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***WAYNE-FINGER LAKES BOCES EDUCATORS’ASSOCIATION***

**LOCAL 06-200**

December 22nd ,2024

Dear Fellow Union Members,

First, I like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope that all of you can enjoy some time with your family and at the same time some free time for yourself, as we all need to take a breather from our stressful daily jobs that we do every day. We all think about our students in helping them succeed for the future, but we don’t think about ourselves.

Second, this year, as I mentioned above it has been a very busy and stressful beginning of the school year. As union president it is my job to make sure that our local bylaws are followed. Unfortunately, I missed the deadline for the announcement for our local RA Delegates for this upcoming RA Conference that will be held Rochester, NY. As a local we were to have the announcement sent out back in September before the Fall meeting in October.

I am having this letter sent to all active members that can be nominated for this positions. With the nomination form enclosed.

All completed nomination forms should be returned to our Executive Secretary Susan Morse on or before January 17th, 2025 subject: ***RA***

Those members who are nominated will be contacted by the Executive Secretary to verify their acceptance of the nomination. Those members nominated will have an opportunity to write a brief bio. The bios must be in to the Executive Secretary within one week from the day the secretary contacts them.

The Executive Secretary will present the names and available bios of members nominated for the delegate positions to the Executive Council Officers and the information will also be made available to all general members of the association. Building/cluster reps will then conduct a secret ballot vote. Secret ballots will be distributed to each active member within building/cluster. The Building/Cluster rep will collect each completed ballot and give them to an Executive Council member that volunteered to tally the ballots. The secret ballots and results will be announced to all members and the results will be saved on file for at least two years after the election. In the event of a tie that impacts the election results, the Executive Council will vote among affected candidates to finalize determination of delegates. This will all take place before our February 12th Executive Council meeting.

**Duties of NYSUT Representative Assembly/American Federation of Teachers Delegate (RA/AFT):**

**1. Attend all NYSUT ED #6 meetings.**

**2. Attend business meetings at the NYSUT RA/AFT Conventions.**

**3. Provide a written and verbal report to the Executive council regarding information learned at the NYSUT RA/AFT Conventions and all NYSUT ED #6 meetings.**

Third, I am looking for an Audit committee: Our local needs to perform an internal financial review. The committee shall comprise of three to five general members who are not a part of the Executive Council Committee of the local. This audit will be done during the school day at the union office in Newark, with the presentence of the executive treasurer and union president. Any member who volunteers for this committee will be able to fill out a union presidents release form, so they will be paid for the time out of their room. Please send an email to me if interested no later than January 10 th , 2025. Jimbuck.wflbea@gmail.com subject: ***Audit***

Fourth, it has been 4 years, and the time has come again, that we as a local need to come together from our general members of our local, a committee to help with the revisions or amendments of our Association’s Constitution and Bylaws. We need to come together by March 10th, 2025. If you are interested, please contact me jimbuck.wflbea@gmail.com subject: ***Bylaws***.

One more point that I need to bring up, is that as a local we are always posting information on the local website, such as seminars, different meetings, information from NYSUT, current events and meeting dates. Please don’t miss out on the important information. Our local website is [www.wflbea.org](http://www.wflbea.org) and the protected password is ***union.***

Lastly, I want to thank all of you for your time and patients as we all work through a very tough year so far, and I hope that the new year brings in new and hopeful insight to our everyday jobs and that some people won’t take us for granted and appreciate us as educators and what we go through each and every day. I know as educators, we are not in it for the pay but for the future of our students, and again I want to thank you for your dedication to your profession. All of you are Awesome.

In Solidarity,

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