



Positions Adopted at the 2015 Business Meeting

ADOPTED BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Bylaw Amendment 1

Beginning in 2013 and continuing in years thereafter the annual dues shall be based upon the amount the member board paid in the previous year plus an adjustment limited to 2 % or the change in the Consumer Price Index, whichever is less.

New members who join in 2013 and thereafter will be placed on the dues schedule, established in 2010 and remaining in effect, as (set forth below,) according to the district's most recent general fund expenditures, as reported to the State Education Department. Their annual dues shall be based upon the amount member boards within the same general fund expenditure range paid in the previous year plus an adjustment limited to 2% or the change in the Consumer Price Index, whichever is less. ...

Bylaw Amendment 2

...Area 5. Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, excluding Harrisville Central School District, Madison, excluding the Cazenovia Central School District and the DeRuyter Central School District, Oneida, and Oswego counties including the Richfield Springs School District of Otsego county.

...Area 8. Delaware, Fulton, Montgomery, Otsego, excluding the Richfield Springs Central School District, and Schoharie counties, including the Wells and Lake Pleasant Central School Districts of Hamilton County.

SUNSETTING POSITION STATEMENTS

Resolution 1 - Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association seeks legislation to authorize and fund those school districts who elect to either extend the academic year or extend the instructional time of the school day.

Resolution 2 - Adopted with Amendments

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association shall advocate for an overhaul of the current, inadequate testing system to more accurately measure achievement in skills, knowledge and abilities, and it shall do this by: (a) working collaboratively with the New York State Board of Regents and New York State Department of Education, superintendents, administrators and teachers to create tests that are developmentally appropriate, of reasonable length and frequency, and which avoids the unintended consequences of narrowing the curriculum, teaching to the test, reducing love of learning, and undermining school climate; (b) insisting that educators throughout the State be included in all aspects of the creation of standardized tests; and (c) demanding that district personnel be permitted to

examine test results, answer keys, and their students' responses so that educators can better assess what each child is learning in relations to what is being taught and so that such tests can truly inform instruction.

Resolution 3 - Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association urges passage of legislation to support the sharing of programs and services between BOCES and local school districts with public colleges and municipalities when it makes financial and programmatic sense.

NEW RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 4 - Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association shall seek legislation that assigns responsibility for the payment of tuition and fees associated with students attending the state schools for the blind and deaf to the State of New York.

Resolution 5 – Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association shall advocate for an amendment to the New York State Constitution* that prohibits the Governor from including non-fiscal measures in the appropriations bills submitted with the Executive Budget or otherwise tying non-fiscal measures to budget appropriations.

Resolution 6 – Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association shall advocate changes in the Affordable Care Act to modify conditions under which penalties may be imposed on employers for health insurance premiums that exceed a benchmark established by the law.

Resolution 7 - Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association seek and promote legislation to reform current legal notice publication requirements.

Resolution 8 - Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association support legislation that officially grants all public schools the same exemptions from New York State Education law and/or regulation which have been granted to any charter or public school.

Resolution 9 - Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association support legislation to require new laws and regulations to take effect no earlier than July 1st of the following calendar year, and at least 90 days from the date that the New York State Education Department has fulfilled its own requirements, such as written guidance to school district before school districts must implement new educational laws and/or regulations.

Resolution 10 - Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association actively support legislation which would require the design & validation of an APPR process that truly informs instruction and thereby promotes student learning.

Resolution 11 - Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association support legislation permitting boards of education to sponsor a referendum which would create voting wards to foster community wide representation.

Resolution 12 – Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association support the state assuming responsibility for subsidizing a veterans tax exemption.

Resolution 14 – Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association oppose raising the charter school cap.

Resolution 15 – Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association support policies to require charter schools to enroll and retain English language learners and students with disabilities at a comparable rate to neighboring schools.

Resolution 16 – Adopted with Amendments

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association support programs and policies to expand access to Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate or other enrichment programs through Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) and online delivery.

Resolution 17 - Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association oppose the expansion of mayoral control of school districts outside New York City.

Resolution 18 - Adopted with Amendments

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association support funding to expand New York State and industry approved and certified career and technical education programs.

Resolution 19 – Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association support incorporating prekindergarten into the operational school aid formula(s) used for K-12 education.

Resolution 20 - Adopted

RESOLVED, that the New York State School Boards Association support making prekindergarten transportation for children four years old and older aidable to the same extent as K-12 transportation.