Wayne-Finger Lakes Board of Cooperative
Educational Services
Candidate Information Form

Name: O. J. Sahler

School District: Canandaigua City School District (CCSD)

PART I: Board Experience

I was a member of the CCSD Board of Education for 21 years, retiring in 2007. I have been a member of the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES Board for 21 years. I was a member or chair of all CCSD standing committees and a Board liaison member to 5 major District-wide initiatives: the Middle School Task Force in the early 90's, when the District underwent its major renovation and construction project and developed the 6-8 Middle School; the Counseling Services Task Force in the mid 90's, which recommended expanding services for students seeking specialized college/career counseling and more transition services for pupils between grades 5 & 6 and 8 & 9; the Neurofeedback for ADD/ADHD Task Force, which developed cognitive retraining and other approaches to enhance students' academic and interpersonal success; the Middle School Redesign Task Force, which revamped grades 6-8 in keeping with new challenges facing these students; the Wellness Committee, which aimed to consolidate our approach to Healthful Lifestyle, one of five character education initiatives; and the Audit Committee, which designed our internal audit function as part of the comptroller's overall plan for increased oversight of school district management. Since retirement from CCSD, I was a community representative to the Audit Committee for 5 years.

PART II: Interest in BOCES Board Seat

As a member of the BOCES Board for the past 21 years, I have gained a good understanding of the structure of BOCES, services provided for life-long learning, and the challenge of functioning in a rapidly changing and uncertain social and economic environment. I have also become aware of the need for better training of board members and enhanced communication among BOCES districts statewide. I served as chair of a W-FL BOCES task force that was key to identifying functions that would benefit from increased advocacy by better informed BOCES Board members. Since then, our Board has collaborated with NYSSBA to achieve this goal. I also co-chaired a workshop at the NYSSBA Annual meeting for 5 years to share the "Best of BOCES" throughout NY. I served on the Audit Committee during its formation, chaired the Superintendent and Board Evaluation Committee when it transitioned to a paperless format, and served on the Policy Committee when we reviewed our entire policy compendium, a process we have made an every-three-year goal. Currently, I am in my second year as president of the W-FL BOCES Board of Education. I also serve on the Finance/Audit Committee and am a member of the Policy Committee as we work to streamline and standardize our policies with regard to student and staff harassment and equal educational and employment opportunities. One of my most truly enlightening experiences at BOCES has been to serve as the board representative to the School-to-Career Task Force and the External Review Committee, which evaluates applications to the State for certification of our vocational/career training programs. This is a duty which I have gladly fulfilled for more than a dozen years. This experience gives me the opportunity to examine in detail all the career and technical programs available through our BOCES, as well as new initiatives developed in response to local student/employer demand. Most recently, I have come to appreciate the tremendous amount of creative energy that our students have, as exemplified by the beautiful art work that pervades all the trades and career opportunities, from welding sculptures, to fancy auto body paint jobs, to creative waves and braids, to pretty-as-a-picture table settings and plate presentations. No one could have such experiences and not feel thoroughly passionate about the incredible resource that BOCES is, both as an educational institution and as an asset to the economic and creative growth of our region. It would be a privilege and an honor to continue my service to the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES over the next 3 years.

PART III: Additional Information

I am a behavioral pediatrician on the faculty of the Golisano Children's Hospital at the University of Rochester Medical Center. I treat children and teens with physical, psychological, and behavioral issues that can interfere with their potential to learn. My background has been useful to me and, hopefully, to the BOCES as well in considering ways to enhance the services it provides and the image it projects to the communities it serves. March 2018

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Name: Lynn Gay School District: Bloomfield

PART I: Board Experience

Thank you to the Bloomfield Board of Education for nominating me to seek re-election to the BOCES Board. I have many years of board experience. I was a member of the Bloomfield board from 1983-92. I have served on the BOCES board from 1990-2005, and 2006 to the present, serving as president for three years. I firmly believe that it is important for board members to be involved beyond the local level. Shortly after becoming a board member, I became actively involved in the Four County School Boards Association, serving as legislative committee chair, 1st vice president and president. I also began participating in the various in-service programs offered by the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA). I served on the NYSSBA Board of Directors, representing Area 2, from January 1996 through December 2005. I believe that my boardsmanship has been enhanced by this involvement.

Part II: Interest in BOCES Board Seat

I believe that BOCES does and will continue to play an important role in helping component districts conserve and use their resources economically for the benefit of all our students. I bring to the position a well-rounded knowledge of the issues facing public education, the time to continue to be an advocate for all of our students, a knowledge of BOCES programs and services, and a commitment to work with my colleagues on the BOCES board to continue to look for innovative, cost effective ways to meet the needs of our component districts and the students we serve.

PART III: Additional Information

With the announced restructuring of our administrative staff, and the change in position of Scott Bischoping to Deputy Superintendent, the BOCES board will soon begin a search for a District Superintendent. The search will consume much of our time over the next year, with the goal of having the new DS in place sometime in 2019. Having participated in two prior searches for a District Superintendent, I am prepared for and excited about this undertaking, and will make the commitment of time necessary for a thorough and thoughtful search. I believe that consistency on the board will be of great benefit during the search. I will work with my colleagues on the board to seek input from all our stakeholders as part of the search process. As a board we will work with our search consultant to determine the best process for a successful search. We must find the best District Superintendent to meet the needs of BOCES, our component districts, and all of our students.

I feel privileged to have worked with so many of you over the past several years for the benefit of the children in the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES. I ask for your vote in the upcoming election. Thank you.

Lynn Gay
83 Main Street
Bloomfield, NY 14469
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Board of Education Experience

Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES - July 1990-2005, 2006-present; served three years as President and three years as VP

Bloomfield Board of Education - 1983-1992, Vice President for 4 years

President, Four County School Boards Association - 1990-1992

First Vice President, Four County School Boards Association - 1988-1990

Legislative Chair Four County School Boards Association - 1986-1988

National School Boards Association Federal Relations Network - 1986-1992, 1994-2005, 2014-15

NYSSBA State Legislative Network - 1986-1990, 1992-2005, 2006-08

W-FL BOCES Audit Committee Chair - 2008-09; Building and Grounds Committee Member - 2006-08, 2010-18

W-FL BOCES Policy Committee - 2008-09, Chair 2010-2012

W-FL BOCES Education Fund Advisory Committee Chair – 2009-15

W-FL BOCES District Shared Decision-Making Team - 1995-1999

NYSSBA New Board Member Seminar Faculty - 1987, 1992, 1995, 1996

NYSSBA Resolutions Committee member representing Area 2 - 1995

Genesee Valley School Boards Institute Executive Committee - 1994 - present

NYSSBA Board of Directors, Area 2 Director - 1996-2005

NYSSBA Board liaison to Council of Local School Boards Associations - 2005 and 2004

NYSSBA Board Policy Committee – 2005 and 1996

NYSSBA Board Policy Committee Chair - 2002 and 1999

NYSSBA Board Operations Committee member-2003, 2002, 1999 and 1998

NYSSBA Board liaison to Ad hoc Advisory Committee on BOCES - 2001 and 2000

NYSSBA Board liaison to Ad hoc Committee on Minority Issues - 1998

NYSSBA Board representative to Rural Schools Program - 1998 and 1997

NSBA Voting Delegate - 2005 and 2004

NSBA Alternate Voting Delegate - 2003, 2002 and 2001

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Name: Pamela Pendleton School District: Wayne Central CSD

PART I: Board Experience

I am currently in my 2nd term of service on the Wayne Central School Board of Education and am currently Vice-President. I also serve on the Policy and Communication committees as well as the Capital Improvement Project Committee and am Board liaison for new BOE members and Board Clerk. I have attended the NYSSBA conference in Buffalo and Lake Placid, 4 County meetings & workshops, BOCES sponsored events.

PART II: Interest in BOCES Board Seat

I have attended a number of events at our BOCES center in Williamson and each time I walked away more impressed than the prior time. I'm pleased with the programs that BOCES currently offers our students – both special & general education – and would like to see programming expand in the future. When I last visited in January of this year, we heard from some special education students who were able to take VoPro classes and they shared how valuable that was for them. I would like to see more students exposed to BOCES Vocational programs as well as increased BOCES attendance. I feel there is a need in our current student populations for the programs BOCES has to offer. I also would support districts collaborating with BOCES for support services as appropriate.

PART III: Additional Information

My background is in Special Education. I graduated from SUNY Potsdam in 1978 with a Psychology/ General Education degree, received my Masters in Special Education from Nazareth in 1984. While working on my Masters, I substitute taught in several Wayne county school districts in both General & Special Education classes, many being long term substitute positions. I taught Special Education at North Rose-Wolcott CSD for 28 years (1983-2012) and while there served as lead teacher for our UPK study, on the negotiation team, Student Council Advisor and numerous Teacher Association & Building committees.

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Name: Timothy M DeLucia School District: Victor

PART I: Board Experience

I have served on the Victor Central School Board of Education since 1995.

Over the years I have served as a Board Member, Board Vice President, Board President, and I am currently Board Vice President.

I am a member of Board Leadership, the District Audit Committee, the BOCES Liaison, the NYSSBA Legislative Committee (State and Federal), Monroe County SBA Labor Relations Committee Member, and the NYSSBA Legislative Liaison.

Throughout my years as a Board of Education member, and as past co-president of our Parent Teacher Student Association, I have consistently been an advocate for *all* students. I believe the board needs to make decisions based upon what is best for the students' educational program.

PART II: Interest in BOCES Board Seat

As a Board Member, I am thankful for the opportunity to serve the school community, and to be part of the process that has enabled us to provide a wealth of educational opportunities for our students. These opportunities offer our students the preparation needed to be "world ready", to follow their dreams, and to meet the challenges for success.

I have been attending the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES Board meetings on a regular basis. I have learned about the exceptional programs and services offered in collaboration with 25 school districts throughout Wayne, Ontario, Seneca and Yates counties. I have seen examples of the educational services and instructional opportunities offered to learners of all ages, providing greater opportunities throughout the region.

I would be honored to join the BOCES Board to support the vision to make success possible for the students of our community.

PART III: Additional Information

I set high expectations for myself and for the people with whom I work. I am an analytical thinker and I demonstrate a solid understanding of the principles of both business and education. One of my strongest characteristics is my ability to analyze issues and to form fair and sound recommendations or decisions.

Profession:

Retired Business Manager – The Eastman Kodak Company

Family:

Wife - Marilyn
Son - Michael (Celine)
    Grandson Louis
Daughter - Erin (Scott)
    Grandson Grant
    Granddaughter Ruby

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Dear Colleagues:

I have been nominated by the Bloomfield Board of Education to seek re-election to the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES Board of Education.

Many people have said that board service can be a thankless job. I firmly disagree with that notion. I am thankful for the opportunity to have a positive impact on students. I am thankful for the opportunity to meet and interact with our component board members and board members throughout NY. I am thankful for the trust shown to me by the boards in Area 2 that allowed me to represent them on the NYSSBA Board of Directors for ten years. I am thankful for the opportunity to continue to advocate for public education at the state and national level.

Even though our board meets "only" once a month, there is much work that must be done. With the announced restructuring of our administrative staff, and the change in position of Scott Bischoping to Deputy Superintendent, the BOCES board will soon begin a search for a District Superintendent. The search will consume much of our time over the next year, with the goal of having the new DS in place sometime in 2019. Having participated in two prior searches for a District Superintendent, I am prepared for the time commitment needed, and excited about this undertaking. I believe that consistency on the board and my knowledge of BOCES programs and services will be of benefit during the search. I will work with my colleagues on the board to seek input from all our stakeholders as part of the search process.

Thank you for the support you have shown me over the past several years. I ask for your vote on April 25.

Sincerely,

Lynn

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