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General Membership Meeting



Jay Worona

Deputy Executive Director, General Counsel & Director of Legal & Policy Services New York State School Boards Association

*There is
still time to
register*

Thursday, October 18, 2018

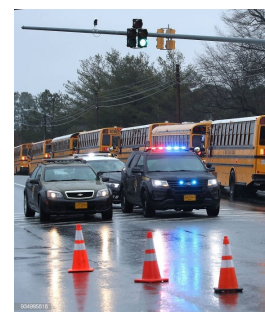
5:30 - Registration / Conversation

6:15 - Dinner

6:30 - Program

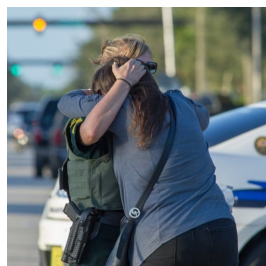
Geneva Country Club

4147 West Lake Road, Geneva, NY



School Safety – A World Turned Upside Down

News reports of mass shootings in our nation's schools have sadly become the "new normal." There are no guarantees that will keep school children and staff safe from a violent attack while at school. Recent events again have districts re-examining what they can do better to prevent and respond to such an event. We will review where districts are in this area and where they might best focus their attention to be as best positioned as possible to protect students and faculty members.



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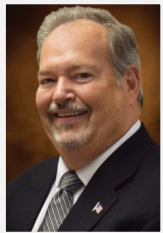
News Notes

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Executive Director's Message



Hello FCSBA,

First let me say thank you for all the emails and calls welcoming me to FCSBA, as the former NYSSBA Area 2 Director this is like coming home although there are several new names and faces I look forward to becoming acquainted with.

As I begin my time here as your new Executive Director there is much to re-visit at FCSBA but I'm confident that in understanding where the membership of FCSBA wants to go in the future; we will get there as a team. For those districts who have not yet responded to my Email/Letter asking for a sit down please do so in order for me to understand what you feel needs to be done for accomplishing the consensus path forward. This same visit request went to our non-member districts so that I can understand what is needed to have them rejoin FCSBA as we are much stronger together enabling us to have more complete data and experiences to share with our State and Federal representatives during our advocacy visits.

As I look at the upcoming year there will be both challenges and opportunities, from within FCSBA and from the National and State policy makers, our combined efforts will allow us to help keep the Boards / Districts in the best place possible for the children's education.

Our first general Membership meeting will be held on Thursday, October 18, 2018 and will feature Jay Worona with an encore presentation on School Safety which was enthusiastically received at the Rural Schools Association meeting in July. Please provide any ideas regarding professional development / educational suggestions that you might want to have considered for General Membership meetings, and feel free to forward those to me.

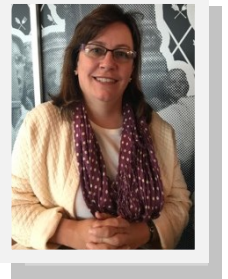
In closing I want to also thank each and every one of you for your School Board Member volunteerism as this is School Board Recognition Month in NYS. Board Service is not easy, it is an example of life-long learning in action and your continued efforts on behalf of the children and communities you serve may go unnoticed by some but keep in mind many people silently applaud your work.

Tom Nespeca



President's Message

We had a wonderful Board of Director's meeting in September, with 20 Board Members in attendance and 14 districts represented (including one Superintendent). One of my joys of being part of Four County is to connect with all of you from other districts. Thank you to all those who gave up precious time to help FCSBA plan our year and work with our members.



We actually started the year with our first meeting being a mandatory training event for our new members. On the 8th of September, 10 new members met at our office to hear from local "specialists" about various aspects of board service. It was a positive, engaged group, so engaged in fact that they asked if we would be willing to offer the fiscal training earlier in their first year so they could have a better understanding of how their district set up its budgets. Because of this request, we are pleased to offer our fiscal training at FCSBA on Saturday, November 10, 2018.

As you may know, Sue Campbell was named our first Treasurer last year. She has graciously agreed to help us again this year. Also new last year was our use of QuickBooks to record and report our financial activity. Sue Wyatt is quickly becoming a QuickBooks Pro! She, Tom and Sue Campbell had more training last month. I think all will agree that the reports that are being generated by QuickBooks are clear and will meet everyone's needs.

Our Audit Committee met on the 25th of September. Their formal report will be available at our next Board of Director's meeting however in the interim, I am happy to share that they were very pleased with the level of oversight the treasurer provides as well as the new documents used to report at the Board of Director's meetings.

I am looking forward to next week's General Membership meeting. I always enjoy hearing Jay Worona speak, he provides wonderful information and insight! I am also looking forward to riding the bus to the NYSSBA Annual Convention this month, thank you Tom for organizing it.

As you can see, Four County is busy working to provide support for our districts. If you have any suggestions of services or activities that would be helpful to you, your fellow board members or your district, please contact me directly. We are here to serve!

Beth Thomas



ESSA Flexibilities Guide

Some of our districts are required to provide some level of reporting this year, and all districts next year, pending the development of NYS reporting Requirements.

Last week, the U.S. Department of Education released a publication detailing the flexibilities. The guide highlights the key flexibilities afforded to States and districts in ESSA, including fiscal and programmatic options across the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). In addition, the Department has made a parent friendly version of the Guide available. The second link is a parent's guide that helps those not professionally involved in the education of their children understand ESSA at a high level. This is a complicated issue / requirement coming down from Washington and modified by NYSED that you will want to become familiar with. More to come as NYS develops their requirements. The guides can be accessed below.

- [USED ESSA Flexibilities Guide](#)
- [USED Parent's Guide to ESSA Flexibilities](#)

As we approach the NYSSBA convention please note we still have approximately 20 seats available on the bus that will leave at 6:30 AM on Thursday 10/25. Please feel free to contact our office to reserve a seat.

Area 2 Event

On Saturday, September 29, Four County SBA co-sponsored the annual NYSSBA resolutions review along with Monroe County SBA and the Genesee Valley SBA. This is a unique opportunity for Area 2 with its diverse representation of school districts to gather together to discuss the resolutions that will be voted on at this year's annual business meeting on Saturday, October 27th.

Going around the table left to right:

Lynn Gay, Tom Nespeca, Peter Forsgren, Lisa Benati-Chidsey,
Matt Metras, Diane McBride, Belinda Heckler, Mark Elledge



Area 2 Director's Message

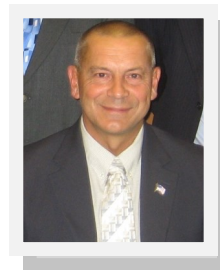
October 2018

It's hard to believe that summer is over but as temperatures fell this past week, autumn has arrived. But with this season, many opportunities are before us. The school year opened with the expectation and excitement of students returning to our schools. School Open Houses have likely occurred in each of our buildings offering parents the opportunity to visit their schools and learn about this year's expectations for their children. And, through NYSSBA, we have several learning opportunities approaching to support our volunteer work as School Board members.

I enjoyed seeing many of you at this summer's NYSSBA School Board Appreciation Reception held at the Rochester Memorial Art Gallery. I am looking forward to attending your Four Counties SBA business meeting on October 18th when NYSSBA Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel Jay Worona will be in attendance. And I cannot believe that the NYSSBA Annual Convention and Expo in NYC is just over a week away. The convention always offers many opportunities to engage with School Board members from around the State, to share ideas and programs, and to explore new opportunities for your children with each other. I look forward to seeing many of you in NYC.

As we proceed through October, we all know what awaits us weather-wise in upstate New York. I wish you all a pleasant autumn and safe travels.

Rodney George



Mandated Trainings



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Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES



Tom Nespeca
Executive Director
Four County SBA

Thank you for your Service to the
Public School Children of your
District and New York State.

Mandated Governance Training

The Mandated Governance Training was held at the Four County School Boards Association Office on the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES Campus in Newark, NY on Saturday, September 8, 2018. Presenters did a wonderful job. Every Participant was engaged and asked thoughtful and insightful questions. We appreciate the presenters and attendees for taking time from the busy schedules to teach and learn how we can be better prepared for board service.

Presenters are listed above. Attendees were: Megan Personale (Canandaigua), Heather Bachman (Manchester-Shortsville), Emily Dinehart (Penn Yan), Alicen Yonts (Penn Yan), Tracy Altman (Phelps-Clifton Springs), Todd Freelove (Phelps-Clifton Springs), Brad Steve (Newark), Pat Verdine (Newark), Jennifer Schoene (Wayne), Dan Wildey (Wayne)

Mandated Fiscal Training

The Mandated Fiscal Training will be held in our office on Saturday, November 10th. Registration starts at 7:30am. Class is 8:15am – 3:45pm. If you are not already registered and would like to attend please let us know.



Steering Committee

Beth Thomas - President (Canandaigua)
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Russ Harris - 2nd Vice President (Newark)
Kathy Guenther - Past President (Penn Yan)
Sue Campbell - Treasurer (Marcus Whitman)
Bill Buchko - Legislative Co-Chair (Gananda)
Robert Groom - Legislative Co-Chair (Lyons)

Audit Committee

Sue Campbell - FCSBA Treasurer, (Marcus Whitman BOE), *Assistant to the Vice President for Finance and Administration at Hobart and William Smith College*
Joe Delforte (Canandaigua BOE), *Controller in the Office of Business at FLCC*
Robert Magin (North Rose-Wolcott *Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations*)

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Keith Stumbo (Honeoye)
Andrea Badger (Honeoye)
Karissa Blamble (Lyons)
Jennifer Speers (Manchester-Shortsville)
Kristine Gray (Manchester-Shortsville)
Phyllis Frantel (Marcus Whitman)
Michele Kuelling (Marion)
Russ Harris (Newark)
Rebecca Vermeulen (Newark)
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Ryan Davis (Phelps-Clifton Springs)
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Mary Church (South Seneca)
Jennifer Schoene (Wayne)
Phil Rose (Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES)
Mike Ellis (Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES)
Jamie Sonnevile (Williamson)
Caroline Jackson (Williamson)

2018-2019 Committee Rosters

Policy & By Laws Committee

Beth Thomas - Chair (Canandaigua)
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Robin Johnson (Penn Yan)
Mary Church (South Seneca)
Terri Meyn (WFL BOCES)
Caroline Jackson (Williamson)

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Ron Miller (Wayne)
Lynn Gay (Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES)

Membership Committee

Russ Harris - Chair (Newark)
Pam Nakoski (Bloomfield)
Chuck Rothfuss (Gananda)
Robin Johnson (Penn Yan)



Calendar of Events

October 2018

October 18th General Membership Meeting - 5:30 Registration, 6:15 Dinner
October 22nd-26th School Board Recognition Week
October 25th-27th NYSSBA Convention - NYC (4 County Providing Bus)

November 2018

November 10th Fiscal Training
November 15th Board of Directors Meeting - 5:30 Dinner, 5:45 Meeting

December 2018

December 6th Board of Directors Meeting - 5:30 Dinner, 5:45 Meeting

January 2019

January 27th-29th NSBA National Advocacy Institute

March 2019

March 30th-31st NSBA Annual Conference, Philadelphia
Date to be determined Perspective Board Member Seminar

May 2019

To be determined Annual Meeting
May 21st Annual Budget & Board Member Vote

June 2019

To be determined Get Acquainted Evening



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