

**BTSBA  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
SUMMARY NOTES**

**September 20, 2018**

Present:

Binghamton	Korin Kirk
BOCES	Joe Burns
Chenango Valley	Chris Lomonaco and Judy Mitrowitz
Deposit	John Lanner
Harpursville	Stephanie Quick and Michelle Noyes
Johnson City	Steve Barrows
Owego-Apalachin	Gene Cvik
Tioga	Pam Zwierlein
Union-Endicott	Dick Testa and Dr. Tom Martin
Vestal	Michon Stuart
Whitney Point	Dr. Christine Widdall

Districts not represented:

Chenango Forks  
Maine Endwell  
Newark Valley  
Susquehanna Valley  
Windsor

I. Meeting was called to order at 6:25 p.m. by Mark Capobianco, SBA Executive Director pro tem, for the election of officers. Introductions of all members present occurred before the elections. The following officers were elected: Randy Kerr, Chairperson (Motion by Michon Stuart/Second by John Lanner and Michon Stuart, Vice Chairperson (Motion by Dick Testa/Second by John Lanner). Michon assumed Chair of the meeting.

II. The Legislative Committee deliberations are advisory only. Each board is free to make its own decisions on legislation and NYSSBA resolutions. The role of the Legislative Committee representatives was outlined as follows

- a) To keep legislative matters in the forefront as component school board members and to report regularly at such meetings on legislative matters.
- b) To serve as liaison between the BTSBA Legislative Committee and component school boards.
- c) To stay apprised of legislative happenings at the state, federal and local levels and to help shape BTSBA direction through the Legislative Committee.
- d) To assist in lobbying efforts to achieve NYSSBA and BTSBA legislative goals.

III. The following members volunteered as Legislative Shadows for the 2018-2019 school year:

<b>Senator Fred Akshar</b> , Senatorial District 52	<b>Michon Stuart(V), Dr. Chris Widdall (WP), Gene Cvik (O-A)</b>
<b>Clifford W. Crouch</b> , Assembly District 122	<b>Dr. Chris Widdall (WP) and Stephanie Quick (H)</b>
<b>Dr. Christopher Friend</b> , Assembly District 124	<b>Gene Cvik (OA) and Pam Zwierlein (T)</b>
<b>Donna Lupardo</b> , Assembly District 126	<b>Dick Testa (UE)</b>
<b>Chris Gibson</b> , Congressional District 19	<b>Deposit</b>
<b>Claudia Tenney</b> , Congressional District 22	<b>Steve Barrows (JC) Pete Nowacki (BT-BOCES/W)</b>
<b>Thomas Reed</b> , Congressional District 23	<b>Pam Zwierlein (T)</b>

FRN representative: We will check to see if Peter Nowacki is interested, if not, Korin Kirk (B) volunteered to serve

IV. Handed out and reviewed SBA meeting calendar for 2018-2019 year.

V. The proposed Resolutions for the Annual Business Meeting for the New York State School Boards Association to be held on October 27, 2018 in New York, NY were reviewed as follows:

**EXPIRING NYSSBA POSITIONS RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION ON CONSENT (2012 SUNSETTING RESOLUTIONS):**

1. NYSSBA opposition to legislation and regulatory mandates that would impose new unfunded or underfunded mandates–SUPPORTED unanimously
2. NYSSBA support legislation to hold school districts financially harmless in unanticipated loss of revenue due to tax certiorari cases – SUPPORTED unanimously

**RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDED BY NYSSBA FOR ADOPTION**

3. NYSSBA support legislation to improve school safety by reducing access to guns. – SUPPORTED with dissent
4. NYSSBA supports legislative proposals that would allow districts to adopt and earlier start to the instructional year. – SUPPORTED unanimously
5. NYSSBA supports preserving Medicaid funding to school districts. – SUPPORTED unanimously
6. NYSSBA supports proposal making kindergarten attendance mandatory. –SUPPORTED
7. NYSSBA oppose any legislation or regulatory efforts to grant tenure to non-instructional school employees. – SUPPORTED unanimously
8. NYSSBA seek legislation to streamline the tenured teacher process set forth in Education Law 3020-a– SUPPORTED unanimously
9. NYSSBA support legislation that allows the date of the annual reorganizational meeting to be on before the Monday following the 20<sup>th</sup> of July. – SUPPORTED unanimously
10. NYSSBA support legislation to exempt expenditures related to school safety from the tax cap. – SUPPORTED unanimously

11. NYSSBA fully supports additional state and federal funding which be dedicated for school safety programs, staff and equipment.– SUPPORTED unanimously
12. NYSSBA supports proposals establishing additional dedicated funding for student health and mental health services – SUPPORTED unanimously
13. NYSSBA supports legislation that would allow for “piggybacking” transportation services – SUPPORTED 13-0-1 abstention
14. NYSSBA opposes shifting financial responsibility for pre-school special education from counties to school districts – SUPPORTED unanimously
15. NYSSBA pursue an amendment to Penal Law Article 240 entitled Falsely Reporting an Incident to criminalize falsely threatening use of a gun or making threats of mass violence on public school property – SUPPORTED unanimously
16. NYSSBA supports state legislation that would allow school districts to hold their school district elections at publicly accessible locations within their district boundaries – SUPPORTED unanimously
17. NYSSBA supports legislation that would increase the earning limitations for retired police and other law enforcement officers who serve as school resource or safety officers – SUPPORTED 13-1
18. NYSSBA supports legislation would require Smart Schools Review Board to meet monthly and promptly acknowledge, review and act on all school district submissions – SUPPORTED unanimously

#### RESOLUTIONS NOT RECOMMENDED BY NYSSBA FOR ADOPTION

19. NYSSBA support legislation that all school board members to complete at least one required training session on cultural competency. – SUPPORTED (Agree not to support the adoption of) 13-1
20. NYSSBA supports legislation that changes the date that a student is eligible to attend kindergarten to September 1 of the school year the student turns 5. – SUPPORTED (Agree not to support the adoption of ) 13-1 – this resolution would cause issues for students entering UPK

VI. Annual Business Meeting/Meet the Candidates – October 10, 2018- BOCES Cafeteria: Discussed changing the format slightly due to majority of candidates running opposed

VII. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.