



Proposed Bylaw Amendments & Resolutions **For the 2021 Annual Business Meeting**

Resolutions Committee Members from Western New York:

- Area 1— Scott Johnson (Sweet Home CSD)
- Big 5 - Louis J. Petrucci

Proposed Resolutions Recommended by The Resolutions Committee for Adoption:
Rationale and all voting guidelines are in the NYSSBA Voting Delegates Guidebook.

Proposed Bylaw Amendment 1

Submitted by: Nassau BOCES Board

The annual business meeting shall be held in person during the annual school board convention, unless the health and or welfare of the participants is in jeopardy. The membership shall be notified of the date, time and location of the meeting, as determined by the Board of Directors, at least six months in advance. Said meetings shall be held not earlier than September 1st, nor later than November 30th of each year. Two hundred delegates shall constitute a quorum.

Proposed Resolution 1 - Sunsetting

Submitted by the NYSSBA Board of Directors

Resolved, that the New York State School Boards Association calls upon the state Legislature and the Governor to reform New York State education funding in accordance with the following tenets to ensure adequate resources to public schools in the State of New York by providing for:

- Adequacy that provides sufficient resources to assure the opportunity for a sound basic education for all students; and
- Equity to distribute a foundation level of state aid for every student that is based on the actual cost of providing a sound basic education that fairly compensates for differences in community cost, needs and resources while precluding municipalities from using state aid to replace local education resources;; and
- Flexibility to increase the percentage of operating aid so that boards of education retain the discretion to determine what education ap programs best address local needs while local communities should not be restrained from determining the level of funding they will expend to support education of programs; and
- Predictability based on timely passage of the state budget and stable funding distributed through a consistent uniformly applied formula that would not require annual manipulation by the Legislature and that would facilitate long-term planning by school districts; and
- Clarity by establishing a funding formula that is easily explained and understood.

Proposed Resolution 2 - Sunsetting



Submitted by the NYSSBA Board of Directors

Resolved, that the New York State School Boards Association supports state proposals affecting public education that:

- Provide access to programs that prepare students to be college-and career-ready.**
- Achieve equity and adequacy in funding;**
- Promote efficiency and cost-effectiveness;**
- Advance high expectations for all students;**
- Embrace innovative approaches and assessments;**
- Foster community engagement and regional cooperation.**

Proposed Resolution 3 - Sunsetting

Submitted by the NYSSBA Board of Directors

Resolved, that the New York State School Boards Association support proposals that would allow students with disabilities to be tested at their developmental age.

Proposed Resolution 4 - Sunsetting

Submitted by the NYSSBA Board of Directors

Resolved, that the New York State School Boards Association support proposals that would increase state and federal reimbursements for school meals.

Proposed Resolution 5

Submitted by the NYSSBA Board of Directors

Resolved, that the New York State School Boards Association support proposals that would generate new state revenues with the dedicated purpose of funding education.

Proposed Resolution 6

Submitted by the Nassau BOCES Board

Resolved, that the New York State School Boards Association support legislation to amend the education law to permit voters to obtain absentee ballots for school district elections and budget votes when such elections and budget votes are scheduled on a day which coincides with a religious holiday for such voters and to continue to permit districts to utilize the already existing operation to alter the date of the election and budget vote if the uniform budget date falls on a religious holiday.

Proposed Resolution 7

Submitted by the Newark School Board

Resolved, that the New York State School Boards Association work with the Office of the State Comptroller and other necessary policymakers to ensure that Comptroller audits are based on statutory guidelines of provisions of state law, rather than subjective standards and preferences.

Proposed Resolution 8



Submitted by the Hendrick Hudson School Board

Resolved, that the New York State School Boards Association supports updates to the Open Meetings Law to allow for School Board Trustees to attend meetings remotely via video conferencing without disclosing the location and without permitting public in-person access to an individual trustee's remote location.

Proposed Resolution 9

Submitted by the Croton-Harmon School Board and Albany City School Board

Resolved, that the New York State School Boards Association supports legislation to amend the Open Meetings Law (the "OML") to (a) provide enhanced opportunities for the conducting of business at a meeting of a public body through the use of remote meeting technology; (b) authorize committees of public body to meet through the use of video conferencing with out a fixed location for the meeting, and (c) eliminate the requirement that a public body subject to the OML identify the location (s) from which a member of the public body will be attending the meeting remotely and eliminate the requirement that members of the public be accorded the right to attend such meetings at those remote locations.

Proposed Resolution 10

Submitted by the Croton-Harmon School Board

Resolved that the New York State School Boards Association supports revision of the Child Safety Zone statute and implementing regulations of the State Education department to establish a more flexible and meaningful set of criteria for the determination of a Child Safety Zone for which school district may provide student transportation as an ordinary contingent expense.

Proposed Resolution 1

Submitted by the Voorheesville School Board

Resolved that the New York State School Boards Association calls upon the state Legislature and the Governor to provide funding for assistance to school districts to allow them to make and implement decisions in the best interest of the global environment, including and especially in the areas of facilities and improvement transportation and upkeep.

Proposed Resolution 12

Submitted by the Washingtonville School Board

Resolved that the New York State School Boards Association support legislation at the state and federal levels for their appropriate governmental agencies to assume the fiscal responsibility for student nutrition, shifting that financial burden away from public schools and thereby increasing the allocation of the resources to enable all districts to provide nutritious meals and snacks for all students without incurring negative impacts upon their annual budgets.

Proposed Resolution 13

Submitted by the Shenendehowa School Board

Resolved that the New York State School Boards Association supports state legislation that would evaluate the efficacy of, and require use of accurate, recent data in future implementation of found aide.



Proposed Resolution 14

Submitted by the Ulster BOCES Board

Resolved that the New York State School Boards Association have as a legislative imperative, and addition to the current New York state Public Health law, that all immunizations required of students under the provisions of New York State Public Health Law be required of all school staff where medically appropriate for adults.

Proposed Resolution 15

Submitted by the Shenendehowa School Board

Resolved that the New York State School Boards Association supports state legislation to establish guidelines for school districts for identifying and capturing data and creating metrics for initiatives that mitigate the damaging effects associated with climate change so as to more effectively communicate expectations and monitor outcomes when planning and implementing school budgets.

Proposed Resolution 16

Submitted by the Washingtonville School Board

Resolved that the New York State School Boards Association supports legislation that abolishes State School Level expenditure Reporting.

Proposed Resolution 17

Submitted by the Freeport School Board

Resolved that the New York State School Boards Association supports state aid eligibility for school districts that are obligated to pay tuition reimbursement for unilateral private placements.

Proposed Resolutions Not Recommended the Resolutions Committee for Adoption:

Resolution 18

Submitted by the Newark School Board

Resolved that the New York State School Boards Association shall support laws and procedures that ensure teachers and school employee background checks are thorough, cover out of state incidents, have the ability to continually report incidents throughout an employee's career and also include psychological testing.

Resolution 19

Submitted by the Newark School Board

Resolved that the New York State School Boards Association seek legislative and/or policy changes to streamline the teacher certification process for teachers from out of state and those with previous teaching experience.

Resolution 20

Submitted by the Onteora School Board

Resolved that the New York State School Boards Association support the proposed New York Health Act and



any legislation at the state or federal level that provides single payer health care for all New Yorkers.

Resolution 21

Submitted by the Onteora School Board

Resolved that the New York State School Boards Association support legislation that requires every child in New York State, aged 0-21, to be covered for free under the Child Health Plus program.

Resolution 22

Submitted by the Onteora School Board

Resolved that the New York State School Boards Association support legislation which requires the State of New York to hold school districts harmless for employee and retiree health care increases that exceed the Consumer Price Index.

Resolution 23

Submitted by the Onteora School Board

Resolved that the New York State School Boards Association support legislation that creates a process for tenure review and renewal occurring every five years throughout the career of all tenured public school employees. This process will include student, parent, and colleague feedback, will not be driven by test scores, and is intended to be instructive and not punitive.

Resolution 24

Submitted by the Ardsley School Board

Resolved that the Association should encourage laws, regulations and policies that promote alternatives for school districts when purchasing non-instructional services that do not give the BOCES an unfair competitive advantage.

Resolution 25

Submitted by the Washingtonville School Board

Resolved that the New York State School Boards Association oppose proposals to allow school district voters to use no-excuse absentee ballots upon request, for school board elections and budget votes.