

## NSSBA October 2022 report to

- The meeting was chaired by NSSBA Vice President, Susan Lipman on behalf of President, Michael Kelly.
  - As a member of the NYSED Blue Ribbon Commission she gave a brief report on progress of the commission's work to examine graduation requirements and measures.
    - The commission held an introductory meeting with a video of students from around the world community commenting on what to learn and how to learn to be good global citizens, highlighting the commission's goals...high standards with an eye on equity.
    - The commission is comprised of 40 members; there is a steering committee which acts as a liaison between two subcommittees to ensure their work is complementary and aligns with the tenets of diversity, equity, and inclusion. The subcommittees are: 1. Program Requirements and Learning Experiences which will determine the courses students must take and experiences students must have and the total number of credits needed; 2. Measurements and Assessments which will identify the various assessments and experiences needed to determine proficiency in order to earn a high school diploma.
    - There is also a Parent advisory Committee and a Student Advisory Committee; the next meeting is in December and the commission will be reviewing the current standards.
- Executive Director, Bob Vecchio
  - The NSSBA's Resolutions Dinner was very successful and received very positive feedback. At the state association's Annual Business Meeting 29 of the 32 recommended resolutions were adopted
  - Reviewed calendar highlights, including:
    - The September meeting of the LIA's Health & Education Committee featured Regent Roger Tilles who shared the SED's focus on and purpose of the Blue Ribbon Committee. It is critical that the business community not only provide input on business and industry needs but understand the challenges our schools face. All need to be contributing partners in education so that our LI schools continue to benefit the economy of the region.
    - Gave testimony at the Suffolk School Security Task Force at ST. Joseph's which included: providing resources to law enforcement to expand SRO's and POP; lift the cap on retired law enforcement earnings; invest in mental health, mental wellness programs and initiatives.
  - The ED was appointed to the LIPA Advisory Committee. He will be working collaboratively with Legislative Commission for the Future of LIPA, spearheaded

by Assemblyman Fred Thiele and Senator James Gaughran. The purpose is to make LIPA a publicly owned and operated facility with better oversight and transparency and separate from PSEG control. The commission will be identifying specific actions, legislation, and a timeline to restructure LIPA by 2025. NSSBA will be monitoring closely watching for any affect that restructure may have on PILOT payments.

- Commissioner Rosa has committed to meet with BOE's here on LI on Monday April 24, 2023. The meeting will be held at the Heritage Club or Huntington Hilton, further details to follow.
- Superintendents
  - Dr. Maria Rianna (Nassau) reported meeting via two zoom calls with Commissioner Rosa; was happy to say that the commissioner listens and does not rush participants.
    - Topic: how to change the accountability system and dashboard
    - Nassau superintendents continue their focus on: how to best meet the federal accountability requirements without shaming districts and how to move districts forward; on certification and teacher shortages; advocating for change in the foundation aid formula and maintaining categorical aid; and will be assessing the challenges of the 23-24 calendar year for ways to get to 180 days, figuring what to do with Juneteenth and regents week in June.
  - Dr. Timothy Hearney (Suffolk) reiterated Dr. Rianna's points and expressed concern for:
    - A 53% turnover in Suffolk superintendents in last 3 years as well as other staff shortages -- bus driver shortages are resulting in cancellation of some sporting events.
    - There is doubt as to how schools will be able to meet the bus emissions requirements according to the timeline.
    - Discussed school safety concerns from the point of view that the various law enforcement entities are not often on the same page, so information given, alerts given and efforts need to be coordinated and efficient. Suffolk superintendents are advocating for joint meetings, i.e. a partnership among 3 agencies: the sheriff's office, police force, and the District Attorney's office with hopes to meet jointly.
    - SCOPE has made it clear that the PreK program cannot continue at the current allotment of \$5400; the rate has been unchanged since 2006. So, where will that leave the PreK programs?
- Area Directors reported: 215 LI school board members attended the state convention in October (highest participation in the state); members are being encouraged to register for the National Equity Symposium and Advocacy Institute in January 2023.

- LIEC:
  - Met with CEO, Rebecca Sanin of the Health and Welfare Council of LI- major issues the council is addressing are the mental health crisis; food insecurity and advocacy.
  - Reviewed the final draft of the 2022 LIA/LIEC Cost and Outcomes Report, available:[www.esboces.org/cms/lib/NY01914091/Centricity/Domain/309/LIECCostsOutcomes2022.pdf](http://www.esboces.org/cms/lib/NY01914091/Centricity/Domain/309/LIECCostsOutcomes2022.pdf) .
- WLIW -continues its programming for community engagement.
- New Business: round table discussion among members included discussion about adoption of NYSSBA Policy 4180 (handling controversial issues in the classroom) which states that controversial topics should be handled by preserving the academic integrity of the district while aligning with community values. A link to the policy is as follows: [www.boarddocs.com/ny/nlcsd/Board.nsf/files/AN9P5Y61D3B1/\\$file/NYSSBA%20policy%204810%20to%20replace%20NL%20policy%208331.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/ny/nlcsd/Board.nsf/files/AN9P5Y61D3B1/$file/NYSSBA%20policy%204810%20to%20replace%20NL%20policy%208331.pdf)
- Next meeting: 7:00pm Thursday, November 17, 2022 at Western Suffolk BOCES.