



ERIE 1 BOCES SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEM BY-LAWS

July 1, 2016-June 30, 2021

I. **School Library System Council**

A. Council Composition

The Erie1 BOCES shall be comprised of the Certified School Library Media Specialists, with an attempt to balance membership from the following areas:

- 1 representative from the Western New York Library Resources Council
- 1 representative from Nonpublic schools
- 3 representatives from member elementary library media specialists
- 2 representatives from member middle school/jr. high library media specialists
- 2 representatives from member senior high library media specialists
- 1 Director Erie 1 BOCES School Library System
- 1 Liaison representative from Department of Library and Information Studies, SUNY at Buffalo

B. Council Terms

1. Members of the Erie 1 BOCES School Library System Council shall serve three year terms.
2. In the event any Council member is unable to complete his/her term, the Director, with the approval of the Council, will recommend to the Governing Board, a replacement for the duration of that individual's term. The nominee shall represent the same group as the resigning Council member.
3. Members of the Council shall serve without compensation.
4. A Council Chair shall be elected each year at the last meeting by the Council members.
5. A Council member that misses three consecutive meetings may be asked to resign from the Council.

C. Council Member Selection

1. The Council shall appoint new members with an attempt to continue equitable representation which will maintain the adopted composition outlined above.
2. An attempt shall be made to have all districts represented on the Council over a period of time.
3. A Nominating Committee of three people, appointed by the Council Chair, shall present a slate of candidates to the Council for consideration. The Council will recommend new members to the Governing Board.

D. Assurance of Council Meetings

1. The Erie 1 BOCES School Library System Council will meet at least four times each year and additionally if required. In order for a meeting to be held, a quorum, consisting of the majority of the Council membership, must be present. The meeting dates of the new year are set at the last meeting of the previous year. Any additional meeting dates are scheduled as required.



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II. **School Library System Communication Coordinators**

A. Communication Coordinators/Liaisons Selection

1. Communication Coordinators representing public school districts shall be appointed by the district superintendent. Appointees must be certified school library media specialists.
2. For nonpublic school members, the staff person responsible for library services shall be the SLS liaison appointed by the independent school building administrator.

B. Communication Coordinators/Liaisons Meetings

The Erie 1 BOCES School Library System Communication Coordinators/Liaisons will meet four times each year. The first meeting of the new year is set at the last meeting of the previous year. Any additional meeting dates are scheduled as required.

C. Communication Coordinators/Liaisons Role

1. Communication Coordinator/liaisons will be active two-way communicators, providing information from the SLS to the districts and school well as bring valuable feedback from the districts and school to the SLS.
2. Communication Coordinator/liaisons gather the necessary data needed for continuous Council action in shaping the SLS to meet current and future needs of the membership.
3. Communication Coordinator/liaisons work cooperatively with the SLS to forge partnerships with districts/schools administrators and other educational groups.

III. **Saving Clause**

These By-Laws are not intended to interfere with or supersede any state education department regulation, Commissioner's Regulation, BOCES Board of Education Policy or local education agency policy.

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