Wayne-Finger Lakes Board of Cooperative
Educational Services

Candidate Information Form

Name: Lynn Gay School District: Bloomfield

PART I: Board Experience

Thank you to the Bloomfield Board of Education for nominating me to run for a seat on the BOCES Board. I have 32 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 am currently serving as vice president. 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 and 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

Public education is facing more difficult challenges than ever before. The public education community is committed to raising standards for all students, while at the same time competing for drastically diminished resources. 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

I am currently a member of the Audit Committee and the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

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 would appreciate your vote in the upcoming election.

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Board of Education Experience

Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES - July 1990-2005, 2006-present; served three years as President, currently 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 - 2006-08, 2010-12

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 Board of Directors - 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