee provided leadership and assisted in planning for the Association. Comprised of Four County officers, a Past President, and Committee Chair and Vice Chair people, they met 10 times to assess needs, discuss direction for the Association, assist in budget development, evaluate the executive director, and assist in the establishment of her annual goals. As in previous years, these dedicated members provided sound and thoughtful leadership and gave above and beyond in time and creativity to benefit the Association and their colleagues who are its members.

The 2008-2009 year was guided by the capable leadership of **President Tom Scherer** (Geneva), **First Vice President Joyce Lyke** (Wayne), **Second Vice President Nancy Scher** (Penn Yan/W-FL BOCES), **Past President Jeanne Durfee** (W-FL BOCES), **Legislative Committee Chair Anne Morgan** (Romulus/Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES), **Program Planning Committee Chair Kathy Malone** (Clyde-Savannah), **Legislative Committee Vice-Chair Jim Koehler** (Dundee), and **Program Planning Committee Vice-Chair Mike Ellis** (Bloomfield). The dedication of each and every member of this group is tireless and their commitment truly inspiring. It is a clear demonstration of the importance they place on the value and continued vitality of the Association. Their team spirit and concern for the organization and one another provides for very sound decision making and a smooth working relationship among Committee members and with the Executive Director. As always, they spent many hours, collectively and individually, often through personal sacrifice, on behalf of the Association and public education. Their contributions of time and energy enabled Four County to once again successfully meet the needs of the membership.

President Tom Scherer (Geneva) is completing his third year in that role. He has been active with the Steering Committee since 2005 when he was elected First Vice President. Tom chaired all 2008 – 2009 Steering Committee Meetings and Board of Directors’ Meetings and presided at General Membership events. He moderated the Prospective Board Member Seminar and the New Board Member Orientation Panels. He also facilitated the Presidents’ and Vice Presidents’ Round-Table discussions and was moderator for the 4th annual Fiscal Training Seminar. Since his election to the Geneva City Board of Education, Tom has been an active, contributing member of the Association’s Legislative Committee. He has been an active advocate, traveling to Albany to attend the Legislative Conference and participate in the NYSSBA Lobby Day; and representing the area as a member of the National School Boards Association’s Federal Relations Network, traveling to Washington, DC to attend the Federal Relations Conference. Tom represents Four County at NYS Education Commissioner Mills’ Advisory Council of School Board Members and the Council of Local School Boards Associations. He participates with the FCSBA Program Planning Committee and chairs his Geneva Board’s Policy Committee.

Joyce Lyke (Wayne) is completing her first year as **First Vice President** after serving two years as Second Vice President. She has been with the Steering Committee since 2005-2006 when she was appointed

to chair the Legislative Committee. She continues to be active with that group. A former member of the NYSSBA State Legislative Network, she traveled to participate in the State Legislative Issues Conference and NYSSBA Lobby Day. Joyce is also an active member of the Four County Board of Directors. She is currently serving as the Vice President of her Wayne BOE and is a member of their Facilities and CDEP Committees. She also represents her board and Four County as a member of the Wayne County Education Coalition (WCEC).

Nancy Scher (Penn Yan/W-FL BOCES) is completing a year as **Second Vice President**. She has been a member of the Steering Committee since 2004-2005 when she was appointed to chair the Legislative Committee, a position she held for two years. Nancy continues to be active with the Association's Legislative Committee and was an area representative to the NYSSBA State Legislative Network (SLN). She is also a member of the NYSSBA Ambassador's Program, speaking on behalf of public education before community groups and with the media. She is a member of the BOCES Board's Building and Grounds and Safety Committees and Penn Yan's Buildings and Grounds, Safety, and Policy Committees. Nancy is also active with the Four County Program Planning Committee.

President Scherer appointed **Past President Jeanne Durfee** (Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES) to continue as a member of the Steering Committee as the most immediate past president who is still an active member of the Association. Jeanne has been active in advocacy since the beginning of her board service with the Wayne Central BOE, working with the Association's Legislative Committee, attending the NYSSBA State Legislative Conference and Lobby Day and the National School Boards Association's Federal Relations Network (FRN). As she has for a number of years, Jeanne traveled to Washington, DC to participate in the NSBA Federal Relations Network Conference. She is currently vice president of her BOCES Board and serves on their Audit Committee. She also represents Four County on the Board of Regents' Chancellor's Advisory Council of School Board Members and continues to serve as the Association's representative to the Genesee Valley School Boards Institute (GVSBI) Board of Directors and the Wayne-Finger Lakes School-to-Career Steering Committee..

Anne Morgan (Romulus/Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES) is completing her third year as the chair of the **Legislative Committee**. She presided at all committee meetings, facilitating the legislative and regulatory position paper process, and served on the Panel of the Prospective Board Member Seminar. In the past year Anne also co-chaired the Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee. She chairs the BOCES Board's Building and Grounds Committee and is a member of their Evaluation Committee. She is President of the Romulus BOE, Chairs their Building and Grounds Committee and is a member of their Audit and Negotiations Committees. Anne has also participated in the NYSSBA State Legislative Conference and Lobby Day and was formerly a member of their State Legislative Network (SLN). Anne also represents the Wayne-Finger Lakes area to the Statewide School Finance Consortium. Committed to children, she teaches at the Romulus Music and Drama Camp and is Advisor to the South Seneca Color guard, Twirling, and Dance Troup.

Completing her fourth year with the Steering Committee is **Kathy Malone** (Clyde-Savannah) who chairs the **Program Planning Committee**. She has previously chaired the Four County Audit Committee for three years and has been active as Clyde-Savannah's representative to the Association's Board of Directors for many years. In the past year, Kathy co-chaired the Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee and the newly-formed Legislative Sub-Committee. Kathy has been member of her board for twelve years. She is a member of her Board's Policy Committee and Negotiations Committee as well as a member and clerk of the C-S Audit Committee. She was recently appointed by the NYSSBA Area 2 Director Tom Nespeca to serve for a third year on their Distinguished Service Award Committee. Regionally, Kathy is a 17 year member of her district's Dollars for Scholars Chapter, serving as secretary for fourteen of those years

(Bloomfield) **Jim Koehler** (Dundee). **Mike** is competing his first year in that position with the **Program Planning Committee**. He has been a member of the Bloomfield BOE since 2005 and their Vice President this past year. He has served on their Audit and Community Action Committees as well as participating in district contract negotiations. Mike has been an active member of the Program Planning Committee for the past four years and is an alternate to the Board of Directors. He has been a member of the Steering Committee for 2008-2009, has consistently participated in the Four County Legislative Breakfast. He is currently advocating for a targeted agenda for change in mandates with our representatives in Albany. **Jim** is completing his first year as the Vice-Chair of the **Legislative Committee** and his first year with the Steering Committee. He is currently Vice President of the Dundee Board and a member of their Building Project, Legislative, and Audit Committees. He has been active with the Four County Legislative Committee and attended the NYSSBA Legislative Issues Committee for the past several years. When not involved with school board service, Jim is a scout master with a Boy Scout troop and member of the local Rotary Club.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

With representation from every member board, the Board of Directors functions as the governing body of the Association. They began 2008 – 2009 by re-affirming the Association’s Mission and Goals (page 12) and approving an Action Plan to move them forward. This group met four times to offer direction, accept the 2007-2008 Audit Report (page 15), designate depositories, review financial activity, appoint committees, re-appoint the Executive Director, approve the budget and dues and the slate of officers (page 2) for 2009-2010. The representatives engage in thoughtful discussion and provide sound decision making for Four County. The Board of Directors offered the following programs and projects during 2008 – 2009:

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS

- ◆ **Annual Dinner and Business Meeting** – Keynote speaker, **Ms. Johanna Duncan-Poitier**, *NYS Education Department Senior Deputy Commissioner of Education P-16* – May 29, 2008 (Attendance – 82, Member Districts – 18)
- ◆ **Robert J. Freeman, Esq.**, *Executive Director, NYS Committee on Open Government* – October 2, 2008 (Attendees – 51, Member Districts – 17)
- ◆ **“What Works” - “The Paperless Board Meeting”** - **Wayne Central BOE** - October 29, 2008 (Attendees – 47, Member Districts – 15)
- ◆ **“Are You Smarter than the Average Board Member?”** **Barry Entwistle**, *Director of Leadership Development, New York State School Boards Association* - using the Audience Response System – November 24, 2008 (Attendees - 37, Member Districts - 15)
- ◆ **“SOS - Sharing Our Strategies”** Panel Presentation – January 15, 2009 (Attendees – 43, Member Districts – 16)
- ◆ **“SOS - Sharing Our Strategies - Part II”** – Panel Presentation - February 5, 2009 (Attendees – 31, Member Districts – 13)
- ◆ **Legislative Breakfast**– March 21, 2009 (Attendees – 80, Member Districts – 20)

WORKSHOPS

- ◆ **“New Board Member Orientation Dinner ”** – Panel Presentation – June 23, 2008 (Attendees – 22, Member Districts – 9, Non-Member Districts – 3)
- ◆ **Presidents’/Vice Presidents’ Dinner** –October 21, 2008 (Attendees – 13, Member Districts – 9)
- ◆ **Board Clerks’ Workshops** – October 2, 2008 (cancelled), March 13, 2009 (Attendees -15 from Member and Non-member Districts)
- ◆ **Presidents’/Vice Presidents’ Dinner** – January 29, 2009 (Attendees - 24 , Member Districts - 15)
- ◆ **Prospective School Board Member Seminar** – Panel Presentation – March 28, 2009 (Attendees – 16, Member Districts – 9 , Non-Member Districts – 2)
- ◆ **Mandated Fiscal Training Seminar** – “Fiscal Responsibility – *The School Board’s Role*” – April 25, 2009 (Attendees – 7, District Members – 6, Non-Member Districts – 1)

PROJECTS

- ◆ Area 2 Proposed Resolutions Discussion – 7 *October 4, 2008*

- ◆ Facts and Figures Publication – *Winter 2009*
- ◆ Coaches and Co-Curricular Salary Survey – *Spring 2009*
- ◆ Four County School Boards Association State Legislative Position Paper – *approved 1/15/09*
- ◆ Four County School Boards Association Federal Legislative Position Paper – *approved 1/15/09*
- ◆ Four County White Paper on Regulatory Issues – *approved 1/15/09*
- ◆ Four County School Boards Association Newsletter – “NEWSNOTES” – *7 issues*
- ◆ Upstate/Downstate Hospitality Suite – *NYSSBA Convention in NYC – October 16 - 18, 2008*
- ◆ Upstate/Downstate Proposed Resolutions Discussion – *October 17, 2008*
- ◆ Four County School Boards Association Negotiators’ Breakfasts – *October 10, 2008, February 6, 2009, May 15, 2009*
- ◆ Four County School Boards Association Membership Directory – *Fall 2008*
- ◆ Membership Brochure

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Anne Morgan (Romulus/Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES) chaired the 2008 – 2009 Legislative Committee with the able assistance of Vice-Chair **Jim Koehler** (Dundee). They held two meetings and three workshops, during which they planned the Association’s Legislative Calendar, accepted lobbying assignments, developed the Association’s legislative and regulatory positions, and addressed legislative and regulatory issues of primary concern to the membership. All position papers were sent to the appropriate legislative and regulatory bodies. The dedication to this work by a core group of active representatives is demonstrated by their willingness to meet on several Saturdays to thoughtfully consider issues for each of the position papers. The Committee sponsored a number of activities including the annual Legislative Breakfast, and members participated in regional, state, and national events. The Committee initiated a “Sub-Committee” process to identify some specific issues worthy of more aggressive advocacy. Small groups will now develop action plans to advocate for reform of the 3020-a process, expanded opportunities to share/consolidate services, and reduction of paper work and reporting requirements. The Association worked closely with NYSSBA in the development of positions and responses to legislative proposals. Many thanks especially to NYSSBA Governmental Relations **Director David Little** for his valuable participation in these efforts.

Legislative Updates and Calls to Action were sent to Committee representatives, alternates, superintendents and the general membership to keep them informed and in contact with area legislators regarding educational issues.

Activities sponsored by the Committee during 2008 – 2009 included:

- ◆ Area 2 Discussion of Proposed NYSSBA Resolutions – October 4, 2008
- ◆ Upstate/Downstate Discussion of Proposed NYSSBA Resolutions – October 17, 2008
- ◆ National School Boards Association Federal Relations Network (FRN) Conference (Washington, DC) – February 1 - 4, 2009

FRN Delegates

Tom Scherer (Geneva)	24 th Congressional District
Jeanne Durfee (W-FL BOCES)	25 th Congressional District
Tarry Shipley (Canandaigua)	29 th Congressional District

- ◆ NYSSBA Legislative Issues Conference and State Lobby Day (Albany, NY) – March 1-3, 2009
- ◆ Four County Legislative Breakfast- March 21, 2009
- ◆ Legislative Sub-Committee Meeting – April 27, 2009

PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE

Kathy Malone (Clyde-Savannah) chaired the 2008-2009 Program Planning Committee. Joining her in leadership responsibilities was Vice-Chair **Mike Ellis** (Bloomfield). The group met in June of 2008 to begin planning for the 2008-2009 year with a larger attendance than in recent years. The discussion of possible issues and topics for programs was thoughtful and lively and generated a valuable list of suggestions. The group met again on October 29 to continue the work begun in June. Recommendations from the Program Planning Committee are presented to the Board of Directors for consideration and final action. Program topics found in the “General Membership”, “Workshop”, and “Projects” sections of this report often have their origins in the deliberations of this group.

COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES

The Four County School Boards Association continues to collaborate with other associations and educational agencies on projects of mutual interest. This collaboration ranges from forwarding notices of scheduled events, to attending meetings, assisting with arrangements, and providing financial support. Collaborative initiatives for 2008-2009:

- ◆ Rural Schools Conference – *Cooperstown, July 8-10, 2008*
- ◆ NYSSBA Academies for Public School Governance – *Buffalo, July 18 – 20; Albany, September 5-7, 2008*
- ◆ NYSSBA Board Officers’ Academy, *August 9, 2009*
- ◆ NYSSBA New School Board Member Seminar, *August 20, 2008 –Rochester*
- ◆ Statewide School Finance Consortium Meetings - *Madison-Oneida BOCES, Verona – August 26, September 23, October 23, December 2, 2008; January 23, February 27, March 26, April 22, June 2, 2009*
- ◆ Monroe County SBA Annual Education Law Conference – *Rochester, September 25, 2008*
- ◆ Council of Local School Boards Associations (COLSBA) –*New York City, October 17, 2008; Albany, March 2, 2009*
- ◆ Area 2 Discussion of NYSSBA Proposed Resolutions – *Canandaigua, October 4, 2008*
- ◆ NYSSBA Annual Convention – *New York City, October 16 – 19, 2008*
- ◆ Upstate/Downstate Hospitality Suite with other local SBA’s – *New York City, October 16 – 18, 2008*
- ◆ Upstate/Downstate Resolutions Discussion with other local SBA’s – *October 17, 2008*
- ◆ FCSBA Mandatory Fiscal Training Seminar – *March 25, 2009*
- ◆ Mandatory Fiscal Training Seminar with Mid-Hudson School Study Council – *June 13, 2009 Montgomery, NY*

OFFICE AND STAFF

OFFICE

The Four County School Boards Association

continues its contractual arrangement with the Wayne-

Finger Lakes BOCES for office space, furniture, equipment, and support services. The office is located in the Eisenhower Building, which houses the administrative offices for BOCES, at the Regional Support Center in Newark, New York. Convenient access to conference rooms, kitchen facilities, copying, postage, and other necessary supplies and services are the result of this contractual agreement. Some are available on a fee-for-use basis and others are simply available when not in use by others.

We share office space with the professional and support staff for the Technical, Career, and Continuing Education Department. The working environment is friendly and mutually supportive as is true of the relationship with the entire BOCES staff. The opportunity to interact with others engaged in supporting public education is beneficial to both organizations.

CLERICAL STAFF

Mary Tranelli continues as the Association's Administrative Assistant, a position she has held since September 2006. The stability of office assistance for two and a half years is most beneficial. Mary is a positive presence in the office and the Association in general. Mary's friendly personality is an asset on the telephone and with the membership when she assists with meeting logistics. Her knowledge of the ebb and flow of association events has grown. She has been with us long enough to anticipate coming events and begin their preparation without a nudge from the director. She is good at research and enjoys the challenge of tracking down information or resources. She truly enjoys the planning and preparation for our programs, the larger and more involved, the better!!

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The end of another year and once again I am provided the opportunity to review and reflect. I never cease to be amazed by the many ways we are a resource for our members. During 2008-2009 the tried and true have been offered as well as some new. We weathered the challenges brought by serious illness in the families of our vice presidents and benefited from the unprecedented third year of Tom Scherer's presidency.

As your Executive Director, I continued to plan and coordinate all Association activities and programs, author the newsletter (NEWSNOTES), and news releases, serve as recording secretary for most meetings, manage office operations, and assist in the development of the annual budget. I participated in a number of programs and events beyond Four County that allowed me to expand and share my knowledge base as well as make contacts for the Association. We tried one abbreviated issues of the newsletter and may find that a valuable tool for communication in the future.

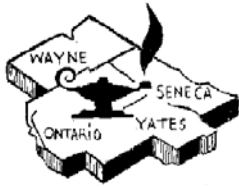
As always, I am grateful to the many others who make my job easier and help to make it so enjoyable – the Association officers and other members of the Steering Committee; Four County Superintendents and their faithful secretaries; our board clerks; the staff at NYSSBA; my colleagues in our sister organizations; and all of the Four County members who respond to surveys, attend programs, serve on committees, and give so generously of their time and talents on behalf of the organization. I would particularly like to thank the NYSSBA governmental relations staff, especially David Little, for the many ways they support our legislative effort. My performance as your Executive Director is enhanced by the cooperation and generosity of these many fine volunteers and professionals.

I was again active with the Council of Local School Boards Associations (COLSBA) and continue to represent the area to the Statewide School Finance Consortium. Membership on the Wayne-Finger Lakes School-to-Career Steering Committee and External Review Committee for the process of certifying the vocational programs for Regents Diplomas keeps me in touch with school to career initiatives in the area. In March, I served on the opening panel for the New York State School Boards Associations' Legislative Issues Conference talking about local legislative initiatives.

As in past years, the Association offered a wide array of programs. We covered such topics as the open meetings law, and paperless board meetings, as well as offering opportunities for boards to share strategies for coping with the challenges provided by the current fiscal climate. As always the Legislative Breakfast was a highlight and well received by both the members and the Legislators in attendance. We again offered our state approved mandatory fiscal training program in April. We could not do this without the generous cooperation of our member business officials, and Ray Wager's CPA staff. This year we established a new connection with the firm of Freed, Maxick, and Battaglia to assist with our program. Those who participate find the presentations and binder of printed material to be valuable information. In effort to be current, an Ad Hoc Committee reviewed the Association Bylaws and made recommendations for amendments which will be considered by the General Membership at the Annual Meeting.

All in all, another successful year! The challenges seem to be ever present but we all have become adept at weathering them. I attribute that to the unwavering "eye on the prize". Four County board members know what is important and how to put that first. As former Area 2 Director and NYSSBA President Tarry Shipley, who retires from the Canandaigua board this year after 30 years of service, has often referred to the work of school boards, quoting National Superintendent of the Year Bud Spillane – you know how to 'keep the main thing, the main thing'.

The challenges will come and go and we will continue to meet them as we carry on our thirty –four year tradition of service to the fine folks who are the school board members in our Four County School Boards Association.



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Mission Statement

The mission of the Four County School Boards Association is to educate, support and advocate for all public boards of education and board members.

Goals and Objectives

1. The Association will attract, develop and retain effective board members
 - a. To provide compelling programs and workshops on relevant topics
 - b. To conduct a seminar/workshop for prospective school board members
 - c. To conduct an orientation for newly elected board members.
 - d. To utilize technology to communicate effectively
 - e. To provide networking opportunities designed to stimulate interest in membership
2. The Association will positively impact/influence legislative, regulatory, and other constituent groups
 - a. To educate individual members and boards regarding legislative/regulatory issues impacting education
 - b. To encourage individual members and boards to be more active/involved with legislative issues impacting education
 - c. To establish Association positions regarding legislative and regulatory issues
3. The Association will build and maintain supportive coalitions
 - a. To expand knowledge, skill and influence by working cooperatively with other agencies, groups, and organizations
4. The Association will engage in a process of continuous improvement
 - a. To convene an ad hoc committee to create an improvement process and the necessary tools for implementation

**FOUR COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION
2008-2009 BUDGET**

INCOME	
Dues	\$98,920.00
Interest	1,600.00
Miscellaneous	10,871.00
 TOTAL IMCOME	 \$111,391.00
EXPENSES	
Conferences	
Director	\$5,500.00
Membership	4,500.00
 Director's Travel	 \$3,400.00
 Miscellaneous	 \$950.00
Office	
Duplication	\$2,575.00
Phone/Fax	2,000.00
Postage	2,340.00
Professional Fees	700.00
Rent	1,000.00
Software/Technology	900.00
Supplies	1,330.00
Personnel	
Disability Insurance	\$140.00
State Unemployment Insurance	\$300.00
Payroll	
Salaries	\$73,286.00
Taxes	5,800.00
 Workers' Comp.	 \$600.00
 Program	 \$1,890.00
Publications	
Facts & Figures	\$1,215.00
Newsletter	2,205.00
Resources/Sub	760.00
 TOTAL EXPENSES	 \$111,391.00

**FOUR COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION
2008-2009 Dues**

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>DUES</u>
W-FL BOCES	\$5,259.00
Bloomfield	4,432.00
Canandaigua	8,746.00
Clyde-Savannah	4,359.00
Dundee	4,038.00
Gananda	4,312.00
Geneva	6,653.00
Lyons	4,404.00
Manchester-Shortsville	4,147.00
Marcus Whitman	5,418.00
Marion	4,451.00
Naples	4,290.00
Newark	6,588.00
North Rose-Wolcott	5,275.00
Penn Yan	5,753.00
Phelps-Clifton Springs	5,853.00
Romulus	3,616.00
Sodus	5,147.00
South Seneca	4,404.00
Victor	7,741.00
Wayne	6,873.00
Williamson	4,815.00
Total Dues	\$ 116,574.00



Four County School Boards Association

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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: 2007-2008 Audit Committee
Tom DeRue, Chair (Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES)
Anita Maroscher (Penn Yan)
Chuck Rothfuss (Gananda)

RE: Annual Audit for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2008

We have examined the records supporting the attached cash position of the Association as of June 30, 2008 and have verified the transactions for the year then ended back to the underlying bank record evidence. We are pleased to report that the record maintenance is in good order and that the cash position as reported is correct.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date: 10-27-08

Tom DeRue
Chairperson
Chuck Rothfuss
Anita M Maroscher

Executive Director's Meetings and Activities July 2008 – June 2009

Date	Event	Location
July		
11	NYSSBA Media Relations Workshop	Rochester
13 - 13	Rural Schools Conference	Cooperstown
17	Meeting with Tom Scherer to set Goals	Newark
24	FCSBA Steering Committee Meeting	Geneva
30	Webex Meeting with Jim Torrence/Dick Thomas	Newark
August		
12	FCSBA Steering Committee Meeting	Geneva
20	NYSSBA New Board Seminar	Rochester
25	Meeting with David Little (NYSSBA Director Governmental Relations)	Manchester
26	Statewide School Finance Consortium Meeting	Verona
September		
5 – 7	NYSSBA New Board/Veteran Academies	Albany
9	Meeting with B. Schoonerman/J Switzer – Board Clerk's Planning	Marion
9	FCSBA Steering Committee Meeting	Waterloo
18	FCSBA Board of Directors' & Legislative Committee Meetings	Newark
22	Planning Meeting with Jim Switzer	Newark
23	Statewide School Finance Consortium Meeting	Verona
25	MCSBA School Law Conference	Rochester
October		
2	FCSBA Board Clerks' Workshop	Newark
2	FCSBA General Membership Meeting	Geneva
4	Area 2 Proposed Resolutions Discussion	Canandaigua
5	NYSCOSS Fall Conference	Saratoga
8	NYSAWA Fall Meeting	Victor
10	FCSBA Negotiators' Breakfast	Newark
16 – 19	NYSSBA Annual Convention and Business Meeting	New York City
16 – 18	Upstate/Downstate Hospitality Suite	New York City
17	COLSBA Meeting	New York City
17	Upstate/Downstate Proposed Resolutions Discussion	New York City
21	FCSBA Presidents'/Vice Presidents' Dinner	Newark
23	Statewide School Finance Consortium Meeting	Verona
27	FCSBA Audit Committee Meeting	Newark
29	Program Planning Committee Meeting	Geneva
29	FCSBA General Membership Meeting	Geneva
30	School to Career Steering Committee Meeting	Newark

Date	Event	Location
November		
5	NYS Property Tax Commission Hearing	Rochester
7	NYSSBA Policy Workshop	Rochester
8	FCSBA Legislative Position Paper Workshop	Geneva
11	FCSBA Steering Committee Meeting	Waterloo
22	FCSBA Legislative Position Paper Workshop	Geneva
24	FCSBA Board of Directors' Meeting	Geneva
24	FCSBA General Membership Meeting	Geneva
December		
2	Statewide School Finance Consortium Meeting	Verona
9	FCSBA Steering Committee Meeting	Geneva
11	NYSSBA Fiscal Management Workshop	Rochester
13	FCSBA Legislative Position Paper Workshop	Geneva
18	FCSBA Ad Hoc Bylaws Review Committee Meeting	Newark
23	Meeting with Joe Marinelli – Legislative Issues	Newark
January 2005		
9	FCSBA Steering Committee Meeting	Newark
9	Meeting Kathy Malone/Anne Morgan - review Bylaws	Newark
11 – 13	NYSCOSS Mid-Winter Meeting	Albany
14	Meeting with Tom Scherer	
15	FCSBA Board of Directors' Meeting	Geneva
15	FCSBA Legislative Committee Meeting	Geneva
15	FCSBA General Membership Meeting	Geneva
22	School-to-Career Steering Committee Meeting	Newark
22	Planning Meeting with Jim Switzer – Brochure	Newark
23	Statewide School Finance Consortium Meeting	Verona
29	FCSBA Presidents'/Vice Presidents' Dinner	Newark
February		
1 – 4	Federal Relations Network Conference	Washington, DC
5	FCSBA General Membership Meeting	Geneva
6	FCSBA Negotiators' Breakfast	Newark
13	FCSBA Steering Committee Meeting	Newark
25	NYSAWA Winter Meeting – with Joyce Lyke	Rochester
27	Statewide School Finance Consortium Meeting	Syracuse
March		
1 – 3	NYSSBA State Legislative Issues Conference	Albany
3	NYSSBA Lobby Day	Albany
13	FCSBA Board Clerks' Workshop	Newark
16	FCSBA Steering Committee Meeting	Newark
16	Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES Budget Hearing	Newark
16	FCSBA Nominating Committee Meeting	Newark
19	School-to Career Steering Committee Meeting – FLTCC Tour	Flint
21	FCSBA Legislative Breakfast	Geneva
21	FCSBA Board of Directors' Meeting	Geneva
23	Meeting with Jim Switzer – Brochure	Newark
26	Statewide Finance Consortium Meeting	Verona
28	FCSBA Prospective Board Member Seminar	Newark

April

2 – 8	NSBA Annual Convention	San Diego
10	FCSBA Steering Committee Meeting	Newark
16	Meeting with Matt Ebling – technology prep Fiscal Training	Newark
22	Statewide School Finance Consortium Meeting	Verona
25	FCSBA Fiscal Training Seminar	Newark
27	FCSBA Legislative Sub-Committee Meeting	Newark

May

7	Local Executive Directors' Meeting with Tim Kremer	Albany
11	Meeting with Jim Thompson – Director GBSBA	Henrietta
12	FCSBA Steering Committee Meeting	Newark
15	FCSBA Negotiators' Breakfast	Newark
8	School-to-Career Steering Committee Meeting	Newark
21	FCSBA Annual Meeting	Geneva
26	Meeting with David Bills – Superintendent Honeoye	Honeoye
27	MCSBA Annual Meeting with Joyce Lyke	Rochester

June

13	Fiscal Training Mid-Hudson School Study Council	Montgomery
16	FCSBA New Board Orientation Dinner	Newark
24	FCSBA Steering Committee Meeting	Newark
29	FCSBA Program Planning Committee Meeting	Geneva

District	Board of Directors	Legislative Committee	Program Planning Committee
Bloomfield	Del: Pam Nakoski Alt : Jim Tiffany	Del: Cheryl Nichols Alt: Kelly Lane	Del: Jim Tiffany Alt: Pam Nakoski
Canandaigua	Del: Donna Cotter	Del: Tarry Shipley (SLN)	Del: Donna Cotter
Clyde-Savannah	Del: Kathy Malone Alt: Bob Montemorano	Del: Bob Montemorano Alt: Thomas Caprilla	Del: Kathy Malone Alt: Sandi Bastedo
Dundee	Del: Joe Capurso Alt: James Koehler	Del: James Koehler Alt: Irene Nowak	Del: Kristen VanValkenburg Alt: Paul Brown
Gananda	Del: Chuck Rothfuss Alt: Steve Nims	Del: Steve Nims Alt: Chuck Rothfuss	Del: Chuck Rothfuss Alt: Steve Nims
Geneva	Del: Tom Scherer Alt: Mitch Wilber	Del: Norb Amberg Alt: Tom Scherer(SLN/FRN)	Del: Ernie Colizzi-Wooster Alt: Josie Guard
Lyons	Del: Rich Henry Alt: Nancy Sheremeta	Del: Julie Blied Alt: Jeri-Lee Brink	Del: Jeri-Lee Brink Alt: Julie Blied
Manchester-Shortsville	Pres. Kris Gray	Pres. Kris Gray	Del: Alan Sadler
Marcus Whitman	Del: Mary Evans	Del: Bill Gowan	Del: Sue Campbell
Marion	Del: Sharon Varalli Alt: Karen Keys	Del: Kevin Adriaansen Alt: Larry Porter	Del: Karen Keys Alt: Kim Tenuity
Naples	Del: Keith Swank Alt : Mike Boggs	Del: Bruce Capron Alt: Margo Ulmer	Del: Judy DiRaddo Alt:
Newark	Del: Susie Earl Alt: Tom Ledbetter	Del: Tom Ledbetter Alt: Joe DeSanto	Del: Yvonne MacTaggart Alt: Roberta Colacino
North Rose-Wolcott	Del: Ed Magin	Del: Cliff Parton	Pres. Kari Durham
Penn Yan	Del: Kathy Guenther Alt: Nancy Scher	Del: Mike Van Wormer Alt: Anita Maroscher	Del: Nancy Scher Alt: Jeff Morehouse
Phelps-Clifton Springs	Del: Terrie Meyn Alt: Glenn Norsen	Del: Sheri Scherbyn(SLN) Alt: Terrie Meyn	Del: Terrie Meyn Alt: John Uveges
Romulus	Del: Anne Morgan	Del: Anne Morgan(SLN)	Del: Anne Morgan
Sodus	Del: Phil Rose	Del: Phil Rose	Del: Derrick Terry
South Seneca	Pres. Mark Sinkiewicz	Pres. Mark Sinkiewicz	Pres. Mark Sinkiewicz
Victor	Del: Steve Martin Alt: Scott Sprague Alt: Tim DeLucia	Del: Tim DeLucia	Pres. Steve Martin
Wayne	Del: Frank Robusto, Jr. Alt: Joyce Lyke	Del: Joyce Lyke (SLN) Alt: Jeff Schultz	Del: Scott Griswold Alt: Susan Newman
Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES	Del: Stu Einstein Alt: Pat Crowe Alt: Terrie Meyn	Del: Lynn Gay(SLN) Alt: Anne Morgan	Del: Nancy Scher Alt: OJ Sahler Alt: Terrie Meyn
Williamson	Del: Michael Collins Alt: Linda Moll	Del: Pete Wright Alt: Bob Wendler	Del: Michael Collins Alt: Karen Fitzgerald Williams

**FOUR COUNTY LEADERSHIP
2008 - 2009**

OFFICERS

Tom Scherer, *President*, Geneva BOE
Joyce Lyke, *First Vice President*, Wayne BOE
Nancy Scher, *Second Vice President*, Penn Yan/Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES BOE

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Jeanne Durfee, *Past President*, Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES BOE
Anne Morgan, *Legislative Committee Chair*, Romulus/Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES BOE
Kathy Malone, *Program Planning Committee Chair*, Clyde-Savannah BOE
Jim Koehler, *Legislative Committee Vice Chair*, Dundee BOE
Mike Ellis, *Program Planning Committee Vice Chair*, Bloomfield BOE

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Tom DeRue, *Chair*, President, Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES BOE
Anita Maroscher, Member Penn Yan BOE
Chuck Rothfuss, Member Gananda BOE

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jeanne Durfee, *Chair*, Four County Past President (Vice President, Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES BOE)
Michael Boggs, Member Naples BOE
Mary Evans, President, Marcus Whitman BOE
Steve Nims, President, Gananda BOE

LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST PRESIDER & PRESENTER

Anne Morgan, Romulus/Wayne -Finger Lakes BOCES BOE, Four County Legislative Committee Chair
Ms. Nancy R. Zimar, Dundee CSD, Superintendent,

SEMINAR FOR PROSPECTIVE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PANEL

Tom Scherer, *Moderator*, Member, Geneva BOE, Four County President
Anita Maroscher, Member Penn Yan BOE
Ron Mendrick, Attorney, Harter Secrest & Emery ____
Mike Midey, Superintendent, Canandaigua City SD
Anne Morgan, Romulus/Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES BOE, Four County Legislative Committee Chair
Phil Rose, Member, Sodus BOE

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

**“The School Board’s Role”
Mandatory Fiscal Oversight Training**

Gregory Atseff, Assistant Superintendent, Wayne CSD
Kathryn Barrett, CPA, Director, Freed Maxick & Battaglia CPA, PC
D. Thomas Scherer – President, Four County School Boards Association
Sharon Sweeney, Executive Director, Four County SBA
Mary Tranelli, Administrative Assistant, Four County SBA
Raymond F. Wager, Share Holder, Raymond F. Wager, CPA, P. C.

NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION PANEL

Moderator, Tom Scherer, Geneva, BOE, Four County President
Dennis Barrett, Attorney, Ferrara, Fiorenza, Larrison, Barrett & Reitz, PC
Joyce Lyke, Wayne BOE, Four County First Vice-President
Pam Nakoski, President, Bloomfield BOE
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AREA 2 REPRESENTATIVES TO NEW YORK STATE SBA COMMITTEES

Kathy Malone, Clyde-Savannah BOE, *Distinguished Service Award Committee*

AD HOC BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Kathy Malone, Co-Chair, Member, Clyde-Savannah BOE
Anne Morgan, Co-Chair, President Romulus BOE, Member, Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES BOE
Michael Collins, Member, Williamson BOE
Lynn Gay, Member, Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES BOE
Thomas Ledbetter, Member, Newark BOE
OJ Sahler, Member Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES BOE
Mark Sinkiewicz, President, South Seneca BOE

COUNCIL OF LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATIONS

Tom Scherer, FCSBA President, Geneva BOE
Jeanne Durfee, FCSBA Past President, Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES BOE
Sharon Sweeney, Executive Director, Four County SBA

COMMISSIONER’S ADVISORY COUNCIL OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Tom Scherer, President FCSBA, Member, Geneva BOE

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Farewell and Thank you!!

**To all Four County members who
complete their board service this year!**



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*Kathy Bernatovich-Bloomfield
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Tom Scherer - Geneva
Diane Hixson-Manchester-Shortsville
Margaret Ball - Marcus Whitman
Larry Porter - Marion
Dave Till - Naples
Nick Santino -Newark
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Judy Kirk - Penn Yan
Renee Thayer-Penn Yan
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