

## Memorandum

**To: Scotia-Glenville Central School District Board of Education; Superintendent Susan Swartz**

**From: Kimberly Boucher Furnish, Board of Education Member**

**Date: October 26, 2024**

**RE: 2024 NYSSBA Annual Business Meeting on October 10, 2024**

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Based upon your vote at the July 8, 2024 school board reorganization meeting, I served as this board's delegate at the 2023 NYSSBA Annual Business Meeting on October 10, 2024. The principal purpose of this meeting was to vote for the new NYSSBA officers starting in January of 2025 (all ran unopposed) and to vote on the 37 proposed resolutions for adoption. This meeting started with 350 delegates at 4:00 pm and ended at 9:40 pm with approximately 280, having gone through all of the proposals. I voted on each of the 37 proposed resolutions originally submitted based upon the decision made by the Board at our September 23, 2024 meeting. There was one additional proposed resolution provided after our September 23 meeting; however, the consensus voted against considering the last new proposal.

A total of 26 proposed resolutions were adopted. Please note that the proposal numbers changed so that proposal number 6 in the book you were provided became proposal number four. That pushed proposal number four to become number 5 and proposal number 5 became number 6. The remainder of the numbers stayed the same.

The following resolutions were adopted, by number, as originally written: 1-7; 9-25; 35. Of those 26 which were adopted, our Board had voted "no" on two. First, number 4 (formally number 6), proposed to submit legislation to eliminate the limit on the BOCES supervisor compensation. This proposed resolution won by a vote of 176 to 119. Based upon the discussion before the vote, this issue really seemed to go down the line of larger districts, especially those downstate, wanting to eliminate the limit versus smaller and more upstate/western districts wanting to keep the limit.

Second, we voted no on number 22 which was to oppose NYS's proposal to remove the phrase "significant adverse effect" from the regulations governing mixed competition in school sports. The resolution was created based upon the concern that there were potential unintended consequences of this amendment adversely impacting female athletes. This vote was extremely tight with 140 in favor of the proposal and 112 against.

Only one resolution was adopted with an amendment: 8. Our board voted yes for this resolution as originally written, and I still voted "yes" with the amendment. The amendment (in red) is as follows:

8: Resolution - Adopted as Amended - RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) support legislation of the state that would provide for sufficient funding through Building Aid for the construction of a new school that would: (a) replace one or more outdated and antiquated schools; **or (b) be built to accommodate increasing enrollment based on population and enrollment projection studies.**

While all of the proposals created by NYSSBA's committee were adopted, only one of the proposed resolutions offered by various school districts was adopted: 35. This proposal resolved that the New York State School Boards Association would support legislation that would grant judges the ability to require bail in cases of violent threats against school districts and/or staff and/or students at school districts. We voted no on this proposal as this should not be within the school board's purview. I was honestly surprised that this resolution was adopted by a vote of 130 yes to 100 no; and I am unsure why that was as there was very little discussion on this issue.

NYSSBA sent out an email on October 14, 2024 discussing the votes. If you did not receive it, let me know; and I can forward it to you. Also, if you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to ask.