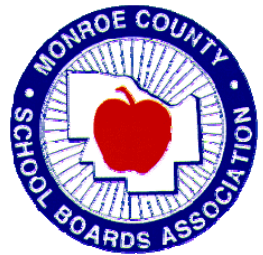


MCSBA 2007-2008 Annual Report



MCSBA Members

179 School Board Members and Superintendents:
Educational Leadership



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Margie Vandenberg, President
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Mary Talbot, Secretary

MCSBA in 2007-2008

A major issue for MCSBA this past year was determined when Monroe County moved to take one-half the sales tax revenues belonging to school districts, necessitating action by school districts to seek redress through the courts. This matter is still not resolved.

Another major activity this past year involved moving the MCSBA office to a new home at 220 Idlewood Road.

MCSBA held fall and spring meetings with state legislators locally, and with legislative leaders and staff people in Albany. We also met with local staff members of federal lawmakers.

Much of MCSBA's success is due to our three standing committees—Information Exchange, Labor Relations, and Legislative—that each year identify issues to be addressed. 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.

County's illegal action provokes response.

On October 3, 2007, members of MCSBA's 21 school districts and the 6 other school districts peripherally connected to Monroe County gathered at the Rush-Henrietta Transportation and Operations Facility to unanimously oppose the action a week earlier by the Monroe County Legislature to take 50% of sales tax revenue from our schools and their children. At that session, each district convened to pass a resolution to sue the county for this action. The matter has been in litigation since then. Most recently, the Appellate Court ruled against the county's action; however, the County is seeking a judgment in its favor from the Court of Appeals.



LEFT: MCSBA Executive Director Jody Siegle and Monroe County Council of School Superintendents President Jeff Crane (WI) at one of several news conferences they held during this past school year to discuss with the media the issues involved with the county's sales tax re-distribution action and the ensuing lawsuit.

RIGHT: Board President Tom Smithgall (CC) standing at the October 3 meeting to report that his board had voted to sue the County. All 26 affected districts voted similarly to support this action.

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.



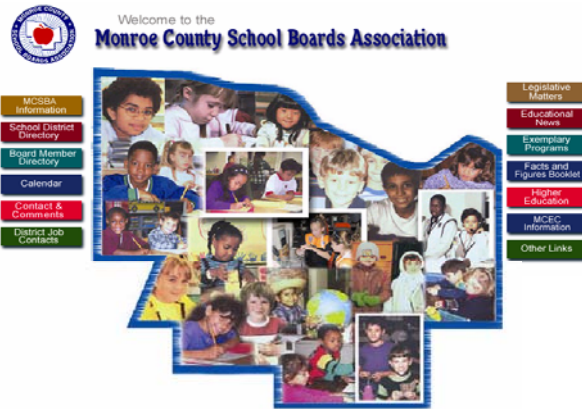
ABOVE: MCSBA President Margie Vandenberg calling for results of board votes at the October 3 meeting.



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 process, MCSBA handbook, and other resources. Others use the web site as a resource; correspondents frequently contact us with questions and concerns.



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 planning committee for the annual "Think About Teaching" Conference, and the Community Leadership Council of the Children's Agenda. She also is a member of the Council of Local School Boards Associations.

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 Childhood Lead Poisoning.

Both are both members of the Genesee Valley Professional School Communicators.



Reporting to members and the community.

Each Friday, MCSBA disseminates a weekly 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 officials throughout the state, member district staff, and the media. *News Scope* is also uploaded to www.mcsba.org.

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

Facts & Figures

About 1,000 copies of the 2008 *Facts & Figures* booklet have been sold to realtors and relocation offices so far this year. Other copies were given to MCSBA members, the media, elected officials and libraries. Sponsors cover the cost of this service.

RIGHT: Monroe County Education Coalition (MCEC) involves groups that represent constituents of our member districts: parents, board members, teachers, and administrators. Shown are 2007-08 MCEC Board Members – (Seated) Bev Engel, MC Federation of Teachers; Jody Siegle, MCSBA; Margie Vandenberg, MCSBA; and Carol Nasra (GVPTA); (Standing) Judy Wadsworth, MCSBA; Barbara Shapiro, MC Federation of Teachers; Alan Shaffer, MC Association of School Business Officials; Tom Gillett, NYSUT; Steven Schafheimer, School Administrators Association of NYS; Jeff Crane, MC Council of School Superintendents. Not pictured are Frank Muscato, MCSBA; Michael O'Laughlin, MC Council of School Superintendents, Tom Petronio, Rochester CSD; and Mary Williamson, GVPTA.



Legislative Committee vital.

The Legislative Committee prepares and promotes the Association's legislative positions. This year the committee wrote positions on proposed No Child Left Behind revisions, Contracts for Excellence, and student health. This year the Committee was co-chaired by Rebecca Daniels (Spe) and Alka Phatak (Pit).



ABOVE: Developing the 2008 MCSBA position on proposed NCLB revisions are sub-committee members Sue Jones (Web), Margie Vandenberg (Bro), Maureen Nupp (Fpt), Rome Celli (Bri), Margaret Burns (WI), and Sue Banker (RH).

Meeting with Regent Cofield



ABOVE: Shown at a recent meeting are Dr. Milton Cofield, MCSBA President Margie Vandenberg (Bro), Dr. Michael O'Laughlin (B2), and Frank Muscato (GC).

Our Regents Committee met with Dr. Milton Cofield of the Board of Regents to discuss issues of mutual concern, including component re-testing, Contracts

for Excellence, pre-equating the Regents algebra exam, and Regents efforts to amend NCLB. Dr. Cofield also attended our breakfast session with legislators in February.

Meeting with NYS Officials

In October 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 twice this year.



LEFT: Meeting in Fall 2007 in the Brockport office of Senator George Maziarz (center) were Margie Vandenberg (Bro), Frank Muscato (GC), Christine Klafehn (Ken), and Julie Christensen (Ken).

BELOW: More than 30 representatives of 16 MCSBA districts met with governmental leaders and our state legislators in their Albany offices in March. Among those who met with us were Assemblywoman Susan John and Assembly Education Committee Chair Catherine Nolan (both at right in photo).



ABOVE: Shown during an October meeting in Albany are Dr. Manuel Rivera, Deputy Secretary to the Governor for Education; Duffy Palmer, Director of Education Policy; Daniel Sheppard, Chief Budget Examiner; Lisa Smith (Web), and Frank Muscato (GC).

BELOW: At the February 2008 MCSBA Breakfast with Legislators, Assemblyman Joseph Morelle (left) chatted with Kim McCluski, Ray Brown, and Mary Alice Price, all of Pittsford.



2007-2008 Sharing Ideas

Committee programs for members.

Information Exchange Committee provides learning opportunities.

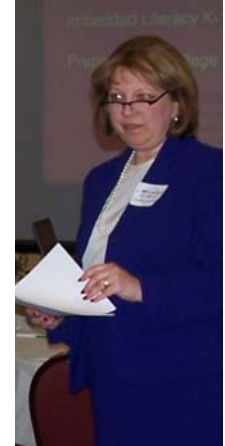
Led by Co-Chairs **Steve Beauvais** (Hil) and **Steve Zilora** (Pen) the 2007-08 Information Exchange Committee studied:

- * School-college collaborations,
- * Data driven instruction,
- * Community involvement,
- * Electronic communications,
- * Languages other than English (LOTE),
- * Response to Intervention,
- * College prep (STEM and writing), and
- * International business programs.



ABOVE: Members of the Labor Relations (left) and Information Exchange (right) Committees prioritizing their topics for remaining 2007-2008 meetings.

BELOW: Program presenters included Dr. Howard Maffucci (ER), Joanne Guffrida (Roc), Ron Mendrick (HFL), and Dr. Michelle Kavanaugh (HFL).



Labor Relations Committee focuses on labor/management issues.

Led by **Bob Iveson** (Bro) and **Randy Spurr** (Ken), the Labor Relations Committee shared negotiations updates at each meeting and invited presenters to help them learn about:

- * Impact of legislation on labor issues in NYS,
- * Retirement incentives and stipends,
- * Negotiations issues update,
- * Health insurance update, and
- * Cafeteria benefits plans.

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.

2007-2008 Conferencing

Each year, MCSBA presents a number of conferences for its own members and others on issues of importance to educational leaders. These programs attract school board members and administrators from our region.

The responsibility of school boards for safeguarding district assets and ways to meet this goal were discussed at our 5th annual MCSBA-MCASBO school finance conference in November.

The 24th annual Monroe County Bar Association-MCSBA School Law Conference, held in the fall, provided updates on a number of accountability and liability issues facing school districts.



ABOVE: Dick Rasmussen (HFL), Gary Stottler (HFL), and Mary Alice Price (Pit) in the front row at the 2007 MCSBA-MCASBO School Law Conference.



LEFT: Three of the presenters at the 2007 MCSBA-MCASBO School Finance Conference—Scott Covell (Fpt), Dr. Clark Godshall (Orleans-Niagara BOCES), and Gary Valenti (Bri).

2007-2008 MCSBA Standing Committee Members

District	Steering Committee	Executive Committee	Legislative Committee	Labor Relations	Information Exchange
BOCES #1		Tom Cox Margaret Markham	Fred Shippey Margaret Markham	Mike DeLaus Bryan Buttram	Sora Sachs Robert Dickson Linda Monte
BOCES #2	John Abbott Dr. Michael O'Laughlin	Dr. Michael O'Laughlin Chuck Phillips John Abbott	Dennis Laba	John Abbott	Linda Burlingame
Brighton	Rome Celli	Dr. Christopher Manaseri Dr. Marvin Sachs	Rome Celli Mark Kokanovich	Dr. Marvin Sachs Linda Morrison Mort Stein	Julene Gilbert Martha Sciremammano Dr. Christopher Manaseri +
Brockport	Margie Vandenberg Bob Iveson	James Fallon Fred Porter Margie Vandenberg	Margie Vandenberg (SLN) Fred Porter	Bob Iveson* James Fallon + Margie Vandenberg	Joan Fenton Margie Vandenberg
Churchville-Chili	Kathy Dillon	Dr. Pamela Kissel Tom Smithgall Kathy Dillon	Sheryl Johnson (SLN/FRN) Kathy Dillon	Ron Horton	Ken Milner
East Irondequoit		Susan Allen Douglas Spallina	Douglas Spallina Gary Aldridge	Gary Aldridge Douglas Spallina Phil Oberst	Carol Watt Char Ipacs
East Rochester	Terry Brown-Steiner	Dr. Howard Maffucci Kim Jackson	Terry Brown-Steiner Howard Maffucci	Tim Henry Howard Maffucci + Lafayette Eaton	Sally Malone Kim Jackson
Fairport		Dr. Jon Hunter Matthew DiRisio	Maureen Nupp (FRN) Terri Pries	Ken Kathan	Terri Pries
Gates Chili	Frank Muscato	Richard Stein Paul Marinucci Frank Muscato	Barbara Clark Frank Muscato (SLN)	Lowell Benjamin John Curran	Debbie Lanceri Debra Bennett Richard Stein +
Greece		Steven Achramovitch Roger Boily	Julia VanOrman Steven Achramovitch+	Charles Hubbard Gale O'Toole	Frank Oberg Gale O'Toole
Hilton	Steve Beauvais	David Dimpleby Dan Wellington	Michelle Ames	Agnes Seneway Bob Prorok	Steve Beauvais* Barbara Cutrona
Honeoye Falls-Lima		Dr. Michelle Kavanaugh Dick Rasmussen	Robert Willison Hal Gaffin	Ronald Mendrick	Janet Somes Dick Rasmussen
Kendall	Randy Spurr	Julie Christensen Christine Klafehn	Ed Gaesser	Randy Spurr*	Luci Welch
Penfield	Stephen Zilora	Tom String (Interim) Anthony Felicetti	Carole Nasra Karin Wilson	Michael Maiorino	Stephen Zilora* Barbara Babiarz Barbara McKinley
Pittsford	Kim McCluski Alka Phatak	Mary Alice Price Ray Brown Kim McCluski	Alka Phatak* Kim McCluski (FRN)	Jill Harter Lennox Brent Kecskemeti	Brent Kecskemeti Edmund Starowicz
Rochester	Malik Evans	Jean-Claude Brizard Malik Evans	Tom Brennan Melisza Campos	Malik Evans	
Rush-Henrietta		Dr. Kenneth Graham Ed Lincoln	Susan Banker Pam Reinhardt Dr. Kenneth Graham +	Sue Smith	Phyllis Wickerham
Spencerport	Rebecca Daniels	Phillip Langton (Interim) William Sweeney	Rebecca Daniels* Jim Oberlin	Dennis Dupree David Dorofy	Laura McFarlane Todd Dunn
Webster	Tom Nespeca	Adele Bovard Suzanne Casey Tom Nespeca	Sue Jones Tom Nespeca (SLN/FRN)	Laura Harder Jeanine Cushman	Sue Casey
West Irondequoit	Jeff Crane	Jeff Crane Charles Perreaud	Margaret Burns	John Schoen	Michael Seeley John Vay
Wheatland-Chili	Thomas Gallagher	Thomas Gallagher George Jarrett	Elizabeth VenVertloh		Carole Smith

* 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

John Abbott (EI)
Sue Banker (RH)
Margaret Burns (WI)
Rome Celli (Bri)
Rebecca Daniels (Spe)
Kathy Dillon (CC)
Dr. Kenneth Graham (RH)
Sue Jones (Web)
Frank Muscato (GC)
Maureen Nupp (Fpt)
Alka Phatak (Pit)
Margie Vandenberg (Bro)
Julia VanOrman (Gre)

Regents Committee

John Abbott (B2, EI)
Rome Celli (Bri)
Jeffrey Crane (WI)
Rebecca Daniels (Spe)
Kathy Dillon (CC)
Thomas Gallagher (WC)
Kim McCluski (Pit)
Frank Muscato (GC)
Tom Nespeca (Web)
Dr. Michael O'Laughlin (B2)
Alka Phatak (Pit)
Richard Stein (GC)
Margie Vandenberg (Bro)

Nominating Committee

Frank Muscato (GC), Chair
Barbara Clark (GC)
Jeffrey Crane (WI)
Julia VanOrman (Gre)

Budget Committee

Rome Celli (Bri), Chair
John Abbott (B2, EI), Treasurer
Rebecca Daniels (Spe)
Thomas Gallagher (WC)
Bob Iveson (Bro)

2007-2008 Departures

Past MCSBA committee chairs leaving board service by the end of June 2008 are:

Tony Felicetti (Pen) 1999-2000 Information Exchange Committee Co-Chair;
Susan Jones (Web) 2006-2007 Legislative Committee Co-Chair;
James Kenney (Bro) 2002-2003 Information Exchange Committee Co-Chair;

Also leaving are the following:

Mark Christman (East Irondequoit)
David Dorofy (Spencerport)
Dennis DuPree (Spencerport)
Domingo Garcia (Rochester)
Dr. Susan Gray (Penfield)
Ronald Horton (Churchville-Chili)
Charles Hubbard (Greece)
Mary Anne Kermis (Spencerport)
Steven List (Monroe #1 BOCES)

Paul Marinucci (Gates Chili)
Joseph Moscato (Greece)
Kathleen Padlick (Wheatland-Chili)
Andy Rodriguez (Honeoye Falls-Lima)
John Schoen (West Irondequoit)
Drita Tahirovic (East Irondequoit)
Shirley Thompson (Rochester)
Dr. Fred Wille (Monroe #1 BOCES).

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.

LEFT: Dennis Barrett, Esq. and Julia VanOrman (Gre) who helped to lead the 2007 MCSBA seminar for school board candidates, describing laws affecting school board candidacy and experiences as a new school board member with potential 2007 board candidates.



ABOVE: Members attending the June 2007 session for new school board members—

Standing: Jeff Smith (Gre), John Vay (WI), Gale O'Toole (Gre), Ed Starowicz (Pit), Phyllis Wickerham (RH), Patrick Tydings (Gre), and Lisa Smith (Web);

Seated: Barbara Babiarz (Pen), Debbie Bennett (GC), and Kim Lasher (EI). In attendance but not pictured were Ron Horton (CC) and Ken Kathan (Fpt).

RIGHT: Members attending the January 2008 session for new school board members (shown with MCSBA Executive Director Jody Siegle)—
Tom Langelotti, Margo Boehm (WC) and Allen Williams (Roc).



MCSBA

39th Annual Meeting

May 28, 2008 AGENDA

- 5:30 pm Registration and Social Time

- 6:15 pm Musical Interlude
The Brockport High School Jazz Ensemble
led by Director Andrew Stoker

- 6:45 pm Remarks: Dr. John Halstead, President,
College at Brockport, SUNY

- Dinner

- 7:45 pm 39th Annual Meeting

Introductions and Recognitions	Margie Vandenberg
Message from NYSSBA	Jay Worona, Esq.
Year-End Report	Jody Siegle
Election of 2008-2009 Officers	Frank Muscato
Remarks by President Elect	
Presidential Award Presentation	Rome Celli
Retiring President's Remarks	Margie Vandenberg

8:15 pm Address:

Dr. Milton Cofield

8:45 pm Questions/Answers

Dr. Milton L. Cofield

Member of the NY Board of Regents;
Executive Director for Undergraduate Business
Administration, Tepper School of Business,
Carnegie Mellon University.



Dr. Milton L. Cofield

