

FROM YOUR AREA DIRECTOR

Hello to all the 4CSBA members, It was great to see several of you at Leadership Forum held at the Woodcliff in Fairport the first weekend of August. I hope you found the program helpful and that it provided some new leadership ideas, even for those of us who may have held local board leadership positions in the past. This was the second or third year in a row that I attended the conference and I learned several new things I was able to bring back to my local board; I hope you did also.

I can't believe this summer is almost over and that the 07-08 school year is about to begin, time does seem to fly by. I hope for most of you the weather cooperated with your outdoor plans? Several of the southern Area 2 districts had significantly more rain than those of us up north but all in all the summer weather cooperated with most outdoor plans. With the new school year just around the corner, I hope you all had a chance for a little R & R to renew and refresh yourselves.

I've heard from a few of you this summer and I appreciate the communication, I want to represent your views as best I can; remember you are NYSSBA and the children need your support and leadership. Feel free to pickup the phone and call or drop me an email; my phone numbers and email addresses are provided below.

I hope to see many of you at the Buffalo Training Academy in early September, try to make sure your board is represented, NYSSBA is trying to bring some of the training out to the field.

My email addresses are: tnespeca@rochester.rr.com, or thomas.nespeca@carestreamhealth.com

Telephone numbers are: home 585-671-7858, Work 585-724-6252, Cell 585-747-9922 feel free to use any of them and they all have voice mail so leave a message and I'll do my best to get back to you ASAP.

Sincerely,

SAVE THE DATE SAVE THE DATE
AREA 2 RESOLUTIONS DISCUSSION

Saturday, October 6, 2007

Canandaigua Academy Media Center

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Hosted by NYSSBA Area 2 Director Tom Nespeca
Sponsored by the Four County, Genesee Valley and Monroe
County School Boards Associations

Open to all members of the above associations. All voting delegates/alternates encouraged to attend this discussion of the Resolutions proposed for action at NYSSBA's Annual Business Meeting.

Congratulations to **Sheila Brown** (Marcus Whitman) upon her completion of NYSSBA's School Board Institute (SBI) eight course sequence. In addition to valuable information and a store house of best practices, Sheila has been rewarded with an SBI "Leadership in Governance" gold lapel pin; an SBI "Leadership in Governance" certificate; and free tuition to one NYSSBA Academy.

NYSSBA News

NEW & VETERAN
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER ACADEMIES
September 7 - 9, 2007

Hyatt Regency Buffalo, New York

Details and registration available through the NYSSBA website which can be accessed through www.4csba.org. (This is the first time these annual workshops have been in Western New York.) . A great opportunity to learn about roles and responsibilities and meet colleagues from across the state. (School Board Institute Courses will also be offered.)

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN SPECIAL ED LAW -
THE POLICY PERSPECTIVE

October 4, 2007

8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Marriott Rochester Airport

See Agenda at www.nyssba.org (Linked through the four county website at www.4csba.org)

FOUR COUNTY LEADERSHIP SELECTED

During their Annual Business Meeting which was held on May 31, 2007, Association members approved the Slate of Officers for 2007-2008. **Tom Scherer** (Geneva) was re-elected to serve as **President** for a second one-year term. Also returned to office were **First Vice President Nancy Scher** (Penn Yan/Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES) and **Second Vice President Joyce Lyke** (Wayne). Re-appointed by President Scherer, **Anne Morgan** (Romulus/Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES) will again Chair the **Legislative Committee** and **Kathy Malone** will guide the actions of the **Program Planning Committee**. These members, along with **Past President Jeanne Durfee** (Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES) will make up the 2007-2008 **Steering Committee**, a dedicated group which provides leadership for the Association as well as direction and evaluation for the Executive Director.

Four County members and their guests who attended the Annual Dinner were entertained by the talented instrumental students and members of the **Select Choir** from the **Sodus CSD**. They were also able to meet and converse with the **Wayne Central School District's AP Art** students who brought a display of their impressive work. Thanks to their teacher **Ms. Corrine Robideau** and to **Lisa Miller**, Sodus High School Music Department Coordinator and Select Choir Director and **Jennifer Young**, Instrumental Music teacher. Following dinner the group was challenged by guest speaker **Dr. Daniel T. Hayes**, retiring President of the **Finger Lakes Community College**, to address the five changes he sees on the horizon for public education from preschool through college. The changes - increased need for strong CEO; increased need for appropriate relationship between board and CEO; increasing financial pressures due to declining resources; widespread availability of distance learning opportunities; and pressure for more testing and accountability requiring good assessment tools.

PLEASE JOIN US— STANDING COMMITTEES NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION

PROGRAM PLANNING

After- school programs, high school curriculum reform, the Taylor Law, health insurance, internal audits & auditors, Medicaid reimbursements, negotiations issues, high profile speakers, merit pay, community communications, teacher mentoring, school board relations, staff mobility, school funding, etc.

These are just a few of the many topics that were generated by a small handful of your fellow school board members who attended the meeting of the Program Planning Committee this past June. As always, the discussions were lively and there was never a lack of variety or quality of ideas that were put forth as suggestions for the programs of the FCSBA's general membership meetings that will be held this 2007-2008 school year!

Most exciting is the discussion of hosting several notable guest speakers: **Manuel Rivera, Ph.D.**, the 2006 National Superintendent of the Year and a recent appointee of Governor Spitzer as his top education policy advisor, the Deputy Secretary for Education, will be speaking at our general membership meeting on October 18. Also contacted is **Johanna Duncan Poitier**, the newly appointed Senior Deputy Commissioner for Education --P-16.

The schedule of meeting events has been put in motion, and we urge all board members---as you establish your mission, visions, and policies---AND all superintendents---as you set your goals, action plans, and recommendations---to reserve your place for dinner, camaraderie, and a variety of venues to be further educated and enlightened in your very important roles as leaders in the education of our young people. The Four County School Boards Association is dedicated to offering you these opportunities to strengthen your leadership skills and also strongly encourages your active participation on its committees. In the words of Vince Lombardi, "Individual commitment to a group effort---that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work." Please join us!

LEGISLATIVE

To quote our Four County School Board Vision, Mission and Goals, "we will encourage individual members and boards to be more active/involved with legislative issues impacting education." And to that end I encourage you to join the Legislative Committee, we offer you stimulating conversation and hands-on opportunities to advocate for change and if that is not enough to bring you to the meetings our Saturday morning workshops offer fresh bagels, hot coffee and the opportunity to be involved as the committee discusses and prepares our annual State, Federal and Regents Position papers. These sessions can always be counted on to cover a variety of timely and pertinent topics with input and information from NYSSBA representatives, local Superintendents and representatives from BOCES.

I look forward to meeting you at the fall General Membership meeting and to your participation on the Legislative Committee.

[Http://www.4csba.org](http://www.4csba.org)

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENTS

Four County extends a warm welcome our newest members. Elected to serve on their boards for the first time effective July 1, 2007 were:

- Donna Cotter (Canandaigua)
- Joseph Delforte, Jr. (Canandaigua)
- Thomas Caprilla (Clyde-Savannah)
- Kristen Van Valkenburg (Dundee)
- Amy Suchen (Gananda)
- Erminia Colizzi Wooster (Geneva)
- Andrew Richardson (Lyons)
- Jeff Eckert (Marcus Whitman)
- Walter Olsen (Marcus Whitman)
- Michael Boggs (Naples)
- Mona Sage Cardinale (Naples)
- Ora Rothfus (North Rose-Wolcott)
- Katherine DeAngelis (North Rose.-Wolcott)
- John Sheppard (Phelps-Clifton Springs)
- Steven Hilfiker (Phelps-Clifton Springs)
- Kristine Somerville (Romulus)
- Patricia Paprocki (Sodus)
- James Dailey (Victor)
- Kathryn Hart (Victor)

Welcome also to those who began their term during the 2006-2007 year:

- Kelly Lane (Bloomfield)
- Tom Nicholson (Wayne)

and

to **Ms. Kathryn Wegman**, who became the **Superintendent of the Marion Central School District** on July 1, 2007. She has worked for 11 years in the School District, the past six as Assistant Superintendent. Prior to joining Marion, Kathy was on the staff at the **Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES** assisting the 25 component districts in a variety of school improvement activities including curriculum development, interpersonal skill development, and leadership development.

Welcome back to **Ms Lucinda Miner** who has been appointed Superintendent of the North Rose-Wolcott CSD. Cindy has previously served the Four County area as Superintendent of the Sodus CSD and Interim at North-Rose Wolcott

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL

We look forward to seeing you at association events throughout 2007-2008!

August	September	October	November	December
3-4 NYSSBA Board Officers' Academy (Fairport)	3 Labor Day	1-2 NYSSBA Fall Conference	2 FCSBA Negotiators' Breakfast	1 FCSBA Legislative Position Paper Workshop
13 FCSBA Calendar Committee Meeting	4 Conference Day	4 FCSBA Pres/VP	3 FCSBA Legislative Position Paper Workshop	6 FCSBA General Membership (Tent.)
27 FCSBA Steering Committee Meeting	5 School Opens	4 NYSSBA Special Ed Policy Conference (Roch)	6 FCSBA General Membership (Tent.)	12 NYSSBA Legal Conference (Alb)
	7-9 NYSSBA New Member/Veteran Member Academy (Buff)	6 Area 2 Resolutions Discussion	6 Election Day	24-25 Christmas
	11 Patriot's Day	8 Columbus Day	9 Conference Day	31 New Year's Eve
	13 Roshashanah	13 FCSBA Negotiators' Breakfast	12 Veterans Day	
	18 FCSBA Board of Directors' Meeting	18 FCSBA General Membership Mtg.	17 FCSBA Legislative Position Paper Workshop	
	20 FCSBA Legislative Committee Meeting	22-26 School Board Recognition Week	21 Conference Day	
	23 NYSSBA Fall Conference	26-28 NYSSBA Conv.	22-23 Thanksgiving	
		30 FCSBA Program Planning		



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August 2007

FALL MEETINGS

Board of Directors

Tuesday, September 18, 2007

W-FL BOCES Jack Loveless Conference Room
 Newark, New York

5:30 p.m. Registration/Conversation

6:30 p.m. Dinner/Meeting

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Legislative Committee

Thursday, September 20, 2007

Finger Lakes Technical & Career Center
 Flint, New York

5:30 pm – Registration/Conversation

6:30 pm – Dinner/Meeting

Make sure your board is represented for these important Fall planning meetings!

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

President's Message



We hope your summer has been a relaxing and enjoyable one. Even if it did pass too quickly, most of it has been sunny and very warm! As school board members, we now move forward ready to face the challenges and the opportunities that will present themselves during the 2007-2008 school year.

In fact, we are already two months into the new school year and we have held our organizational meetings, elected officers and yes, have volunteered our time and expertise for the various committees for each of our boards of education. With those thoughts in mind, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you, whether you are a new or veteran school board member, to become an active participant in YOUR Four

County School Boards Association.

"MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK"!

There are both leadership and standing committee positions in need of your knowledge, skills, perspectives and abilities. Participants are needed in each of the following areas: The Four County School Board Association Board of Directors, our Legislative Committee and Program Planning Committee which assists in charting the course your Association takes for our general membership meetings held throughout the year. One representative and one alternate are needed from each of our member districts to assist us in the completion of the work of these important groups.

"ON THE JOB TRAINING PROVIDED"!

While experience would be quite helpful, it certainly is not a requirement. Our Four County School Board Executive Director and administrative assistant, our Steering Committee, our Legislative and Program Planning Committees are comprised of individuals much like yourselves and they are willing to provide guidance and assistance for you along the way. Your Board of Directors will benefit from additional representation that will assure broad representative points of view are considered in Association governance decisions.

Consider all that Four County School Board Association has to offer and become an active participant. Your involvement will assist you becoming an even more effective school board member and further enhance your leadership abilities!

SEE YOU AT OUR FALL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING!