

NEWS NOTES

**November
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WELCOME AND WELCOME BACK

A warm Four County welcome to our newest members:

Scott Layton—Bloomfield
Lauri Richer—Dundee
May Farnsworth—Geneva
Michael Bently—Marcus Whitman
Jim Miranda—Newark
Cara Lajewski—Seneca Falls

Ralph Undercoffler—Canandaigua
Greg Giles—Gananda
James Sykes—Honeoye
Keri Link—Marcus Whitman
Jacob Amidon—Phelps-Clifton Springs
Coreen Lowry—Waterloo

Welcome Back to:

Yvonne McTaggart—Newark

Yvonne served a number of years on that board in the past

Congratulations and welcome to newly appointed superintendents:

Nelson Kise—Sodus

Terri Bavis—Waterloo

Belated School Board Recognition Week

**Thank you to all
Four County School Board Association Members
For your service and commitment to the children
and residents of your community**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2016-2017

The Steering Committee has identified the following dates as preferred for upcoming Four County events. Topics and other details will be provided as soon as available. In the meantime, make a note on your personal calendar.

General Membership—November 15
Legislative Position Paper Workshop III—11/19
Presidents and Vice Presidents Dinner—11/29

FSCBA Board Clerk's Workshop—12/1
Legislative Position Paper Workshop IV—12/3
School To Career Program Approval—12/7

General Membership—1/24
Board of Directors/Legislative Joint Meeting—1/24
NSBA, NAI-Washington DC—1/28-1/31

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday November 15, 2016

The Geneva Country Club

5:30 Registration - 5:45 BOD Meeting

6:30 Dinner - 7:30 Program

**“A LEGAL UPDATE O NEW LAWS/REGULATIONS AND
JUDICIAL DECISIONS AFFECTING PUBLIC EDUCATION.”**

With

Jay Worona

Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel
New York State School Boards Association

As Four County members know only too well - your authority is a shared authority. State and Federal Legislators, NY State Ed and the US Department of Ed, as well as court decisions set the parameters for, or control out-right, much of what you are able to do in the effort to educate the students in your districts. Jay Worona has committed his legal career to working on behalf of school boards. He has been with NYSSBA since 1984, interpreting the law, submitting information to the courts, and keeping board members informed about how the law impacts their decisions. In addition to this knowledge and experience, jay brings a rapid fire style to his famous “skating tours” of new laws and regulations.

**Join us for what promises to be a very knowledgeable, engaging presentation!
Make sure your board is represented for the Board of Directors’ Meeting**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

5:45 p.m.

(Prior to the General Membership Dinner)

The Geneva Country Club

Route 14



**Board of
Directors’
Meeting!**

PRESIDENTS AND VICE PRESIDENTS DINNER AND DISCUSSION

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

5:45 – registration 6:15 – Dinner/Program

Four County Office/Meeting Room

Maple Building

Wayne Finger Lakes BOCES

Newark, NY

Join us for a consideration of review of data on School Board Effectiveness and other issues of concern to you and your board!

(Please let us know if there are specific topics you would like your colleagues to come prepared to talk about.)



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A REPORT FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Chaired once again by Gananda BOE Vice President **Bill Buchko**, the Legislative Committee met on October 4 to plan their calendar of activities for the coming year. In addition to sponsoring the Area 2 Proposed Resolutions Discussion in preparation for the NYSSBA Business Meeting, they will again prepare the Association's legislative agenda (see date for workshops below). The Committee will again schedule meetings with area legislative representatives and area representatives to the New York State Board of Regents. Members will also participate in the National Advocacy Institute sponsored by the National School Boards Association and the Capital Conference sponsored by NYSSBA. Committee membership includes a representative and alternate from each member school board. Make sure your boards priorities are included in the legislative agenda by sending a representative to the coming workshops.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE POSITION PAPER WORKSHOPS

Saturday, November 19
Saturday, December 10
8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Four County Office and Meeting Room
Maple Building
**Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES Regional Support
Center**
Newark, New York

MEET THE 2016-2017 FOUR COUNTY LEADERSHIP

Four County members held their 2015-2016 Annual Meeting on May 23 at the Belhurst Castle in Geneva, New York. During the Business portion of the event they elected the leadership for the 2016-17 year. Serving as President is **Beth Thomas** who is the Vice President of the Canandaigua BOE. Beth has been active with Four County serving as Vice Chair of the Legislative Committee and Vice President. Joining her are First Vice President **Robin Johnson**, a member of the Penn Yan BOE, and Second Vice President **Caroline Nevil** who is a member of the Bloomfield BOD. Both Beth and Caroline have served as Vice Chair of the FCSBA Legislative Committee. President Thomas has reappointed Gananda BOE Vice President **Bill Buchko** to continue in the role of Legislative Committee Chair. Joining the group in her role as Past President is **Kathy Guenther** (Penn Yan BOE Vice President). Rounding out the leadership team are Presidential appointees **Jeanne Durfee** (Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES BOE), **Russ Harris** (President Newark BOE) and **Chuck Rothfuss** (Gananda BOE). The three appointees have previously served as Committee leadership, and Jeanne is a former FCSBA President.

