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M E M O R A N D U M

To: All OCM BOCES Component District Board of Education Presidents

From: Deborah Ayers *Deb*

Subject: BOCES Board Member Nominations

Date: January 27, 2012

The Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES has four (4) Board Members whose terms expire on June 30, 2012.

- **Michael Brady (representing Cortland Enlarged City SD and Homer CSD)**
- **Wayne Brownson (representing East Syracuse Minoa CSD)**
- **Mary Ann Haley (representing Fabius-Pompey CSD, LaFayette CSD, and Tully CSD)**
- **V. Ann Wright (representing Fayetteville-Manlius CSD and Jamesville-DeWitt CSD)**

The revised BOCES Law (1950) requires that the nomination for each Board Member be by resolution of the Board of Education of one or more component school districts, to be transmitted to the Clerk of the BOCES in writing at least 30 days prior to the date of the election. With the election set for April 23, 2012, nominations must be in my office by 4 p.m. on March 23, 2012.

Attached are the official forms for nomination of the vacant offices. Only one resident from a component district may be a BOCES Board Member. All components will be notified of nominations that are received.

A biographic outline to be completed for each nominee is attached. This outline will be used to provide information to all other component district Board of Education members. Please return this form with all nominations by March 23, 2012.

If you have any questions, please call (315) 433-2614.

Attachments (Nomination For Membership Form, Biographic Outline For Nominee Form and Q & A)

C: OCM BOCES Component District Superintendents

NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE OCM BOCES BOARD OF EDUCATION

Eligibility Requirements for Membership on BOCES Board of Education

1. A resident of a component district of Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES at least thirty (30) days prior to election
2. A citizen of the United States
3. At least 18 years of age
4. Not an employee of a component district of OCM BOCES
5. A resident of a component district of OCM BOCES where another resident of that district does not currently serve on the OCM BOCES Board of Education
6. The nomination for OCM BOCES Board of Education must be by Board of Education resolution by at least one of the component school districts

Return to: Deborah B. Ayers, Clerk of the Board
 OCM BOCES - Administration Building
 PO Box 4754, Syracuse, NY 13221

Nomination for Membership to the OCM BOCES Board of Education

1. Members with terms expiring June 30, 2012: Michael Brady, Wayne Brownson, Mary Ann Haley and V. Ann Wright

2. Term of Office: July 01, 2012 – June 30, 2015 (4 seats)

3. The following name(s) is (are) placed in nomination for the above term:

Name	Address

By: _____ Title: _____
Board Clerk/President or Superintendent

Of: _____ Date: ____/____/____
Component Board of Education, OCM BOCES

Note: In voting on April 23, 2012, each Board of Education is entitled to one vote per vacancy. That vote is determined by a majority of each Board of Education passing a resolution to elect the candidate.

Last filing date: March 23, 2012 – 4:00 p.m.

BIOGRAPHIC OUTLINE FOR NOMINEE TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Name _____ (Note: You may provide a digital photo)

Address _____

Telephone (Home) _____ (Business) _____

Educational Background

College _____ Degree _____ Major _____

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Business and/or Professional Background

Organizations, Business Affiliations, Clubs, Community Activities, etc. (note offices held)

Hobbies and/or Avocations

**Questions and Answers
Election of BOCES Board Members
BOCES Annual Meeting
Vote on the BOCES Administrative Budget
February 2012**

ELECTION OF BOCES BOARD MEMBERS

1. Q. Who is currently serving on the BOCES Board of Education?

A.	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>District of Residence</u>
	Joan Reeves	2014	Baldwinsville
	Michael Murphy	2014	Liverpool
	Lisa O' Reilly	2014	Westhill
	Catherine Cifaratta-Brayton	2013	North Syracuse
	Mark Gilbert	2013	Chittenango
	David Paczkowski	2013	West Genesee
	Roseann DuBrava	2013	Marathon
	Michael Brady	2012	Homer
	Wayne Brownson	2012	East Syracuse Minoa
	Mary Ann Haley	2012	Tully
	Ann Wright	2012	Jamesville-DeWitt

2. Q. What BOCES Board seats are up for election in 2012?

A. Four (4) seats are up for election; those currently held by Michael Brady, Wayne Brownson, Mary Ann Haley, and V. Ann Wright.

3. Q. What is the term of office for a BOCES Board member?

A. The term of office is three (3) years.

4. Q. When is the election of BOCES Board Members to take place?

A. On April 23, 2012.

5. Q. Where must the election of BOCES Board Members be held?

A. In each component school district at a meeting of the local Board of Education to be held on April 23, 2012.

6. Q. How and when are BOCES Board Members to be nominated?

A. By resolution of the board of education of one or more component school districts, to be transmitted to Deborah Ayers, the Clerk of the BOCES, in writing no later than March 23, 2012.

7. **Q. How are component school districts notified of the slate of candidates?**
- A. As required by regulation, the Clerk of the BOCES will send an official election ballot containing the name and address of each candidate to the clerk of the board of each component school district by April 5, 2012. Copies of the ballot will be sent to all board of education presidents and superintendents.
8. **Q. How many votes may each component school district cast?**
- A. One vote for each vacant board position to be filled. No more than one vote may be cast for any individual candidate.
9. **Q. May a component school district cast a "bullet" vote (i.e., vote only for one candidate where there is more than one vacancy)?**
- A. Yes. Component school districts are "entitled to" one vote for each vacant office, but there is no requirement that they cast one vote per vacancy.
10. **Q. How are the winning candidates determined?**
- A. The candidates receiving a plurality of the votes cast are elected. Candidates are elected in order of the greatest number of votes received until all vacancies are filled.
11. **Q. When do the new Board members take office?**
- A. The four (4) candidates with the highest number of votes take office on July 1, 2012.
12. **Q. What happens if the component Board of Education is unable to obtain a quorum on the day designated for the BOCES election, or otherwise fails to adopt a board resolution voting on the candidates?**
- A. The ballot of the component school district will be treated as void, and the candidates receiving a plurality of the votes actually cast on the day of the election are elected.
13. **Q. How is representation from all districts encouraged?**
- A. Representation on the OCM BOCES Board of Education is determined by law and by tradition. The law governing BOCES Boards of Education indicates that no Board of Education can have more than one representative. The tradition in this BOCES since the merger of the Onondaga-Madison BOCES and Cortland-Madison BOCES Boards of Education has been to encourage that all 23 of the component districts have representation either directly or indirectly. In 1985, an agreement was developed that suggested that the five largest districts (Baldwinsville, West Genesee, North Syracuse, Liverpool and East Syracuse) have one board member each and that the remaining six board members be nominated by clusters of districts.

Since 1985, therefore, one board member has been on the BOCES Board representing the following clusters of districts:

Cazenovia
Chittenango
DeRuyter

Cortland
Homer

Cincinnatus
Marathon
McGraw

Fayetteville-Manlius
Jamesville-DeWitt

Fabius-Pompey
LaFayette
Tully

Lyncourt
Marcellus
Onondaga
Solvay
Westhill

This "gentleman's agreement" also suggests the movement from district to district within each cluster as BOCES Board members end their service.

THE BOCES ANNUAL MEETING

14. Q. When will the BOCES Annual Meeting be held?

A. The BOCES Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the I.E. Henry Center, Syracuse, NY.

15. Q. What is the purpose of the Annual Meeting since the election of BOCES Board Members takes place at meetings of the local Boards?

A. To present the tentative administrative, capital and program budgets of the BOCES to component school board members in advance of the vote on the tentative administrative budget and to conduct other BOCES-wide business.

THE VOTE ON THE BOCES ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

16. Q. Where and when must the vote on the BOCES Administrative Budget take place?

A. At meetings of the Board of Education of each component school district to be held on April 23, 2012.

17. Q. Does approval of the tentative administrative budget require approval by a majority of the total number of component Boards of Education or approval of a majority of the Boards of Education that actually vote on the administrative budget?

A. While all component Boards are expected to meet and adopt a resolution either approving or disapproving the tentative administrative budget, approval of the administrative budget requires approval of a majority of the number of component Boards actually voting.

- 18. Q. When must each board of education report the results of its vote on the administrative budget?**
- A.** The resolution either approving or disapproving the tentative administrative budget must be transmitted to Deborah Ayers, BOCES Clerk, on April 24, 2012.
- 19. Q. How will BOCES budgets be transmitted to local Boards?**
- A.** BOCES will send copies of budgets to the Superintendent's office of local districts for distribution to Board members no later than March 23, 2012.
- 20. Q. What must component Boards do after receipt and review of BOCES budgets?**
- A.** They must vote only on the administrative budget on April 23, 2012. Districts choose to purchase other BOCES services through the final requests due on April 16, 2012.
- 21. Q. What happens if the majority of voting districts approve the tentative BOCES administrative budget?**
- A.** The BOCES may adopt the administrative budget without modification.
- 22. Q. What happens if the budget is disapproved?**
- A.** The BOCES Board must adopt a contingency administrative budget.
- 23. Q. Is a contingency administrative BOCES budget the same as an ordinary contingency budget in a local school district?**
- A.** No. A contingency administrative budget for BOCES means that the amount of the administrative budget may not exceed the amount in the previous school year, except for additional expenditures incurred in payments for supplemental retirement allowances.
- 24. Q. Who do I contact if I have questions or need more information?**
- A.** Jessica Cohen, District Superintendent (315) 433-2602
Deborah Ayers, BOCES Board Clerk (315) 433-2614