



Niagara Orleans School Boards Association

Meeting Minutes

October 22, 2025 – 6:00 PM

Location: 6420 Inducon Dr. West, Suite B2 – Hybrid via Zoom

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 6:07 PM

Present:

- Leslie Tobin – Lockport
- Danielle Mullen – BOCES
- Jack Waugaman – Lew-Port
- Beth Pyskaty – Starpoint
- James Lupini – Superintendent

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Danielle Mullen, seconded by Jack Waugaman, to approve the previous meeting's minutes.

Motion carried unanimously

Treasurer's Report

Balance: \$11,310.20

Motion to approve made by Danielle Mullen, seconded by Leslie Tobin.

Motion carried unanimously

Old Business:

1. Legislative Breakfast:

- Date: January 31, 2026
- Location: TBD
- Discussed potential venues: Wurlitzer (not available) and BOCES.
- Danielle Mullen will contact Dr. Farrar at BOCES to inquire about hosting and students catering the event.
- Ashley will send out a "Save the Date."

2. **Prospective Board Member Training:**

- Date: March 21, 2026
- Location: Starpoint
- Discussion of program and presenters:
- Legal segment: possibly Melissa Kester (BOCES) or another district law firm.
- Superintendent and board panel: new, veteran, and pres. Members would give their experience and do a Q&A
- Beth will look into catering options.

3. **Dinner Program:**

- Date: May 7, 2026
- Venue: TBD
- Discussed returning to The Wurlitzer.
- Beth will check availability and costs; members are to bring additional venue ideas to the November meeting.

4. **Summer Mixer:**

- Date: August 20, 2026
- Venue: TBD
- Discussion of hosting an informal, appetizer-style event with a guest speaker.
- Members to bring ideas to the November meeting.

New Business:

1. **Banking:**

- Current account: Five Star Bank (no longer convenient).
- Discussion to move account to a more accessible financial institution.
- Options:
- Cornerstone Community Federal Credit Union – no fees, hours M–F 9–5, Sat 9–1 (Transit Rd.).
- Lockport Schools and Community FCU – hours M–F 9:30–4:30.
- Members agreed to move the account; Ashley will check which option is more convenient.
- A short virtual meeting may be needed to finalize the decision.
- Need to confirm if NOSBA has an EIN number.

2. **Monthly Meeting Dates:**

- Agreed to meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month, except December.
- A full calendar of meetings and events will be created and distributed by Ashley.
- Meetings will remain hybrid (in-person and Zoom).

3. **Legal Status:**

- Discussion of establishing non-profit status for NOSBA.
- Plan to seek advice from legal counsel (Melissa Kester or district legal firms) and inquire about possible pro bono assistance.

4. **Introductions to Superintendents:**

- Discussion on strengthening communication and visibility with local superintendents.
- Jay Lupini will speak with Dr. Farrar about Beth attending a monthly superintendent meeting to briefly share information about NOSBA's mission and vision.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Danielle Mullen, seconded by Leslie Tobin.

Motion carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.