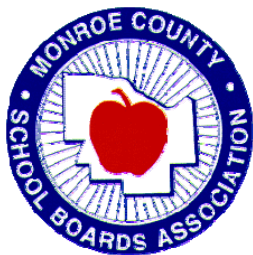


MCSBA

2008-2009 Annual Report



178 School Board Members and Superintendents = Educational Leadership



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MCSBA in 2008-2009

New opportunities for collaboration with other levels of government and community leaders have made this a barrier-breaking year for MCSBA. School districts gained more visibility as an important force in the life of the community. Following the Appellate Court's decision last fall supporting the school districts' opposition to the County plan to reclaim one-half of the sales taxes shared with school districts, the schools and the County were determined to build a better working relationship. County Executive Maggie Brooks attended a MCSBA Board President's meeting and suggested that MCSBA join the Council of Governments. MCSBA became a Community Coalition partner of the Rochester Business Alliance where we have joined a small group of community leaders in a regular discussion of mandate relief issues.

MCSBA has striven to build stronger relationships with both elected and appointed state leaders. During the election season we offered briefings on education issues to all state and federal candidates. MCSBA arranged fall and spring trips to Albany for our members to meet with legislators, the Governor's office, the Comptroller's office, and the State Education Department. We also held local office meetings with both our state and federal representatives and their staff members. Several MCSBA members traveled to Washington, D.C., where they met with our elected federal representatives.

Much of MCSBA's ability to serve its members is based on our three standing committees—Information Exchange, Labor Relations, and Legislative—that each year identify issues to be addressed.

BELOW: One result of the amicable resolution of the sales tax lawsuit was a dinner meeting with the County Executive hosted by the Monroe County School Board Presidents. Shown during that meeting are George Jarrett (WC), Laura Harder (Web), Julia VanOrman (Gre), Charles Perreaud (WI), Joyce Kostyk (Fpt), Robert Willison (HFL), MCSBA President Rome Celli (Bri), and County Executive Maggie Brooks.

Monroe County
School Boards Association

MISSION & OBJECTIVES

MCSBA MISSION:
supporting public school leaders
as they strive to provide excellence
in education for all students.

MCSBA SERVICE OBJECTIVES:

- Functioning as a representative body,
- Promoting legislative positions developed by member districts,
- Maintaining contact with Regents and the State Education Department,
- Providing opportunities for members to exchange information and develop their boardmanship skills,
- Providing in-service, data, and a forum for member boards on labor issues,
- Developing coalitions with others working to achieve similar goals.

In addition, MCSBA partners with other groups to present conferences on critical issues for districts, as well as to promote our positions with state and federal elected officials.

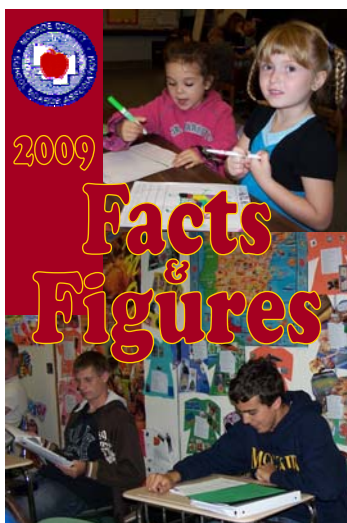
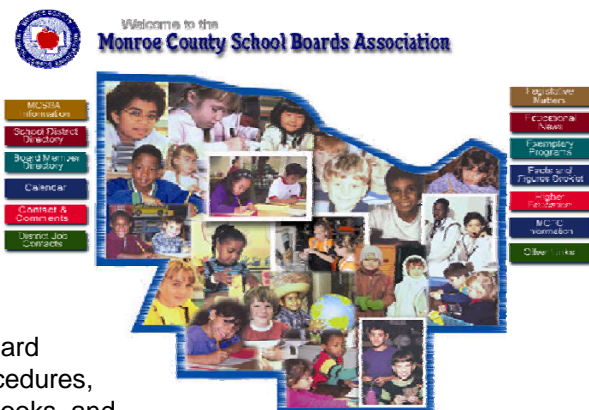
The officers and staff are grateful for the involvement and support of MCSBA members.



Getting our messages out

www.mcsba.org

The MCSBA web site includes information for members and for the wider community. Members can find committee information, board evaluation procedures, MCSBA handbooks, and other resources. Others use the web site as a resource; many correspondents contact us with questions and concerns.



Reporting to members and the community.

Each Friday, MCSBA emails an electronic news update on national trends and issues to members and administrators.

News Scope, the MCSBA newsletter, covers MCSBA events and educational issues. Readers include state officials, member district staff, and the media.

MCSBA provides information to the media to help them explain complex issues to the wider community.

Facts & Figures

Each year, copies of the MCSBA *Facts & Figures* booklet are sold to realtors and relocation offices.

Other copies are given to MCSBA members, the media, elected officials and libraries. Sponsors cover the cost of this service.

Maintaining community ties.

MCSBA collaborates with a number of groups to promote public education.

The primary collaboration is the Monroe County Education Coalition (MCEC) which includes the PTA, school boards, superintendents, teacher unions, administrators, and school business officials. MCSBA provides and maintains a MCEC website at www.mcsba.org/mcec.

Executive Director **Jody Siegle** serves on the mandate relief committee at the Rochester Business Alliance and the Community Leadership Council of the Children's Agenda. She is also a member of the Council of Local School Boards Association and Judge John Ninfo's Fiscal Literacy Committee. She serves on the Think About Teaching Conference Architect Committee and the Monroe Community College Department of Education's advisory council.

Assistant to the Executive Director **Judy Wadsworth** is a member of the board of directors for the Genesee Valley Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, coordinates an annual MCSBA conference for school district clerks, and serves on the Education and Outreach Committee of the Coalition to Prevent Lead Poisoning.

Both are members of the Genesee Valley Professional School Communicators and the NYS Association of Women Administrators.

Meeting with Regent Cofield



The MCSBA Regents Committee meets regularly with Dr. Milton Cofield of the Board of Regents to discuss issues of mutual concern.

RIGHT: Dr. Milton Cofield with Dr. Howard Maffucci (ER) during a recent MCSBA meeting with our regional representative to the NYS Board of Regents.

2008-2009 Sharing Ideas

Committee programs for members.

Information Exchange Committee provides learning opportunities.

Led by Co-Chairs **Linda Burlingame (B2)** and **Phyllis Wickerham (RH)** the 2008-09 Information Exchange Committee hosted programs on:

- Training teachers to use data,
- Board norms,
- Transportation/fuel issues,
- Creating 21st C. schools,
- Greening up.



ABOVE: Shown during the Labor Relations Committee planning session in September are Jeanine Cushman (Web), John Vay (WI), Ken Kathan (Fpt), Ron Mendrick (HFL), and Allen Williams (Roc).



LEFT: Shown are Chuck Allan (HFL), Dick Rasmussen (HFL), and Tom Langelotti (Bro) selecting their priority discussion topics for the school year.

Labor Relations Committee focuses on labor/management issues.

Led by **Dr. Howard Maffucci (ER)** and **Douglas Spallina (EI)**, the Labor Relations Committee shared negotiations updates at each meeting and invited presenters to help them learn more about:

- Effects of NYS commissions on labor relations issues,
- New accountability measures affecting tenure process,
- Negotiations issues update,
- Health insurance update, and
- Effects of proposed property tax cap on negotiations.

At their first meeting each year, these two groups identify topics to pursue at their remaining meetings which consistently attract large numbers of board members and administrators.

2008-2009 Conferencing

Each year, MCSBA presents a number of conferences for its own members and others that attract school board members and administrators from our region.

BELOW: The 25th annual Monroe County Bar Association-MCSBA School Law Conference provided updates on teacher tenure and evaluation, and applications of the First Amendment in our age of electronics. Shown at the session are presenter Ronald Mendrick, Esq. and Bonnie Seaburn (Spe).



ABOVE: Shown at the 6th annual MCSBA-MCASBO school finance conference in November are Christine DeTurck (B1) and Debbie Guetti (EI).

Vital Legislative Committee

The Legislative Committee prepares and promotes the Association's legislative positions. This year the committee wrote positions on how to achieve true property tax relief and issues with charter schools. This year the Committee was co-chaired by **Margaret Burns** (WI) and **Pamela Reinhardt** (RH).



Shown at the February MCSBA Legislative Breakfast are:

ABOVE: Assemblyman Stephen Hawley with Marjorie Focarazzo (Bro) and Becky Daniels (Spe); and RIGHT: Assemblywoman Susan John with MCSBA Officers Kathy Dillon (CC) and Rome Celli (Bri).

Meeting with NYS officials



In December and March, MCSBA members attended meetings with NYS officials in Albany. In February, the Legislative Committee hosted its annual local breakfast meeting with NYS lawmakers to discuss the Governor's budget proposal and other issues affecting schools. In addition, meetings were held with our state legislators in their local offices.

Meeting with federal officials

In February, several MCSBA members attended the National School Boards Association Federal Relations Network convention in Washington, D.C. to learn about federal initiatives affecting public schools and to meet with our federal lawmakers. In addition, meetings were held with our federal lawmakers and their staff members in their local offices.



BELOW: Shown during their April meeting in Rochester are Margaret Burns (WI), Jody Siegle (MCSBA), George Jarrett (WC), Joyce Kostyk (Fpt), Alan Shaffer (EI), Congresswoman Louise Slaughter, Frank Muscato (GC), Becky Daniels (Spe), Judy Wadsworth (MCSBA), and Julia VanOrman (Gre).

ABOVE: Shown at their meeting during the February Federal Relations Network convention in Washington, D.C. are Mike DeLaus (B1), Jody Siegle (MCSBA), Malik Evans (Roc), Congressman Eric Massa, and Maureen Nupp (Fpt).



2008-2009 MCSBA Standing Committee Members

District	Steering Committee	Executive Committee	Legislative Committee	Labor Relations	Information Exchange
BOCES #1		Tom Cox/Daniel White Margaret Markham	Fred Shippey Margaret Markham	Mike DeLaus Linda Monte	Robert Dickson Sora Sachs
BOCES #2	John Abbott Linda Burlingame	Dr. Michael O'Laughlin Chuck Phillips John Abbott	Dennis Laba	John Abbott	Linda Burlingame* Mark Ball
Brighton	Rome Celli	Dr. C. Manaseri/ Dr. H.Peris Dr. Marvin Sachs Rome Celli	Mark Kokanovich Rome Celli	Dr. Marvin Sachs Linda Morrison Mort Stein	Julene Gilbert Martha Sciremammano
Brockport	Marjorie Focarazzo James Fallon	James Fallon Marjorie Focarazzo	Marjorie Focarazzo (SLN) Gary Zimmer	Bob Iveson James Fallon Marjorie Focarazzo	Joan Fenton Thomas Langelotti
Churchville-Chili	Kathy Dillon	Dr. Pamela Kissel Sherry Johnson Kathy Dillon	Sheryl Johnson (SLN/FRN) Kathy Dillon Dusty Gutowski	Kathy Dillon	Ken Milner Kathy Dillon Cheryl Repass
East Irondequoit	Douglas Spallina	Susan Allen Douglas Spallina	Kim Kane Char Ipacs	Douglas Spallina* Gary Pawlak Phil Oberst	Char Ipacs Carol Watt Susan Allen +
East Rochester	Dr. Howard Maffucci	Dr. Howard Maffucci Kim Jackson	Terry Brown-Steiner Dr. Howard Maffucci	Dr. Howard Maffucci +* Lafayette Eaton	Sally Malone
Fairport	Maureen Nupp	Dr. Jon Hunter Matthew DiRisio	Maureen Nupp (FRN) Joyce Kostyk Terri Pries	Ken Kathan	Jeanne Kremers Maureen Nupp
Gates Chili		Richard Stein / Dr. Richard Mace Mary Frances Johnson	Frank Muscato (SLN) Barbara Clark	Donald Sextstone Lowell Benjamin	John Curran Barbara Clark
Greece	Julia VanOrman	Steven Achramovitch Julia VanOrman	Julia VanOrman Steven Achramovitch+ Sean McCabe	Julia VanOrman Sean McCabe	Gale O'Toole
Hilton		David Dimbleby Dan Wellington	Agnes Seneway	Agnes Seneway	Steve Beauvais Barbara Cutrona
Honeoye Falls-Lima		Dr. Michelle Kavanaugh Dick Rasmussen	Robert Willison Hal Gaffin Janet Somes	Ronald Mendrick	Dick Rasmussen Chuck Allan Dr. Michelle Kavanaugh
Kendall		Julie Christensen Christine Klafehn	Ed Gaesser	Randy Spurr	Luci Welch
Penfield		John Carlevatti Stephen Zilora	Carole Nasra	Michael Maiorino Karin Wilson	Barbara McKinley Camille Rutan
Pittsford	Kim McCluski	Mary Alice Price Ray Brown Kim McCluski	Alka Phatak Kim McCluski (FRN)	Jill Harter Lennox Brent Kecskemetey	Brent Kecskemetey Edmund Starowicz
Rochester		Jean-Claude Brizard Malik Evans	Tom Brennan Melisza Campos	Allen Williams Malik Evans	
Rush-Henrietta	Pam Reinhardt Phyllis Wickerham	Dr. Kenneth Graham Ed Lincoln	Pam Reinhardt* Dr. Kenneth Graham +	Sue Smith Steve Barbeau	Phyllis Wickerham* Denise Anthony
Spencerport		Bonnie Seaburn William Sweeney	Rebecca Daniels Jody Gillette	Amanda Woodworth -Acito Todd Dunn	Jody Gillette Laura McFarlane
Webster	Tom Nespeca	Adele Bovard Laura Harder Tom Nespeca	Tom Nespeca (SLN/FRN) Sue Casey Lisa Smith	Jeanine Cushman Laura Harder Mark Pettit	Mike Suffoletto
West Irondequoit	Jeff Crane Margaret Burns	Jeff Crane Charles Perreaud	Margaret Burns* Michael Seeley	John Vay	Amanda Insalaco
Wheatland-Chili	Thomas Gallagher	Thomas Gallagher George Jarrett	Elizabeth VenVertloh George Jarrett	James Musshafen Carole Smith	Tom Gallagher

* Standing Committee chairpersons

+ Superintendent representatives from the Monroe County Council of Superintendents

FRN = Federal Relations Network

SLN = State Legislative Network

Ad Hoc Committees

Legislative

Sub Committees

Steve Achramovitch (Gre)
Margaret Burns (WI)
Rebecca Daniels (Spe)
Kathy Dillon (CC)
Dr. Kenneth Graham (RH)
Sherry Johnson (CC)
Dr. Howard Maffucci (ER)
Maggie Markham (B1)
Frank Muscato (GC)
Carole Nasra (Pen)
Maureen Nupp (Fpt)
Alka Phatak (Pit)
Pam Reinhardt (RH)

Regents

Committee

John Abbott (B2, EI)
Margaret Burns (WI)
Rome Celli (Bri)
Jeffrey Crane (WI)
Kathy Dillon (CC)
James Fallon (Bro)
Marjorie Focarazzo (Bro)
Thomas Gallagher (WC)
Kim McCluski (Pit)
Pam Reinhardt (RH)

Public

Communications Committee

Co-Chairs:
Rome Celli (Bri)
Tom Gallagher (WC)
Members:
Mark Ball (B2)
Becky Daniels (Spe)
Ann Carmody (Web)
Kathy Dillon (CC)
Lee Steinfeldt (EI)

Nominating Committee

Marjorie Focarazzo (Bro), Chair
Maggie Markham (B1)
Pam Reinhardt (RH)
Julia VanOrman (Gre)

Budget

Committee

Kathy Dillon (Bri), Chair
John Abbott (B2, EI), Treasurer
Tom Gallagher (WC)
Kim McCluski (Pit)
Pam Reinhardt (RH)

2008-2009 Departures



Past MCSBA leaders leaving board service by the end of June 2009 are:

Frank Muscato (GC) 2006-2007 MCSBA PRESIDENT,
(pictured at the left) 1997-1998 Legislative Committee Co-Chair;

Jill Harter Lennox (Pit) 2006-2007 Labor Relations Committee Co-Chair;
Michael Maiorino (Pen) 2006-2007 Labor Relations Committee Co-Chair;

Also leaving are the following:

Matthew DiRisio (Fairport)
Franklin Downey (BOCES 2)
Lafayette Eaton (East Rochester)
John Fabel (Webster)
James Fallon (Brockport)
Joan Fenton (Brockport)
Carolyn Hauer (Greece)
Edward Hensel (Fairport)
Linda Hunt (Honeoye Falls-Lima)

Jeanne Kremers (Fairport)
Christopher Manaseri (Brighton)
Ken Milner (Churchville-Chili)
David Moore (Monroe 2 – Orleans BOCES)
Gary Pawlak (East Irondequoit)
Fred Porter (Brockport)
Amanda Woodworth-Acito (Spencerport)
Ray Seward (BOCES 1)
Rick Stein (Gates Chili).

Dr. Michael O'Laughlin is mourned.

Dr. Michael C. O'Laughlin, long-time educator and district superintendent of Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES, died on May 23, 2009. Before becoming the BOCES district superintendent in 2007, he was the superintendent of Kendall CSD for seven years. Prior to that he served as a teacher and administrator in the Brockport and Kendall districts.



Dr. Michael C. O'Laughlin

New board members get up to speed.



Each year, MCSBA hosts a session for potential board candidates in April to help them run effective campaigns and prepare for board service, then in June offers a training session for those who are elected.



TOP: David Ferington (Gre) and Sean McCabe (Gre) at the 2008 new member seminar.

ABOVE: Dusty Gutowski (CC) described his experience as a new board member to board candidates during the April 2009 board candidate seminar. Also presenting were Dr. Richard Mace (GC) and Dennis Barrett, Esq., shown seated.

Dan Cole remembered.

Dan Cole, member and former 8-term president of the Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES School Board, died last fall after a brief illness.

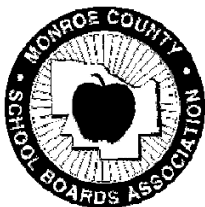




40th Annual Meeting

May 27, 2009 AGENDA

- 5:30 pm Registration and Social Time
- 6:15 pm Musical Interlude
The Brighton High School Jazz Ensemble
led by Director Mike Struzik
- 6:45 pm Dinner
- 7:45 pm 40th Annual Meeting
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| Introductions and Recognitions | Rome Celli |
| Message from NYSSBA | Wayne Schlifke |
| Year-End Report | Jody Siegle |
| Election of 2009-2010 Officers | Marjorie Focarazzo |
| Remarks by President Elect | |
| Presidential Award Presentation | Kathy Dillon |
| Retiring President's Remarks | Rome Celli |
- 8:15 pm Address: **The economy and support
for public schools**
- David Cay Johnston**
- 8:45 pm Questions/Answers



David Cay Johnston

Pulitzer Prize winning investigative reporter;
author of *Free Lunch: How the Wealthiest Americans
Enrich Themselves at Government Expense and Stick You
With the Bill.*

