

Greetings FCSBA Members,

It was good to see several of you at the NSBA conference in San Francisco. One thing that I took away from the conference, and I hope you did also, was a confirmation that the schools in NYS are already embracing many of the new concepts that are being shared as leading edge. Yes there are always some new things to pick up and the national networking can always produce great idea generation, however many of the new ideas are already in practice in many of our districts. I personally think that is a direct result of the collaboration of educated and forward thinking school board members working with wonderful superintendents and administrative staffs. All working to give the children of NYS and our individual districts the best education we can.

I hope you are starting to catch you breath from all the activities going on in your respective districts related to end of school year activities and that your hard work pays off in successful Budget votes. While the students and adults can see the end coming to the school year, you've just completed running the annual gauntlet, budget meetings and public hearings, preparing local budget communications and so forth.

I appreciate your notes and emails about current issues or things you hope NYSSBA can provide as services in the future. One new item that was just announced is the NYSSBA Online Fiscal Oversight Training which is in direct response to your input requesting the development of internet courses to help reduce the need for travel and the associated cost.

I'll continue to keep my contact points in this column for ease of communications.

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In closing, I'm looking forward to seeing you at the FCSBA Annual meeting later this month at the Belhurst Castle.

Sincerely,

Tom



WEBSITE SPOTLIGHT

www.healthiergeneration.org – the site of the Alliance for a Healthier Generation which is a joint effort of the American Heart Association and the Clinton Foundation. It offers a variety of tools and technical assistance in the quest to improve our children's nutrition and health.

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2007-2008

The Nominating Committee met in March and recommended a Slate of Officers which was approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting on April 30, 2007 Recommended for continuation in their current positions are: **President – D. Thomas Scherer** (Geneva); **First Vice President – Nancy Scher** (Penn Yan/Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES); and **Second Vice President Joyce Lyke** (Wayne). The election will take place at the Annual Meeting on May 31, 2007 during which other nominations will be taken from the floor. Members of the 2006-2007 **Nominating Committee** are: Chair - Immediate Past President **Steve Wyckoff** (Geneva), **Carol Frank** (President, Marcus Whitman), and **Lynn Gay** (member Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES).

MANDATORY FISCAL TRAINING SEMINAR HELD

Approved in 2006 as a provider for the mandated six hours of fiscal training, the Four County School Boards Association offered their second annual session on Saturday April 28, 2007. Forty-seven board members from Four County and neighboring counties came together in the Board Room of the **Victor Central School District's Education Center** to learn about their fiscal responsibilities from a panel of presenters. Faculty for the day-long event (8:15 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.) included **Caroline Benedict** (Assistant Superintendent for Business Penn Yan CSD); **Richard Blafeld** (Associate Examiner for the Office of the State Comptroller); **Caroline "Tarry" Shipley** (Canandaigua CSD Vice President); **Raymond Wager** (Raymond F. Wager CPA, PC), and **John Zappia** (recently retired Assistant Superintendent for Business, Canandaigua CSD). Four County President **Tom Scherer** was the program moderator. The Association thanks the presenters and the Victor Central School District for the use of their facility. Special thanks to Victor Board Clerk **Judy Kanada** and Custodian **Ernie Every** for their generous assistance.



To all Four County members retiring from board service this year, the Association ways farewell and thanks for your investment of time and energy in our children. Your contributions are appreciated whether you have served for one term or for many years, and your experience will be missed. We wish you well in your post school board endeavors. Thanks to the following Four County members:

- Mike Headlee** – Bloomfield
- Mike Yacci** – Canandaigua
- Jim Younglove** – Clyde-Savannah
- Carol Fitzgerald** – Dundee
- Jim Airy** – Gananda
- Steve Wyckoff** – Geneva
- John Paliotti** – Lyons
- Carol Frank** – Marcus Whitman
- Mike Turner** – Marcus Whitman
- Bruce Capron** - Naples
- Malcolm MacKenzie** – Naples
- Sandy Boerman** – North Rose-Wolcott
- David Smith** – North Rose-Wolcott
- Scott MacDonell** – Phelps-Clifton Springs
- Sherry Zehr** – Phelps-Clifton Springs
- Don Woodard** – Sodus
- John Fowler** - Victor
- Bob Rose** – Victor
- Nadina Stevens** – Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES

Thanks to **OJ Sahler** who is retiring from the Canandaigua BOE but will continue to serve on the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES BOE. Special thanks to retiring Geneva BOE member **Steve Wyckoff** who was President of Four County during 2005-2006.

Farewell and Thanks also **Dr. J. Richard Boyes** who is retiring from the Marion CSD after 30 years, the last 6 as Superintendent.



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NEW AND NEARLY NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

5:30 – Registration 6:00 – Part I 6:45 – Dinner
7:15 – Part II

Our panelists will outline the role and responsibilities of the school board and school boards members, talk about role of the superintendent and the superintendent's relationship with the board of education.

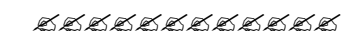
Please encourage your new board members to join us. Board Presidents and Superintendents are invited to come along too.

THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES FOR SUPPORT OF FCSBA PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS THROUGHOUT 2007 – 2008.

- Allardice and Associates, Inc. ? Career Training Concepts, Inc.*
- Christa Construction, Inc. ? Club 86 Party House ? DATU, Inc.*
- Dodge Chamberlin Luzine Weber Associates, Architects, LLP*
- Ferrara, Fiorenza, Larrison, Barrett & Reitz, P.C.*
- Harris Beach, PLLC ? Harter, Secrest, & Emery, LLP*
- Hodgson Russ Attorneys LLP*
- Hunt Engineers, Architects & Surveyors*
- LaBella Associates, P.C. ? Leonard Bus Sales, Inc.*
- Loewke & Brill Consulting Group ? Moore Printing Co. Inc.*
- New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal (NYSIR)*
- Reliant Community Credit Union ? Turner Construction*
- Wayne Vander Byl, Attorney & Counselor at Law*
- Vargas Associates ? Raymond F. Wager, CPA, P.C.*
- Wegmans*

FOUR COUNTY BOARD LEADERS MEET

Presidents and Vice Presidents of Four County school boards come together several times each year to talk about issues of common interest, share concerns, and consider solutions. The group met three times during 2006-2007, in October, January and May. Topics considered in the informal, round-table format have included - compliance with the internal audit requirement; a variety of policy issues (student use of the internet, baked goods for classroom celebrations, commemorative memorials, academic eligibility, to name a few); responses to email message from residents, and the president's role at graduation. Many presidents and vice presidents attend regularly, looking forward to the opportunity to speak with colleagues about common challenges and learn from one another.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

JUNE 25, 2007

TORREY PARK GRILL
(Formerly Pronti 's)
89 Avenue E
Geneva, New York 14456

Social Hour - 5:30 p.m.
Meeting/Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

May	June	July	August	September
4 Negotiators' Breakfast	3-5 NYSASBO Conference	8-10 Rural Schools Association Conference	3-4 NYSSBA Board Officers' Academy (Fairport)	7-9 NYSSBA New Member/Veteran Member Academy (Buff)
4-5 Joint NYSSBA/NYSCOSS/BOCES Workshop (Albany)	19 FCSBA New Board Member Orientation	20 NYSSBA Summer Law Conference		23 NYSCOSS Fall Conference
15 School District Budget/BOE Vote	25 FCSBA Program Planning Committee Meeting	20-22 NYSSBA New Member/Veteran Member Academy (Albany)		
17 FCSBA Pres/VP Meeting	TBA Steering Comm. Meeting	22 NYSASBO Summer Business Management Workshop		
17 School to Career Steering Committee				
28 Memorial Day-Office Closed				
31 FCSBA Annual Meeting				



Four County School Boards Association
131 Drumlin Court
Newark, NY 14513

May 2007

Four County School Boards Association Annual Meeting & Dinner

Thursday, May 31, 2007

at

The Belhurst Castle
Route 14S, Geneva, NY
(315) 781-0201

Dr. Daniel Hayes
President of Finger Lakes Community College

TOM SCHERER
President
NANCY SCHER
1st Vice President
JOYCE LYKE
2nd Vice President
KATHY MALONE
Program Planning Chair
ANNE MORGAN
Legislative Committee
STEVE WYCKOFF
Immediate Past President
JEANNE DURFEE
Past President
SHARON A. SWEENEY
Executive Director
MARY TRANELLI
Administrative Assistant

President's Message



As the 2006-2007 school year comes to a close, it would be appropriate to reflect upon some of the events of the past year and acknowledge the work of your board representatives to the Four County School Boards Association.

Specifically, I wish to acknowledge the efforts of the members of the Four County Steering Committee. A huge "Thank You" goes out to **Jeanne Durfee** (W-FL BOCES), **Joyce Lyke** (Wayne Central), **Anne Morgan** (Romulus/W-FL BOCES), **Kathy Malone** (Clyde Savannah), **Nancy Scher** (Penn Yan/W-FLBOCES), **Steve Wyckoff** (Geneva) and of course our Executive Director of Four County School Boards Association, **Sharon Sweeney**! This is a truly dedicated group that works collaboratively to guide and help to provide direction for your

Four County School Boards Association throughout the year.

Four County School Boards Association works much like your own board in accordance with established bylaws and parliamentary procedures. An elected president and officers work closely with the Executive Director of your organization. The organization provides many valuable services including dissemination of information via reports, State and Federal position papers, newsletters and our website at www.4csba.org. We provide representation for districts in Ontario, Wayne, Yates and Seneca Counties on issues of concern through lobbying efforts with state legislators in Albany and federal legislators in Washington, D.C.

On Saturday, March 24th, your Four County School Boards Association hosted an informative 2006 – 2007 Legislative Breakfast at Club 86 in Geneva. Our panel included **Senator Michael Nozzolio** (54th Senate District), **Assemblymen Bob Oaks** (128th), **Brian Kolb** (129th) and **Jim Bacalles** (136th Assembly District). Our thanks go out to each of them for their support and collaboration for the benefit of all of our students.

On Saturday, April 28th, 47 board members representing 22 districts participated in our Fiscal Training Workshop held at Victor Central School District. The training enables board members to meet the mandated 6 hours of training as set forth in the Five Point Plan Legislation (N.Y. 2005 Chapter 263).

Our next program, scheduled for June 19th, will be a panel discussion for all newly elected school board members in the Four County area. We encourage all of our newly elected board members to attend this informational session, as it will provide valuable insights into boardmanship.

JUST A FEW OF THE MANY VALUED SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGH MEMBERSHIP IN YOUR FOUR COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION!

We hope to see you at our **Annual Meeting** to be held on **Thursday, May 31, 2007** at the **Belhurst Castle in Geneva!**

Tom