



Niagara Orleans School Board Association

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 28, 2026

Location: Zoom

Time Called to Order: 6:01 PM

Call to Order

The meeting of the Niagara Orleans School Board Association (NOSBA) was called to order at **6:01 PM**.

Roll Call / Members Present

- Beth Pyskaty (Starpoint)
- Leslie Tobin (Lockport)
- Kathy Stewart (Wilson)
- Susan Rhodenizer (Lew-Port)
- James Cancemi (Niagara Falls City)

Approval of Previous Minutes

Approval of the December meeting minutes was requested.

- **Motion:** Beth Pyskaty
- **Second:** Kathy Stewart
- **Outcome:** Motion carried

Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurer reported that the account balance remains unchanged.
- **Current Balance:** \$11,310.20

Old Business

Legislative Breakfast – January 31, 2026

Updates were provided regarding preparation for the upcoming Legislative Breakfast:

- BOCES printed placemats and thank-you cards for the tables.
- The menu has been finalized and the agenda provided to Mike at BOCES.
- A meeting was held with Mike W. at BOCES to review event details and tour the space.
- Directories and programs have been completed, printed, and picked up from BOCES.
- Sign-in sheets for each district and name tags are complete.
- Dan forwarded the presentation materials to Beth Pyskaty and cc'd Mike at BOCES to ensure the BOCES technology department is prepared.
- A survey for the event is included in the program via a QR code and was attached to the agenda.
- Attendance is expected to be nearly 70 participants.
- The full state legislative delegation will be in attendance, along with a representative from Congresswoman Claudia Tenney's office.

May Event

- Members were asked to brainstorm potential venues for the May event.
- A survey will be used to determine the topic for the dinner.

Perspective BOE Training

- The training is confirmed with Starpoint serving as host.
- Dr. Croft will present the superintendent component.
- Melissa from BOCES will present the legal component.

Beth Pyskaty noted that full minutes will be distributed soon, sent by Ashley, and posted on the NOSBA website (nosba.org).

New Business

Banking

- Discussion was held regarding banking matters.
- A vote was taken to appoint a new Treasurer to replace Jack.
- **New Treasurer:** Danielle Mullen

Conversation for the Good of the Organization

Members engaged in a discussion focused on strengthening the organization's advocacy efforts:

- The importance of **year-round advocacy** was emphasized.
- It was suggested that members speak with their individual Boards of Education about appointing an **advocacy liaison**.
- Members discussed the value of NOSBA holding meetings to **collaborate on shared issues** impacting all districts.

- Potential partnership opportunities with **ECSBA** on advocacy initiatives were discussed.
- Members also explored the idea of hosting a “**Resolutions Dinner**” prior to the October business meeting to review and discuss proposed resolutions.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Pyskaty

President of the Niagara Orleans School Board Association