



This Week At ECASB ...

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

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FISCAL OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITY TRAINING WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 11TH AND JUNE 15TH.

Registration information has been sent out. Deadline to register was Thursday June 6th. All participants should be registered at this point. Completing their training this coming week at ECASB will be Andy Malburg, Alden CSD; Dylan Runge, Cassadaga Valley; Lisa Sekuterski, Cheektowaga CSD; Jennifer Gregg, Cheektowaga-Sloan UFSD; Cindy Magera, Clarence CSD; David Ceccarelli and Sharon Heppner, Frontier CSD; Susan Bettker and Crista Monat, Gowanda CSD; Ashley Rapsinski and Mary Odden, Hamburg CSD; Fred Floss, Ken Ton UFSD; Corrie Murray and Rachael Maziar, Newfane CSD; Ty Romanello, Orchard Park CSD; Dr. Bruce Fraser, Orleans-Niagara BOCES; Raymond Hadley, Pine Valley; Jim Fleischman, Pioneer CSD; Josh Gesing, Southwestern CSD; Marisa Keleman, Tonawanda CSD; Jeremy Maloney, West Seneca CSD; and Dawn Fletch, Williamsville CSD. Thank you to Business Administrator from Lewiston Porter CSD Donna Hill, Mary Young and Seth Hennard from Lumsden and McCormick, and Wayne Drescher from Erie 1 BOCES and Shared Business Manager with Cheektowaga-Sloan UFSD.

ECASB OFFICE IS CLOSED FRIDAY, JUNE 7TH: Due to vacation and recovery from ECASB Annual Dinner and Meeting. We will return to the office on Monday, June 10th.

BOARD AND BREWS INFORMATION HAS BEEN SENT OUT: 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 spouses/significant others/guest. All attendees need to register directly with ECASB NOT THEIR District Clerk.

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/Cindi McEachon; and Immediate Past President, Renee Wilson (Cheektowaga-Erie 1 BOCES).

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 reprinting 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.

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.

NEW BOOKS IN THE ECASB LIBRARY: The following books are available on loan. Let us know which books you would like and we can send out interschool mail.

- Trust and Inspire by Stephen M.R. Covey
- Our Common Bonds by Matthew Levendusky
- Cultivating a Classroom of Calm by Meredith McNerny
- Great on Their Behalf by Airick Journey Crabill (This book was recently used in a book study by the Buffalo Public School Board of Education)

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.

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.

THE ECASB SPLIT CLUB HELD AT THE ANNUAL DINNER WAS WON BY _____. The Split Club was worth \$.

LIST OF DISTRICTS THAT DONATED BASKETS FOR THE ANNUAL BASKET RAFFLE AND THE WINNERS OF THE BASKETS WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEKS This Week at ECASB.

PLATINUM LEVEL SPONSORS EACH PROVIDED \$100 GIFT CARDS TO WEGMAN'S; GOLD LEVEL SPONSORS EACH PROVIDED \$50 MACY'S GIFT CARDS. Winners of the door prize at the annual dinner included: \$100 Gift Cards - Sharon Belton Cottman (Buffalo PS); Zach Smith (Cheektowaga Sloan USFD); and Sherry Steffans (Grand Island CSD). \$50 Macy's Gift Cards were won by Anita Ray (Erie 2 CC BOCES); Ed Cavan (Erie 1 BOCES); Dr. Kathy Evans Brown (Buffalo PS); Sylvester Cleary (Erie 2 CC BOCES); and Julie McNeil (Cleveland Hill USFD) and Dr. Bonnie Vest (Cleveland Hill USFD).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: (Upcoming ECASB Events).

- June 11th/15th - Fiscal Oversight Responsibility Training

SPONSOR WORKSHOPS:

- *Harris Beach PLLC*
 - June 22nd - Practical Employee Considerations in Managing Your Workforce
 - 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

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 March 29th - 31st.

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... "At the July School Board Re-Organizations, what appointments need/should be made for ECASB/NYSSBA?" Answer: The following appointments should be made as soon as possible so that both organizations can continue to reorganize during the summer months so they are ready to function in the fall of the year.*

- Representative and Alternate to the Delegate Assembly
- Representative and Alternate to the Budget and Finance Committee
- Representative and Alternate to the Legislative Committee
- Voting Delegate for the NYSSBA Annual Business Meeting

(Additionally, if there are members that are willing to serve on the following ECASB Committees, that information should be passed along to the ECASB and can be discussed at the Re-Org Meetings)

- *WNED/PBS - Education Committee (generally 3-4 meetings per year mid afternoon held in person at WNED studios or virtually)*
 - *BPO Education Committee (generally 3-4 meetings per year late afternoon held at BPO offices or virtually)*
 - *ECASB Awards Committee - meets usually 2 times late afternoon/early evening*
 - *ECASB Nominating Committee - meets usually 1 time (can be virtual)*
 - *ECASB Financial Advisory Committee - meets once virtually with the auditor to review the final report of the year.*
 - *Legislative Quick Response Team - List of Board Members that represent a variety of districts (usually 10 –12 that may be called upon by legislative staff to provide immediate feedback in response to proposed legislation).*
- * Additional ad-hoc committees can include By-Laws Committee, Communication Committee, Event and Planning Committee as well as others as needed.*

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?**
- **The NYSSBA Board of Directors will be holding a Directors Meeting on June 15th. If you have any items that you would like me to bring to the meeting, please send me an email or call me.**



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ECASB has a Road Rally Winners plaque in the office to recognize winners in the Annual Road Rally. The 2023 Best Time was awarded to the Amherst CSD. The 2023 Most Points was awarded to Clarence CSD. The Best Time for 2024 was won by the Cheektowaga-Sloan UFSD. The City of Tonawanda School District was the winner of the Most Points for 2024. To all ECASB members, you have a little less than a year to plan your Road Rally strategy. The first year, we visited the Buffalo Public School District. The second year we toured the Ken Ton UFSD. What district will the Road Rally take us to in April 2025.



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