The Madison-Oneida BOCES Board of Education appointed Scott A. Budelmann as its new District Superintendent and Chief Executive Officer at its January 8 meeting. Mr. Budelmann will assume his new role on March 1.

MOBOCES Board President Dr. John J. Costello, Sr., said the board was impressed with Mr. Budelmann’s knowledge, skills and leadership abilities.

“In reviewing all the candidates, the board looked for a new leader who would continue to advance the exceptional work and leadership of this BOCES in providing quality programs and services to our component districts, and we believe Mr. Budelmann is the right person to do that,” Dr. Costello said. “He has the experience and vision to help move our organization forward and enhance opportunities for students and districts in our region.”

Mr. Budelmann is currently the Deputy Superintendent of MOBOCES. For eight years prior to that, he served as Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services at MOBOCES, overseeing financial, legal, policy, technology, facilities, human resources and a variety of other departments and services in addition to advising the District Superintendent in a variety of matters. Before becoming Assistant Superintendent, he served as a School Attorney and Labor Relations Specialist at MOBOCES for 10 years, including five years as the Coordinator of his department.

Before joining MOBOCES in 2001, Mr. Budelmann served as a Labor Law Attorney and Union Representative with SEIU Local 200 in Syracuse, as a Business Law Adjunct Instructor at SUNY Potsdam, as an Assistant Public Defender for St. Lawrence County, and a variety of other legal and community service roles, including Disability and Poverty Law Attorney and Homeless Task Force Coordinator. Prior to becoming a lawyer, he worked as a mental health advocate, teaching assistant and employment specialist for people with mental and physical disabilities.

Mr. Budelmann holds School District Leader and School District Business Leader certifications from the NYS Education Department. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Indiana University Bloomington, his law degree from SUNY Buffalo, and certificates of advanced study from SUNY Cortland (School District Business Leader) and Niagara University (School District Leader).

“I am honored to have been selected as the next District Superintendent of the Madison-Oneida BOCES. As a graduate of a rural high school, a long-time public servant, and an 18-year veteran of this organization, I look forward to working with local school boards, school superintendents, government leaders and community partners to expand opportunities for all of our learners,” Mr. Budelmann said. “The Madison-Oneida region has long committed itself to educational excellence, and I am proud and humbled by the opportunity to continue its outstanding work.”

The Board’s announcement concludes a six-month search process that included multiple stakeholder meetings and a thorough screening of qualified candidates. The Board conducted its search under the guidance of Jefferson-Lewis BOCES District Superintendent Steve Todd following Jacklin Starks’ retirement announcement in May 2019.

Per state regulations, the Board advanced two semifinalists to the NYS Interim Commissioner of Education for her consideration before selecting Mr. Budelmann for the position.
Welcome, New Staff

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DID YOU KNOW MOBOCES HAS A MOBILE APP!

It’s an easy way to access some of our most popular web pages and connect with us on social media.

Download it for free from the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

Mileage Reimbursement Rate To Change

REIMBURSEMENT RATE  
57.5 CENTS

The standard business mileage reimbursement rate changed to 57.5 cents on January 1, 2020. Any mileage incurred for business purposes after January 1 will be reimbursed according to this new rate. A form with the new rate will be available on the BOCES website.

Likewise, the IRS rate for medical purposes will change to 17 cents per mile on January 1. Please use this new rate for mileage reimbursement through the Flex Plan.

Staff are encouraged to use electronic forms to submit mileage reimbursement requests, if they are not doing so already. Completing the form electronically alleviates mathematical errors and “legibility” issues. As always, expense vouchers must be received by the business office within 90 days of occurrence, or by June 30, whichever comes first.

Free “Pension & Retirement Education Program” (P.R.E.P.) for NYS Teachers’ Retirement System Members

If you are a member of the N.Y.S. Teachers’ Retirement System, and plan on retiring in the near future, this free program may be of interest you.

Winter-Spring 2020 schedule of dates and locations for their “Pension & Retirement Education Program” (P.R.E.P).

Holiday Inn Syracuse-Liverpool:
Friday, Feb. 21st, Saturday, March 14th or Thursday, April 16th

Burrstone Inn-New Hartford:
Tuesday, March 3rd

The program runs from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with check in beginning at 8 a.m.

Advance reservations are required and seating is limited. Click on the link below for directions on how to register, additional seminar info, dates and locations.

http://www.nystrs.org/Retirement-Planning/Pension-Retirement-Education-Program
GRANT NEWS

Music Grant

Music Teacher, Jack Chesebro (center in hat) received a grant to help enhance the school’s music program by purchasing additional instructional materials.

The $150 grant from Kappa Delta Pi, the international education honor society, is the first award the MOBOCES music program has received since it was launched in 2016. Jack worked on the grant with MOBOCES Grant Writer, Lisa Seitz.

The grant money will help purchase method books for instrumental lessons, sheet music and other material to expand the music literature available to Chesebro’s students. He currently offers both general music classes and lessons on the piano, guitar, recorder and percussion instruments. This year, two of Chesebro’s students performed piano solos at a program-wide holiday breakfast before the December break.

MOBOCES began offering music in its Alternative and Special Education on-campus programs as an additional avenue for students to explore creativity and the arts, to develop valuable social-emotional and life skills, and to form relationships with others who have similar musical interests.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Staff Serve up Thanksgiving Feast for students

MOBOCES staff continued their annual tradition of cooking and serving a Thanksgiving feast to students on November 26th. Staff and students both made their way through the buffet line and then ate together at tables set up in the program’s common space. A huge thanks to our cafeteria staff who helped with some of the food preparations.

L to R: Gina Calabro, Aquilino Kolacz and Carrie Scalzo

The crew from Alternative and Special Education and Management Services
IMPORTANT DATES

BOE Meetings
February 6, 2020
March 5, 2020
April 2, 2020

Presidents' Day
February 17

Mid-Winter Break
February 17-21
Schools Closed

Superintendents’ Conference Day
March 20
Schools Closed

Annual Meeting
April 1

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MOBOCES staff get into the holiday spirit with the popular ugly sweater contest.

After a devastating fire on Jan. 7th destroyed a part of mainstreet in downtown Boonville, PR Specialist, Nicole Pitt (left) is helping her hometown. Pitt, also a freelance videographer, submitted a video to HGTV’s show, “Home Town Makeover” hoping they will select Boonville! Keep your fingers crossed!

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**CTE STAFF COOK-OFF**

CTE faculty hosted their 2nd annual “Staff Cook-Off” on January 22. Cooks brought their best in 3 categories: chili/soup, mac & cheese, and dessert. Judges bore the burden of tasting and rating everything before the spread was opened up to the full division for lunch.

Winners Heather Still, Tom Parlato and Nancy Pitman took home bragging rights and special trophies created right here on campus by our Foundations, Manufacturing Tech, Auto Collision and Graphic Design teachers!

The cook-off is an initiative of the CTE division’s Wellness PLC, a team of staff members who create opportunities to increase staff wellness and camaraderie.

The Cooks left to right: David Phillips, Rick Szmurlo, Heather Still, Ryan Tabolt, Rachel Helmer, Roy Cooper, Anna LaBella, Tom Parlato, Kathryn Allen, Elaine Farruggia, Nancy Pitman and Sebrena Fromey.

**KUDOS TO ADULT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION STAFF!**

Adult and CE Education has two new grandbabies born in October: Sr. Account Clerk: Doreen Kotwica is a first time grandmother! Grandson Grayson was born October 13th and Director, Kathleen Rinaldo welcomed Granddaughter #3, Hazel Noelle on October 12th.

Rachel Burleigh was appointed Business and Community Education Coordinator on November 1st.

Brenda Wolak, Sr. Coordinator, earned her Certified Marketing Professional credential through LERN, which is a national professional development organization for adult education.

**TAKE A CLASS THIS SPRING!**

The new BCCE Course Catalog is out!

Look for a printed catalog around campus or search for classes online at www.moboces.org.

Adult and Continuing Education programs include:

* Culinary Art Classes
* Dance and Fitness
* Home and Hobbies
* Music
* Conversational Language and more!
**HEALTH AND WELLNESS NEWS**

Did you know that there are resources available to staff by visiting the MOBOCES Health and Wellness website? [https://www.moboces.org/for_staff/health_wellness](https://www.moboces.org/for_staff/health_wellness)

Learn about:
* Healthy Recipes
* Helpful links
* Discount Deals
* Health and Wellness newsletter and more!

A reminder to staff that flu cases in Oneida County are still on the rise. Check out the chart from the CDC (at the right) on signs and symptoms of the flu.

Members of the Health and Wellness committee at MOBOCES:
Brenda Wolak
Lisa Seitz
Brenda Egelston
Tammy Ebersold
Jack Angrisano
Kristin Guinto
Lisa Lee
Cheri Schmalz

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