



MCSBA at NYSSBA Convention

ABOVE: Amy West (HFL) and Brian O'Connor (Hil) serving as hosts at the MCSBA Convention hospitality booth.

BELOW: Convention booths of our two local BOCES.

RIGHT: Sherita Traywick (Gre) speaking during Convention business meeting.



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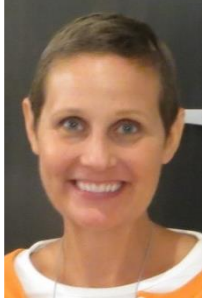
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NYSSBA Leadership Seminar

In Rochester on September 27, NYSSBA hosted a session entitled Effective Leadership for Successful Governance. Among the topics covered were roles of board officers, planning and presiding over school board meetings, and strategies for success for governance teams.

LEFT & TOP: Presenters Mark Elledge (Pen) who presided over a session; Board President Panelists Don Neugebauer (Fabius-Pompey), Sharon Lang (Pal-Mac), and Mark Kokanovich (Bri).
 RIGHT (top to bottom): Bob Cook (RH), David Francis (HFL), and Judy O’Leary-Sargeant (Fpt).
 BOTTOM: Dennis Laba and George Howard (B2); David Long (WI) and Aaron Johnson (WI).



From our executive director: Pressing Forward

Dear Members,

Many of you were able to attend the 100th anniversary of the NYSSBA Convention which was chocked full of opportunities to learn about how to deal with the myriad of challenges that you must tackle on behalf of your students. It was our pleasure to play host and to have so many of you stop by to help out or just say hello.



Sherry Johnson

Soon, the holidays will be upon us, the world will seem to spin faster and the “extra” hour that we got back will not be near enough time to get all that we need done. But, as board of education trustees you will do some very important work before the year winds down and the new one begins. There are budget parameters to begin developing numbers around, policies and regulations to adopt for new federal and state requirements and lots of school functions to attend. You will also need to anticipate what other bills might be signed by Governor Cuomo before year’s end and what his Executive budget proposal might have in it for education in the way of funding and policy when it is introduced in January.

And currently, both the Senate and Assembly education chairs are doing round tables across the state to hear about the issues related to the Foundation Aid formula.

The 2020 legislative session overall will be shortened to June 2, but extra days have been built in during the other months to make up for some of this. However, that will mean more time during the week in Albany for legislators and more immediacy around their decisions. The timeframe between when the budget should be adopted on April 1 and June 2, has only 19 session days in it. We will need to work diligently to keep up.

I urge all of you to keep calm and press forward. Together your voices are extraordinarily powerful. Our legislators know that you carry the information needed for them to make the best decisions on behalf of public education and, just as importantly, the will of your constituents. Let us know how we can help and, as always, we are thankful for each and every one of you and all of the work that you do.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours!

Sherry Johnson

Added MCSBA legislative priorities identified

Members of the 2019-2020 MCSBA Legislative Committee in September set priorities including foundation aid, funding for mandates, teacher/staff shortages, ESSA reporting, and funding for preK programs. At their October meeting, members added funding sources for safety and security, including mental health needs for students, as an additional priority. They also discussed pursuing funding options outside the normal academic funding streams provided to schools.

Members also set up sub-committees to prepare separate position papers on teacher and bus driver shortages. The goal is to have the positions approved by the Executive Committee during its December meeting for use early in 2020.



Meeting with NYS Senator Funke

On October 22, MCSBA met with NYS Senator Rich Funke to discuss concerns about new unfunded mandates, as well as the difficulty in finding teachers and bus drivers. They thanked the senator for supporting a higher BOCES superintendent cap, staggered school building surveys, permission for a TRS reserve, the disconnect of APPR from testing, and provisions to pay for safety and security measures outside of the 2% tax levy cap.

LEFT: Joe Alati (HFL), Matt Metras (WI), Senator Funke, Sherry Johnson (MCSBA), Joyce Kostyk (Fpt), and Valerie Baum (Pit). Not Pictured: Aaron Johnson (WI) and Beckie Schultz (MCSBA).

School District & Mental Health Partnerships in Monroe County



During its October meeting, the Information Exchange Committee explored how member districts collaborate with the county and health care providers to meet the mental health needs of students. Presenters were **Chuck Allan**, Children's Project Coordinator/ Education Liaison, Monroe County Department of Human Services; **Lynn Carragher**, Assistant Superintendent for Inclusive Education and Instruction (Bro); and **Bill Patterson**, Rochester Regional Health.



ABOVE: Presenters Bill Pearson, Lynn Carragher, and Chuck Allan, with Committee Co-Chairs Nancy Pickering (Hil) and Valerie Baum (Pit).

Among their comments were the following:

- * The study of trauma and its impact on children has led to recognition of the importance of mental health services for children and families.
- * Several collaborations exist involving schools districts with hospitals, mental health clinics, community schools, and other sources of mental health support for students. Each collaboration helps to promote better understanding of how each partner works.
- * The Rochester Regional Health (RRH) Community School Program includes outpatient clinics operating in schools as satellite offices to achieve better therapy attendance and a reduction of barriers to service and loss of instructional time. Districts pay a fee for outpatient clinical services in addition to costs paid by the patients insurance to make the program viable under NYS regulations. The on-site clinics help to build trust between families and school staff.
- * Since the on-site clinic system is insurance based, high deductibles and copays limit accessibility for some families.



Developing Teacher Leadership Capacity



ABOVE: Giulio Bosco (CC), Tim Terranova (WI), IE Committee Co-Chair Amy West (HFL), and Debbie Baker (Bri).

Leading a discussion of ways to develop leadership capacity at the October meeting of the Labor Relations Committee were:

- * Deborah Baker Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction (Bri);
- * Giulio Bosco, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction (CC); and
- * Timothy Terranova Ed.D., Deputy Superintendent (WI).

Presenters covered the importance of teacher leadership in positions such as coaches, mentors, and team leaders, and their role in decision making and helping new staff members. They also shared how teacher leaders are identified and prepared and mentored in their districts.



ABOVE: Conference Presenters MCSBA President Kathleen Dillon (B2, CC), Mark Kokanovich (Bri), Andrew Whitmore (RH), James Brennan (WI), Sharon Zacher (Hol), Lou Alaimo (Bri), and Ray Wager, CPA.

Fiscal Responsibilities of School Boards

On September 26, MCSBA presented its NYSED-approved conference on the fiscal responsibilities of school boards to new board members. MCSBA President Kathleen Dillon (B2, CC) welcomed participants, then district personnel led discussions on particular financial matters:

- * **Role of School Boards and Administration in Financial Planning and Oversight**, by Mark Kokanovich, Brighton School Board President;
- * **Budget Planning**, by Andrew Whitmore, Rush-Henrietta Assistant Superintendent for School Finance & Operations;
- * **Fund Balance & Reserves**, by James Brennan, West Irondequoit Assistant Superintendent for Finance;
- * **What Financial Reports Tell**, by Sharon Zacher, Holley Assistant Superintendent for Business;
- * **Checks and Balances to Prevent Misuse of Resources**, by Louis Alaimo, Brighton Assistant Superintendent for Administration; and
- * **Auditor Functions**, by Raymond F. Wager, CPA, Mengel, Metzger, Barr & Co.



ABOVE: Presenter Lou Alaimo speaks with Board Members Raymond Banks (GC) and Tim Silsz (Fpt) during a scenario on fraud during Lou's presentation.

RIGHT: Board Members attending the finance conference - Kellie Hurrell (Medina), Calvin Frelrier (Pen), Cindy Dawson (WC), Tim Silsz (Fpt), Matt Fink (WI), Matt Sullivan (WI), Robert LaPlaca (Gre), and Frank Muscato (GC).



A Time to Educate – a Time to Advocate MCSBA One-Day Trip to Albany

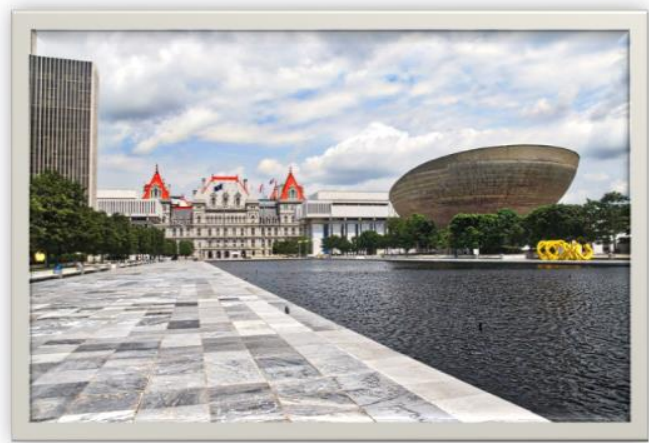
Monday, December 9, 2019

Bus leaves 7:00 am from Bushnell's Basin Park & Ride Lot off Rte 490 and returns by 6:00 pm

All MCSBA District board members, superintendents, and senior administrators are invited to attend. Appointments with key legislative and education leaders to discuss our issues.

YOUR VOICE IS IMPORTANT!

To register, write to [Mary Talbot@boces.Monroe.edu](mailto:Mary_Talbot@boces.Monroe.edu) or 585-328-1972.





MCSBA Members at NYSSBA Convention

MCSBA Welcome Booth

FAR LEFT: Faux Schoolmarm Sherry Johnson (MCSBA) with Joyce Kostyk (Fpt).

LEFT: Sherita Traywick volunteering at MCSBA booth.

BELOW LEFT: Karen Hatch (Bri) and Mark Kokanovich (Bri).

BELOW CENTER: MCSBA Executive Director Sherry Johnson with NYSSBA Executive Director Tim Kremer.

BELOW RIGHT: Sean Phelan of Hunt Engineers with Dennis Laba (B2).

FAR BELOW CENTER: Kim McCluski (Pit) and Amy Thomas (Pit) welcoming visitors.

FAR BELOW RIGHT: Sean Phelan of Hunt Engineers, Co-Sponsor of the booth's classroom of the future, enjoys virtual reality simulator.



Many thanks to the MCSBA members who served as hosts at the Association booth on Thursday and Friday during Convention:

- Valerie Baum (Pit)
- Sue Casey (Web)
- Bob Cook (RH)
- Mark Kokanovich (Bri)
- Kim McCluski (Pit)
- Terry Melore (Gre)
- Matthew Metras (WI)
- Maureen Nupp (B1)
- Brian O'Connor (Hil)
- Nancy Semel (B1)
- Robin Silvis (Hol)
- Patricia Storm (EI)
- Mike Suffoletto (Web)
- Matthew Sullivan (WI)
- Amy Thomas (Pit)
- Sherita Traywick (Gre)
- Amy West (HFL).



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Awards, Performances, Displays



ABOVE: During a Convention plenary session, former NYSSBA President and MCSBA Executive Director Dr. John Woods was recognized for his service to the Association as its first two-year president (1975 and 1976) as well as his dedication to NYSSBA since then. Outgoing NYSSBA Executive Director Tim Kremer at the left behind the podium makes the presentation. John received a standing ovation.

RIGHT TOP: Rochester's School of the Arts Concert Choir performing before the Convention dinner on Friday.

RIGHT MIDDLE: The Penfield Monday/Wednesday Jazz Ensemble performing before the Conversation session with NYS Regents Chancellor Dr. Betty A. Rosa.

LOWER RIGHT: The communications team serving Monroe 2 – Orleans BOCES and its component districts won over 20 New York School Public Relations Association (NYSPPRA) awards which were announced during the NYSSBA Convention.

BELOW (left to right): Student-led booths describing their activities -
 * Spencerport CSD robotics
 * Wheatland Chili CSD PLTW team'
 * Greece CSD Mosaics Group.



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Presenters and Delegates



ABOVE: Dr. Bruce Capron (HFL Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations), seen with MCSBA's Sherry Johnson, led a session on Developing Scenario-Base Emergency Response Drills with Bill Harvey, Director of Transportation & Security (HFL).



ABOVE, left to right:

* Superintendent Kathleen Graupman (Gre), and Director of Security & School Safety Steve Chatterton (Gre) led a discussion about School Security.

* Assistant Superintendent Susan Hasenauer (Bro), and Superintendent Dr. Lesli Myers-Small (Bro) led a session on Implicit Bias.

* Jamie Scripps, ENL Teacher on Special Assignment (RH), and Nerlande Anselme, Assistant Superintendent of Student and Family Services (RH), led a seminar on Establishing Quality Education for English Language Learners.



ABOVE LEFT: Kelly Weishaar, Title I Equity & Access Liaison (Fpt), and Superintendent Brett Provenzano (Fpt), and with a group of students, led a discussion of Planting SEEDS of Diversity & Equity.



MIDDLE LEFT: Darci D'Ercole (NYSSBA), MCSBA President Kathleen Dillon (B2, CC) and Past President Michael Suffoletto (Web) participated in a Board Officers Round Table.



LOWER LEFT: Board Members John Vay (WI) and David Long (WI) led a seminar about finding a superintendent to lead a district within a six-month time frame.

BELOW LEFT: Willa Powell (Roc), Anthony Jordan, Director of Youth Engagement (Roc), and students leading a session on Activating the Power of Student Voice.

BELOW RIGHT: Superintendent Aaron Johnson (WI) and Darci D'Ercole (NYSSBA Leadership Development Director) leading a discussion entitled "Conducting Fair and Unbiased Superintendent Evaluations."

Other presenters included:

* Dr. Kevin McGowan (Bri), President of NYSCOSS, who served as a panelist during a discussion of board member awareness of issues;

* Assistant Principal Isaac Collins (Web) who was a presenter on the topic of trauma informed schools.



Clinic Presiders included Barbara Baziarz (Pen), Bob Cook (RH), Bob Dickson (B1), Kathleen Dillon (B2, CC), Mark Elledge (Pen), Tracy Farmer (Gre), Maureen Nupp (B1), James O'Brien (RH), and Mary Caitlin Wright (Gre).

LEFT: Seen at their delegate places during the NYSSBA Convention business meeting are Matt Metras (WI), Frank Muscato (GC), Diane McBride (RH), and Amy Wilson (CC).



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Informal Networking



ABOVE: T. Andrew Brown, Esq., Vice Chancellor, NYS Board of Regents.



UPPER ROW, left to right: Robin Silvis (Hol); Kerri Keyes (GC) and Katie Coffee (GC); Karl Kistroff, Esq. (Roc), Bo Wright (RH), and Bob Cook (RH).



LOWER ROW, left to right; Mark Kokanovich (Bri) and Bob Dickson (B1); Valerie Baum (Pit) with Julene Gilbert (Bri); Kathleen Dillon (CC, B2), Jo Anne Antonacci (B2), and Dennis Laba (B2).

BELOW: Three MCSBA Executive Directors at the Convention: Sherry Johnson (2015 – present), Dr. John Woods (1986 - 2000), and Jody Siegle (2000 – 2015).



ABOVE: Mark Hilburger, Brian O'Connor, Casey Kosiorek, Tom Abbott, and Therese Flannery, all of Hilton.

BELOW, left to right: Gene Mancuso (HFL) and Dr. Renee Williams (HFL); Dr. Thomas Putnam (Pen); Gary Stottler (HFL); Dan White (B1); George Howard (B2), Chuck Phillips (B2), and Gerry Maar (B2).

