



October 2021

**NYSSBA ANNUAL
BUSINESS MEETING**



New York State School Boards Association

Scott Johnson, President of the Sweet Home CSD and the Legislative Committee Co-Chair, attended the Virtual NYSSBA Board Meeting on Monday, October 18, 2021. The report that follows was submitted by Scott.

NYSSBA Annual Business Meeting – October 18, 2021

The meeting was convened at 4:00 PM. It started with some introductions and details on how the meeting would run

Called to Order at 4:17 PM. 276 Delegates were present. 200 are needed for a quorum. Officers were elected for next year.

All resolutions that are recommended by the resolutions committee are brought to the floor by the committee chair. They do not require a second.

The Proposed By-law Amendment was brought to the floor first. There were several speakers on either side of the issue. VOTE: 84 yes, 178 no. 32% - 68%, **proposal failed**.

A consent agenda was requested for Sunsetting Resolutions 1-4. Members requested that numbers 1 and 3 be removed from the consent agenda.

The question was called for resolutions 2 & 4 with no debate. **Approved with 97% voting yes.**

Resolution # 1: had 1 speaker against. Vote: 227 yes, 16 no. 93% - 7% **resolution passed**

Resolution # 3: had 3 speakers. Vote: 220 yes, 23 no. 91% - 9% **resolution passed**

Resolution # 5: Several speakers, some were concerned



Scott Johnson is often meeting with legislators both locally and in Albany fighting for public education.

**Active Member
of ECASB**

Scott is currently President of the Sweet Home CSD. He serves as the Co-Chair for the ECASB Legislative team. Scott was recently awarded the Laura Burns Advocacy for Children Award, the Lorie Sabo Advocacy Award and a Shining Star Award.

about the appearance the NYSSBA was advocating for tax increases. One asked about changing labor laws. Vote: 174 yes, 80 no. 69% - 31% resolution passed

Resolution # 6: 1 speaker for. Vote: 224 yes, 31 no. 88% - 12% resolution passed

Resolution # 7: 2 speakers. One cited the comptroller as requiring input from the PTA Council which had disbanded years before. All other PTA Units were involved. Vote: 246 yes, 13 no. 95% - 5% resolution passed

Resolution # 8: Several speakers. Primary reason for support was safety reasons. Not letting the public know you are out of town. Board members in quarantine or isolation. Concerns about protesters at their homes. Vote: 236 yes, 19 no. 93% - 7% resolution passed

Resolution # 9: Speakers on both sides. Concerned about remote boards failing to engage with the public. Safety cited again. Debate time expired. A motion to extend debate was defeated by 79 yes, 150 no. 34% - 66% failed. Vote: 159 yes, 83 no. 66% - 34% resolution passed

Resolution # 10: 2 speakers. One has a very busy street 0.3 miles from an elementary school. They want to establish a bussing zone there and be able to get paid for it. Another school is already doing something similar and eating the costs. Vote: 228 yes, 13 no. 95% - 5% resolution passed

Resolution # 11: No Speakers. Vote: 221 yes, 23 no. 91% - 9% resolution passed

Resolution # 12: No Speakers. Vote: 231 yes, 10 no. 96% - 4% resolution passed

Resolution # 13: No Speakers. Vote: 236 yes, 4 no. 98% - 2% resolution passed

Resolution # 14: 4 speakers against, called it a slippery slope and said they needed more data. Didn't explain what kind of data they needed. Worried about losing staff. 3 speakers in support, need everyone to be protected. Debate time expired. A motion to extend debate was defeated by 71 yes, 166 no. 30% - 70% failed. Vote: 158 yes, 84 no. 65% - 35% resolution passed

Resolution # 15: 4 speakers against, unfunded mandates, outside scope of our budgets. 2 speakers in favor, one talked about global warming, the other said they would need very specific guidelines for district initiatives. Vote: 103 yes, 128 no. 45% - 55% resolution failed

Resolution # 16: 2 speakers in favor. Vote: 187 yes, 40 no. 82% - 18% resolution passed

Resolution #17: No speakers. Vote: 218 yes, 12 no. 95% - 5% resolution passed

Resolutions 18-25 were not recommended by the resolution committee; therefore, each would have to be moved and seconded to come to the debate floor.

Resolution # 18: Not moved to debate

Resolution # 19: Moved and seconded. Several speakers in favor. Looking for a way to hire more diverse staff in support of DEI. One speaker against who said "they should jump through all the same hoops we had to jump through". Vote: 159 yes, 67 no. 70% - 30% resolution passed

Resolution # 20: Moved and seconded. 3 speakers in favor. One talked about their budget saying \$12 million from a \$58 million budget went towards benefits. They were hoping this type of legislation would provide relief. Vote: 97 yes, 127 no. 43% - 57% resolution failed

252 delegates still in attendance

Resolution # 21: Not moved to debate

Resolution # 22: Moved and seconded. 1 speaker in favor. Vote: 78 yes, 141 no. 36% - 64% resolution failed

Resolution # 23: Moved and seconded. 2 speakers in favor and 2 opposed. One speaker wants to do this for individual teachers when they see issues. Another said 3020A works, why would we do this. We would have to hire another administrator to do the work. Motion to extend debate was defeated 18% - 82%. Vote: 45 yes, 166 no. 21% - 79% resolution failed

Resolution # 24: Moved and seconded. 2 speakers in favor. They supported BOCES, but said it is a waste of taxpayer money. A BOCES Board member spoke against. Vote: 61 yes, 149 no. 29% - 71%, resolution failed

Resolution # 25: Moved and seconded. 2 speakers in favor used language from national politics about election fraud. Did not site examples. ***I spoke very strongly against stating there is no fraud, and we should be encouraging more people to vote.*** 3 others spoke supporting my position and statements. Vote: 65 yes, 142 no. 31% - 69% resolution failed

235 delegates still in attendance

Late resolutions were next on agenda. To be considered, they required a suspension of the rules and a 2/3's majority approving them to reach the floor for debate. There was no debate on the motion to suspend rules.

Late Resolution # 1: Motion and second to suspend rules to consider this resolution. Vote 82 yes, 115 no. 42% - 58% motion failed

Late Resolution # 2: Motion and second to suspend rules to consider this resolution. Vote 48 yes, 148 no. 24% - 76% motion failed

Late Resolution # 3: Motion and second to suspend rules to consider this resolution. Vote 66 yes, 131 no. 34% - 66% motion failed

Late Resolution # 4: Motion and second to suspend rules to consider this resolution. Vote 50 yes, 151 no. 25% - 75% motion failed

Late Resolution # 5: No motion made

225 delegates still in attendance

Motion and second to adjourn. Vote: 183 yes, 1 no: 99% - 1% motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm