

## Report on NYSSBA Annual Business Meeting held October 16, 2023

- The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm and started with the pledge of allegiance and singing of the national anthem.
- President's Welcome, Meeting Procedures and Instructions were presented.
- Announcement of a Quorum of 302 delegates at 4:09 pm.
- Order of Business and Rules of Conduct were approved unanimously at 4:11.
- Officers were elected, each with roughly 99% of the vote.
- A report of the resolutions committee work was given by the chair.
- The chair requested a Consent agenda to approve resolutions 1-14. Delegates requested the removal of resolutions 3, 6, 8, 10, 13 & 14.
- *Please note, that all the delegates did not vote on most resolutions, so the numbers may appear to be off, and towards the end, they look to be below the quorum.*
- Consent agenda for resolutions 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 & 12 was approved without discussion by a vote of 304-2
- Resolution 3 was approved without discussion by a vote of 277-30
- Resolution 6 was approved without discussion by a vote of 296-12
- Resolution 8 was approved with one question by a vote of 297-11
- Resolution 10 was approved without discussion by a vote of 271-34
- Resolution 13 was approved without discussion by a vote of 281-24
- Resolution 14 was approved with 1 comment by a vote of 228-72
- Resolution 15 was approved by a vote of 228-72. Several speakers on both sides. Some felt it wasn't in the scope of what schools do. Proponents in rural schools, we don't have other options available. A motion to extend debate failed.
- Resolution 16 was approved by a vote of 297-9. No discussion.
- Resolution 17 was approved by a vote of 272-28. An amendment was approved to change "district supplied" to "state supplied". There were several speakers on both sides.
- Resolution 18 was approved by a vote of 285-10. No discussion.
- Resolution 19 was approved by a vote of 271-33. There were speakers against Zero Emission Buses, but they didn't really discuss the actual resolution. A motion to extend debate failed.
- Resolution 20 was defeated by a vote of 135-152. The speakers mostly had the same thoughts as we did. Let the Regents do their job. I spoke in opposition.
- Resolution 21 was approved by a vote of 280-14. Only one speaker
- Resolution 22 was approved by a vote of 274-12. Only one speaker.
- Resolution 23 was approved by a vote of 149-147. An amendment was approved to include "paid by NYS" at the end. It passed by 5 votes. Several speakers on each side
- Resolution 24 was approved by a vote of 265-22. An amendment to remove "high need" was approved by a wide margin.

- Resolution 25 was defeated by a vote of 127-162. A major amendment failed as did a vote to extend debate. Discussion was still 20 minutes.
- Resolution 26 was defeated by a vote of 120-158. There was a lot of discussion, in particular about the poor wording and the assumption that computer based testing was better.
- Resolution 27 was approved by a vote of 267-10. One speaker
- Resolution 28 was approved by a vote of 259-16. There was one speaker. The proposed amendment that had been submitted was never brought to the floor.
- Resolution 29 was approved by a vote of 222-48. Several speakers on both sides
- Resolution 30 was approved by a vote of 216-66. Amendment to change “K-12” to “PreK-12” was approved. Many speakers argued against free meals for everyone, saying plenty can afford them.
- Resolution 31 was approved by a vote of 172-115. A few speakers
- Resolution 32 was approved by a vote of 244-24. No discussion
- This completed the Recommended Resolutions @ 8:20 pm. All resolutions that were not recommended must receive a motion and second to be brought to the floor.
- Resolution 33 was moved and seconded, defeated by a vote of 94-171. No discussion.
- Resolution 34 was moved and seconded, approved by a vote of 145-131. One speaker.
- Resolution 35 was moved and seconded, approved by a vote of 170-105. I seconded the motion and spoke in favor. Most discussion again was against ZEB’s and didn’t address the issues in the resolution.
- Resolution 36 was moved and seconded, approved by a vote of 219-50. Several speakers. A motion & 2<sup>nd</sup> to call the question was approved.
- Resolution 37 was moved and seconded, defeated by a vote of 42-220. Several speakers. A motion to add “reduce by 50%” was defeated. A motion & 2<sup>nd</sup> to call the question was approved.
- Resolution 38 was moved and seconded, approved by a vote of 168-93. Several speakers. A motion & 2<sup>nd</sup> to call the question was approved.
- Resolution 39 was moved and seconded, defeated by a vote of 64-188. Several speakers. A motion & 2<sup>nd</sup> to call the question was approved. I voted Yes as per our board discussion. I was not able to speak.
- Resolution 40 was moved and seconded, defeated by a vote of 33-215. A few speakers. A motion & 2<sup>nd</sup> to call the question was approved.
- Resolution 41 was moved and seconded, defeated by a vote of 33-215. A few speakers. A motion & 2<sup>nd</sup> to call the question was approved.
- Resolution 42 was moved and seconded, defeated by a vote of 52-191. No speakers. A motion & 2<sup>nd</sup> to call the question was approved.
- Resolution 43 was moved and seconded, defeated by a vote of 98-143. A few speakers. A motion & 2<sup>nd</sup> to call the question was approved. I voted Yes as per board discussion. I was not able to speak, but the first speaker laid out the reasons to vote yes very well.

- Resolution 44 was moved and seconded, defeated by a vote of 73-166. A few speakers. A motion & 2<sup>nd</sup> to call the question was approved.
- Resolution 45 was moved and seconded, defeated by a vote of 29-207. A few speakers. A motion & 2<sup>nd</sup> to call the question was approved.
- Resolution 46 was moved and seconded, defeated by a vote of 73-156. A few speakers. A motion & 2<sup>nd</sup> to call the question was approved. The first person was arguing about immunocompromised rather than a religious exemption.
- Resolution 47 was moved and seconded, defeated by a vote of 82-152. A few speakers. A motion & 2<sup>nd</sup> to call the question was approved.
- Resolution 48 was moved and seconded, defeated by a vote of 86-147. A few speakers. A motion & 2<sup>nd</sup> to call the question was approved.
- Resolution 49 was moved and seconded, defeated by a vote of 99-127. A few speakers. A motion & 2<sup>nd</sup> to call the question was approved.
- Resolution 50 was moved and seconded, defeated by a vote of 105-125. A few speakers. A motion & 2<sup>nd</sup> to call the question was approved.
- Resolution 51 was moved and seconded, approved by a vote of 111-105. A few speakers. A motion & 2<sup>nd</sup> to call the question was approved. An attempted amendment to remove the last 6 words failed.
- Resolution 52 was moved and seconded, defeated by a vote of 62-139. A few speakers. A motion & 2<sup>nd</sup> to call the question was approved. An amendment to add "Officer" passed.
- Resolution 53 was moved and seconded, defeated by a vote of 87-103. A few speakers. A motion & 2<sup>nd</sup> to call the question was approved.
- Resolution 54 was moved and seconded, approved by a vote of 145-45. One speaker. A motion & 2<sup>nd</sup> to call the question was approved.
- Resolution 55 was moved and seconded, defeated by a vote of 31-158. No discussion.
- Resolution 56 was moved and seconded, defeated by a vote of 70-112. A few speakers. A motion & 2<sup>nd</sup> to call the question was approved.
- This ended the discussion of Not Recommended Resolutions. There were still 203 delegates present. The quorum is 200.
- At 11:49 pm, the President began to explain the process to consider late resolutions. They each require a 2/3 vote to be brought to the floor.
- At 11:50 pm, the parliamentarian announced that we no longer had a quorum and the meeting was automatically adjourned.