

## ..Member Boards

### Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES

Brookfield Central  
Clinton Central  
Holland Patent Central  
New Hartford Central  
New York Mills Union Free  
Oriskany Central  
Remsen Central  
Sauquoit Valley Central  
Utica City Schools  
Waterville Central  
Westmoreland Central  
Whitesboro Central

### Madison-Oneida BOCES

Canastota Central  
Hamilton Central  
Madison Central  
Morrisville-Eaton Central  
New York State School for the  
Deaf Oneida City Schools  
Rome City Schools  
Stockbridge Valley Central  
Vernon-Verona-Sherrill Central

### Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton- Otsego BOCES

Central Valley Central  
Dolgeville Central  
Frankfort-Schuyler Central  
Herkimer Central  
Little Falls City Schools  
Mount Markham Central  
Owen D. Young Central  
Poland Central  
Richfield Springs Central  
West Canada Valley

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## OMH-SBI Information and 2023-24 Calendar of Major Events

(Other workshops and training activities are scheduled on our calendar which is on our website, [www.omhsbi.org](http://www.omhsbi.org) and available from your local BOE Clerk)

Date	Function	Location
September 21, 2023	Electric Bus: Pros and Cons	OHM
October 26-28, 2023	NYSBBA Convention	Buffalo
November 9, 2023	State Aid Considerations for 2023-2024 and Beyond	OHM
December 18, 2023	Fiscal Planning for 2024-25 Budget & Advocacy Initiatives	ZOOM
January 25, 2024	Legislative Forum-NYS Assembly & Representatives	OHM
February 28, 2024	BOE Clerk Legal Update	OHM
March 20, 2024	School & Community Program Showcase of Component Districts from the Madison BOCES Region	Madison BOCES
March 19, 2024	How to Become a School BOE Candidate & What You Need to Know	ZOOM
May 9, 2024	Student Achievement Award & Distinguished Award Celebration	Twin Ponds

## General Membership, Board Development & Training Workshops

Sept. 11, Dec. 4, Mar. 4, & June 3 Executive Committee

Detailed program descriptions and registration forms are sent to all members and District Clerks approximately 4 weeks prior to the above programs.



## ***Oneida-Madison-Herkimer Counties School Boards Institute History***

- The OMH – SBI is an outgrowth of the Tri-County School Board Association. The Tri-County was formed in 1960 to promote interaction and cooperation among member school boards on matters involving public education. The aim of this association is to support and service the 35 school districts within the Association's geographical area. Over the years this aim has expanded in response to the changing needs of Board members. In 2005 in an effort to move forward in a cost efficient manner a BOCES Co-Ser was established with the Herkimer BOCES. This Co-Ser allows a variety of programs that are educational and informational in nature to receive BOCES aid at each member schools respective aid ratio.
- While the governing structure has changed, the mission of both the Tri-County School Board Association and the Oneida-Madison-Herkimer Counties School Boards Institute remains the same. The OMH-SBI continues to look to the future and to promote its concern for putting "Children First" and to serve and support the membership by providing informative opportunities to learn, network and share success.

## ***Oneida-Madison-Herkimer Counties School Board Institute Mission and Goals***

### **Mission Statement:**

*To promote interaction and cooperation among member boards in the pursuit of excellence in the education of all children.*

### **Goals - The primary goals of the OMH-SBI are:**

- Advocacy
- Communication among our members and member schools
- Education for School Board members

The OMH-SBI achieves its mission and goals by the active participation of member schools in the various programs and committees offered by the OMH-SBI.

### ***OMH – SBI Organization***

The General membership consists of the 32 individual school districts and 3 BOCES.

### **Committee:**

*The legislative, membership, and program committees are made up of volunteer board members from member schools. All board members need to do is contact any OMH-SBI officer, executive member, coordinator for board training or OMH-SBI support and let them know they are interested in serving on one or more committees.*

### ***Executive Committee -*** The OMH-SBI

Executive Committee is a critical piece of the governing structure. The Executive Committee is comprised of 35 members, one representative from each member board. Districts are asked to name their SBI Executive Committee member and an alternate at their July reorganization meeting. The Executive Committee is active in a variety of roles and is pivotal in achieving the goals of Advocacy, Communication and Education. This group meets in September, December, March and June. Occasionally there are program presentations featuring students and staff from member schools.

***Legislative Committee*** - This committee is active in keeping member schools abreast of the ever changing dynamics in Albany and Washington D.C. They work closely with other groups to advocate for our school communities with state and federal legislators.

***Membership Committee*** - This committee reaches out and connects with members through a variety of activities and initiatives.

***Program Committee*** - This committee works with the Executive Committee to develop programs to educate and communicate with Board members.

### ***OMH- SBI Officers and governing body***

Officers are nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the Executive Committee on an annual basis. Current offices are:

**President,**

**First Vice President,**

**Second Vice President**

***Coordinator for Board Training*** - Upon the recommendation of the officers and committee chairs, this position is an annual appointment by the Herkimer BOCES. The Coordinator for Board Training works with the Officers and Executive Committee in the coordination and delivery of all OMH-SBI programs.

***Committee Chairs*** – Meet monthly with the Officers and Coordinator for Board Training, and quarterly with the Executive Committee. They implement committee programs, activities and strategies as developed.

**General Membership/Board Development programs are open to all school board members and school administrators.**

### ***OMH- SBI Services***

In addition to the above programs the OMH-SBI can also provide customized services to member districts as requested. Customized programs can be arranged by contacting any officer or the Coordinator for Board Training. Contact information is located on the front of this brochure.