

Telling WASB's Story

2017 WASB President **Terry McCloskey** looks back at WASB's successful year

When he began his term as 2017 WASB President, Capt. Terry McCloskey of the Three Lakes School Board, called on Wisconsin school board members to "Tell Our Story." At this year's State Education Convention, McCloskey, wrapped up his term as WASB President by telling the WASB's story from the past year.

There were many successes. Advocacy efforts led by the WASB in early 2017 helped shape federal and state policy. In March, Gov. Scott Walker presented his 2017-19 education budget at a press conference at Waukesha South High School. WASB Executive Director John Ashley, McCloskey and WASB immediate past president Stu Olson were among those who helped the governor introduce the education budget.

As the state budget took shape, advocacy efforts continued through the summer and fall. Wisconsin school leaders used a new tool from the WASB called Voter Voice, which allows school leaders to easily contact lawmakers and be a voice for public education.

In November, the state budget was signed by the governor.

"It was a budget favoring Wisconsin education," McCloskey said. "We did not win everything, but we did well."

Overall, McCloskey said he is proud of the WASB's advocacy efforts.

"Lobbying is hard to assess," he said. "Words matter and often a small change in a good bill makes it better and a word added or subtracted from a bad bill can help to make it better. WASB is proud of our lobbying work in 2017."

As WASB members continue their advocacy efforts this year, McCloskey called attention to two items impacting education. The first is the formation of a statewide response to "No Time to Lose," a report from the National Conference of State Legislatures. The second is to implement strategies for Wisconsin's responses to the Every



Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

In closing, McCloskey thanked his wife Mary Ann for her support and his fellow school board members.

"Thank you to my Three Lakes School Board who always gave me their great support," he said. "I also want to thank the WASB Board of Directors for their wisdom and support over the last year. And lastly, I want to thank the staff of WASB for their tireless work in support of all Wisconsin districts." ■



Rozmenoski to Lead WASB in 2018

Mary Jo Rozmenoski was elected by the WASB Board of Directors as the 2018 WASB president. Rozmenoski (pictured with 2017 President Capt. Terry McCloskey) is president of the Black River Falls School Board and has been a WASB Director since 2014.

Joining Rozmenoski in leading the WASB is Brett Hyde, a school board member in the Muskego-Norway School District. Hyde was elected 1st vice president. Bill Yingst, Sr., a member of the Durand-Arkansaw school board, will serve as 2nd vice president. Rozmenoski will serve a one-year term as WASB president.

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