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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Erie 1 BOCES Component District Clerks

**FROM:** Denise Polanski *dp*  
District Clerk

**SUBJECT:** Ballot  
Erie 1 BOCES Special Election  
November 23, 2015

**DATE:** November 9, 2015

Attached is the ballot to be used regarding the special election to be held on November 23, 2015, for one board vacancy. Information provided by the candidates is also attached.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 821-7002.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Legislation requires that component districts notify BOCES of the results of the special election one business day after the election by mail or delivery. Please also fax a copy of the completed ballot to Denise Polanski at 821-7242 as soon as possible following your meeting.

Attachment

c: Superintendents

## **BALLOT**

### **Board of Cooperative Educational Services First Supervisory District, Erie County**

#### **BALLOT FOR SPECIAL ELECTION TO BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

There is **ONE** vacancy on the Board of Cooperative Educational Services to be filled at the special election to be held on **November 23, 2015**. The term for this vacancy is November 24, 2015, through June 30, 2016. The trustees or board of education of each component school district may, by resolution, cast one vote for each vacancy to be filled, provided that no more than one vote be cast for any candidate. No more than one person residing in a particular component school district may be elected to serve on the Board of Cooperative Educational Services at one time, except as provided in Education Law, Section 1950(2-a).

The district clerk or other officer authorized to certify that a board resolution has been adopted, shall complete the ballot by placing an "X" next to the name of the candidate for whom a vote has been cast, and by completing the attached certification. Candidates are listed with their address and school district of residence.

**Name:** Mary J. Busse \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** 5 Partridge Lane  
West Seneca, NY 14224  
**School District of Residence:** West Seneca Central School District

**Name:** John (Jack) Semler \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** 4451 East Overlook Drive  
Williamsville, NY 14221  
**School District of Residence:** Clarence Central School District

## **Candidate Profile Sheet**

**Name:** Mary J. Busse

**District:** West Seneca CSD

### **Background and Qualifications**

- West Seneca CSD Board Member for 19 years (currently serving as Vice President)
- Served on the Executive Board for ECASB
- Served as both President and Vice President of the West Seneca Board of Education and ECASB Executive Board
- Currently serving as the Delegate for ECASB
- Vice President of the WNY Federal Credit Union
- Niagara Frontier Industry Education Council (NFIEC) Board Member
- Life member of the East Seneca Fire Hall Ladies Auxiliary (President for eight years)
- Member of the West Seneca Women's Club
- Member of Queen of Heaven Parrish
- Served as a committee member for several educational and community committees

### **Why I am interested in becoming a member of the Erie 1 BOCES Board**

It would be an honor to be part of the Erie 1 BOCES Board, whose mission is to enhance the capacity of component school districts to carry out their roles as the primary influence in the education of the children, youth and adults in their communities.

I am confident that I am able to meet all of the principles for Erie 1 BOCES Board Members including:

- Assuring the opportunity for high quality education for every student
- Obeying all national, state, and local laws and regulations
- Representing the entire community without fear or favor, while not using the position for personal gain
- Upholding the principles of due process and individual dignity
- Adhering to the principle that the Board shall confine its role to policymaking, planning, and appraisal
- Acting as part of an educational team with mutual respect and regard for each other's respective responsibilities and duties, recognizing that the strength of the Board is in acting as a Board, not individuals

- Maintaining high standards and the effectiveness of education through research and continuing professional development
- Preserving the obligation of having all issues considered fairly and without bias
- Instilling respect for the community, state and nation
- Honor the spirit and letter of all contracts

Thank you for considering me for the Erie 1 BOCES Board of Education. Education is my passion and my goal is to provide all students with the tools and opportunities so they will be successful in the future. It would truly be an honor to serve on the Board.



Jack Semler  
Clarence School District

**Background and Qualifications**

I'm honored to stand for election to the Erie 1 BOCES Board of Education. I have served 16 years on the Clarence School Board and during that time also served as delegate to the Erie County Association of School Boards including service as President of the executive board and association. For the past four years I've served as President of the association's Promoting Partnerships in Public Education (PPPE) which identifies and promotes outstanding programs within and among districts that enhance the educational experience, promote resource sharing to address unmet needs and encourages partnerships in education.

My wife Mary and I have lived in Erie County for over twenty five years residing in Buffalo and later in the town of Clarence. We raised our children here and value the community's strong commitment to education. Our children graduated with strong values and educational experience that enabled success in college and careers. I was introduced to our community through attendance at Canisius College and have a Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Buffalo. I've spent my work career leading projects and teams developing diagnostic and therapeutic medical devices. I was the CTO at the SmartPill Corporation, a medical device startup company in Buffalo and continue leading business development activities for SmartPill with Medtronic after their acquisition of the company.

**Why I am Interested in becoming a member of the Erie 1 BOCES Board**

Erie1 BOCES fills a critical need for our component districts providing a variety of services individual districts cannot address due to low subscription, lack of purchasing power or resources. These services include mechanisms for group purchasing to obtain more favorable pricing and providing access to professional services otherwise not available. BOCES also offers educational programs to address needs in special Ed, career technical educational programs and professional internships that component districts are unable to address individually. It's essential that we maintain these services to provide critical fiscal savings opportunities and unmet resource needs to our component districts. We also need to recognize and address evolving needs of component districts in this ever changing educational environment. I bring over 20 years of school board service and over 30 years of business experience and leadership to the board position that will inform critical decisions in the coming years necessary to maintain educational program excellence, services and fiscal management in the ever changing state educational environment.

I thank you for considering me for election to a position on the Erie 1 BOCES Board of Education

