



This Week At ECASB ...

Important news from this past week and news for the upcoming week.

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THANK YOU TO THE BOARD MEMBERS WHO DONATED GIFT BASKETS FOR THE ANNUAL ECASB BASKET RAFFLE. PROCEEDS ARE USED FOR THE LORIE SABO ADVOCACY FUND TO SEND ECASB MEMBERS TO ALBANY/WASHINGTON D.C. I left the Williamsville School Board off of the list that was sent last week:

Basket Donated by:

Williamsville School Board

Theme:

Bills Themed Basket

Winner/District:

Wendy Limardi - Cleveland Hill
UFSD (District Clerk)

ECASB OFFICE IS CLOSED FRIDAY, JUNE 21: Due to vacation time.

LAST CALL - ECASB BLACK T-SHIRTS: Please let us know by Friday June 21st if you would like one of the remaining ECASB black T-Shirts. The T-Shirts have district logos (Not including Holland CSD). Logos are not the updated logos. We have the following sizes available: 17 Small; 1 XL; 2 XXL; and 19 XXXL. We can send the shirts to you via interschool mail.

2024-2025 SPONSORS: We started sending out sponsorship information. We are pleased to announce the law firm of Bond, Schoeneck and King PLLC has agreed to sign on as a Platinum Level Sponsor.

BOARD AND BREWS: Board N' Brews information has been sent out. Program is July 11th. Deadline to register is July 3rd. The program is open to all ECASB Members. There is no cost to attend the program. All ECASB members will be provided two free drink tickets. Program is from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. A buffet and ice cream bar will be served. Program is open to spouse/significant other/guest. All attendees need to register directly with ECASB NOT THEIR District Clerk. If you have not called us or emailed us yet, please do so sooner rather than later as we will need to contact the Hamburg Brew Pub and determine the menu and the amount of food needed for the event.

ECASB EXECUTIVE BOARD RETREAT MEETING WILL BE HELD THURSDAY JUNE 27TH. The final meeting of the 2023-2024 ECASB Program Year will be an Executive Board retreat. If you have any concerns and issues that you would like to have addressed, please reach out to the 2023-2024 Executive Board Members. Executive Board Members include President Denise McCowan (Cheektowaga-Sloan UFSD); Vice President James McDermott (Maryvale UFSD); Treasurer Patrick Boyle (Frontier CSD); At-Large Members: Erik Polkowski (Akron CSD), Lorry Goldhawk (Amherst CSD), Kimberly Bukaty (Lackawanna City SD), Dwight Eagan (Erie 2 CC BOCES), and Mary Jo Szucs (Holland CSD); NYSSBA Area 1 Rep: Linda Hoffman/Dave Lowrey; Buffalo Representative: Terrance Heard; and Immediate Past President, Renee Wilson (Cheektowaga-Erie 1 BOCES).

ECASB EXECUTIVE BOARD RETREAT: The retreat is for 2023-2024 Executive Board Members. Meeting is 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. A light dinner will be served. An agenda will be sent to Board Members on Monday.

ROCKEFELLER INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES FOUNDATION AID HEARINGS: The Rockefeller Institute of

Government will hold a series of public hearings as part of the Foundation Aid Study.

July 16th - New York City
July 25th - Buffalo
July 30th - Farmingdale (Long Island)
August 8th - Laurens (Otesaga County)
August 14th - Guilderland (Albany County)

Comment sessions are open to the public. People can submit written comments or apply to speak ahead of time.

DISTRICTS WITH NEW LOGOS: There are a few districts that now have new logos. ECASB would request a copy of the logo so that we can update our files and records. Additionally, ECASB will be re-printing ECASB T-Shirts in the fall of the year with new logos. If any Board Members would like to have ECASB T-shirts with old logos, we still have shirts available in both black and blue in sizes ranging from small to xxx-large. We can send you the t-shirt via interschool mail. Thank you to those districts that have sent the new logo.

NYSSBA MEMBERSHIP SURVEY: June 3rd, NYSSBA sent out a survey to all ECASB members. Please take the time to fill out the survey and provide NYSSBA with valuable information on how best to serve NYSSBA members.

A PACKET HAS BEEN SENT TO ALL NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS TO GATHER INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD CONNECTION: The Board Connection features information on all new school Board Members that we share with our membership. The Board Connection typically will start mid July. Please encourage all new Board Members to return their information in the self addressed postage paid envelope. If we do not feature a New Board Member, it is because the Board member failed to return the information sheets.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE NYSSBA EVERETT R. DYER AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL BOARD SERVICE AWARD: Is due by June 21, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Check out the NYSSBA website for details.

ECASB SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION: Has been revised and will be sent out over the next two weeks. If you know of a business that may be interested in becoming a sponsor of ECASB, there are several levels available. This year we will have a Diamond Level that is available to one business or entity. The Platinum Level will be expanded from 3 sponsors to 5 sponsors. Gold Level and Silver Level Sponsors are not limited as to the businesses that can sign up. Please let us know the name of the business and a contact person that we can send Sponsorship Information to. The increase in the sponsorship revenue has allowed ECASB to maintain dues at the same level for the last 10 years as well as not charge for programs (ie... Speed Boarding programs) where a meal is not served.

WE SAY GOOD BYE TO THE FOLLOWING ASSOCIATE MEMBERS WHO WILL NOT BE RETURNING NEXT YEAR: From Pioneer CSD: Darla Schwab, Denise Urbino and Eric Slocum. From Starpoint CSD: Michelle Leuer and Gregory Brehm. We thank them for their service to their Board of Education and their community and we wish them well in retirement from Board of Education Service.

NYSSBA RESOLUTIONS AND PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENTS ARE DUE JULY 12, 2024 BY 5:00 P.M. Resolutions Committee will meet in August. The local representative serving is Leslie Tobin, President of the Lockport City School District.

NEWLY ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS MAY NOT BE RECEIVING COMMUNICATIONS FROM ECASB: Please note that ECASB communications are not being sent to many of the newly elected School Board Members because many of the newly elected Board Members do not have their district email account established yet. Please feel free to forward any and all appropriate communications to newly elected School Board Members.

I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE POINEER CSD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING. On Tuesday night Program Services Manager Jane Sullivan and I traveled to Pioneer to attend their Board of Education meeting. The Pioneer CSD is an Associate Member of ECASB. A very small portion of the Pioneer District falls within Erie County. We were able to sit with newly elected Board of Education

Member Jim Fleischman who will be sworn in as a new Pioneer CSD Board Member at the July Re-Organization meeting. Jim attended both the ECASB Governance Training and the ECASB Fiscal Oversight Responsibility Training. The Board Room was comfortably air-conditioned on one of the hottest nights we have had so far this summer. The high school setting is one of the nicest settings. I can't wait to attend a Friday Night football game at Pioneer High School this fall. Thank you to Board President Melissa Nocera-Collins, Vice President Shawn Hannon, Board Members: Darla Schwab, Denise Urbino, Wendy Warner Burch, Mark Kless, Brandon Pyc, and Eric Slocum. Special thank you to District Clerk Carrie Bartoszek (who has attended many ECASB District Clerk trainings), and Special thank you to Superintendent Nicholas Silvaroli.

THE WESTERN NEW YORK LAW CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM HAS BEEN SENT OUT: The program will be held on Wednesday, August 7th. The event will take place at Salvatore's on Transit Road. Deadline to register for the workshop will be July 30th. The information flyer will be sent out shortly. We are confirming a few minor details regarding speakers for individual sessions. Please note that the key note speaker will be NYSSBA Sr. Staff Counsel Jeffrey Mongelli, Esq.. Following his Year in Review address, Jeffrey will take part in a conversation with SED Counsel Daniel Morton Bentley on several New York State Education Department initiatives.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: (Upcoming ECASB Events).

- June 27th - ECASB Executive Board Retreat
- July 11th - ECASB Boards and Brews

SPONSOR WORKSHOPS:

- ***Harris Beach PLLC***
- June 27th - Workplace Leave Laws webinar 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

POLITICAL FUNDRAISERS:

None Listed

NYSSBA'S PROGRAMS:

- July 18th - NYSSBA Summer Law Conference in Albany
- July 19th - 20th NYSSBA's Leadership in Education Event
- NYSSBA Summer Law Conference
(In Person)
 - July 18th - Albany at the Crown Plaza / Desmond Hotel
 - July 23rd - Long Island at the Hilton Long Island-Huntington(Live Virtual)
 - July 25th and July 26th

RURAL SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE:

- July 14th-16th - Summer Conference @ Lake Placid, New York

NSBA'S (NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION) PROGRAMS:

- 2025 National School Boards Conference will be in Atlanta, Georgia April 4th-6th.

AFFILIATE NEWS AND INFORMATION:

- **ERIE NIAGARA SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S ASSOCIATION:** Achieving the Joy and Mastery of Learning podcast listing. [CLICK HERE](#)

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: *Inquiring School Board Members want to know... "What handbooks are generally provided to ECASB members ?" Answer: ECASB will provide all ECASB members with the ECASB Membership Directory that has the name and contact of all of the ECASB members. The Member Directory is a great way for new school board members to reconnect with other new board*

members who they went through Governance Training and Fiscal Oversight Responsibility Training together. It is a great way for Board Presidents to connect with one another, and it is a great way to connect with Board Members after attending an ECASB event or ECASB meeting and follow up on ideas that they may have shared. ECASB in December will send out the Facts and Figures Directory, and the Legislative Committee will put together a Legislative Handbook that will have very valuable information for those Board Members that choose to contact with local legislators. Additionally, right before the Re-Organization meetings, ECASB will send out the job descriptions for all ECASB committees that Boards of Education will be assigning members to.

NYSSBA AREA 1 DIRECTOR NEWS AND NOTES:

- **Consider signing up for the Leadership in Education to be held in Albany at the Crowne Plaza Albany on July 19th and 20th. Why? Because EVERY district will be put to the test in the coming year. Will your school district be prepared?**

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