



ECASB Summer Update July 12, 2024

ECASB SWITCHES FROM THIS WEEK AT ECASB TO ECASB Summer Update: During the summer months, ECASB will switch to the Summer Newsletter. The format is a little less formal and may not be distributed on a consistent weekly basis as we deal with vacation schedules and less school news.

ECASB EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TRAVELS: I will be attending the Rural Schools Association Summer Convention in Lake Placid on Sunday July 14th - Tuesday, July 16th. I will return to the office on Wednesday July 17th. You can always reach out to me on my cell phone at (716) 867-3531.

NYSSBA RESOLUTIONS ARE DUE JULY 12TH AT 5:00 P.M.

CHEEKTOWAGA CSD BOARD MEMBER DERRICK WARBURTON: Is the recipient of this week's "It's a Cool Summer at ECASB". He will receive his prize interschool mail. His name is entered into the final drawing which will be given at the Back To School Dinner on August 22nd. There is nothing to do for "It's a Cool Summer at ECASB". All ECASB members names are entered into weekly drawing. His prize will be sent via interschool mail.

NO ENTRIES IN ECASB'S SUMMER CHALLENGE YET: There is still plenty of summer left to have your picture taken in your ECASB T-Shirt. Submit your pictures whether it is at the NYSSBA Leadership Event, Rural Schools Event, a Board Retreat, the Eden Corn Festival, The Taste of Buffalo, the Erie County Fair, The Queen of Heaven Carnival, or on the many Garden Walks in Erie County.

BOARDS AND BREWS: There were just shy of 100 participants registered for the annual event. Pictures will be sent in the coming week. As always, we recognize Superintendents and District Clerks that attend ECASB events. Thank you to Akron Superintendent Andrea Kersten, Ken Ton Superintendent Sabatino Cimato and West Seneca Superintendent Dr. Lisa Krueger for taking the time to spend with their Board Members attending the event. Special Thank You to District Clerks Wendy Limardi (Cleveland Hill), Nancy Potter (Erie 1 BOCES), Jessica Neischel (Depew UFSD), and Gina Santa Maria (Ken Ton UFSD) for taking time out of their busy schedules to enjoy the evening with their Board Members. Boards and Brews is a wonderful free event that helps to celebrate our kick off to a great school year. Thank you to Program Services Manager Jane Sullivan for her work in organizing the event. If you attended the event and have any comments to help improve the event, please let us know.

CONGRATULATIONS TO IROQUOIS CSD'S NEWEST BOARD MEMBER TODD AICHINGER: Who was the recipient of the Boards and Brews Door Prize. Todd won an ECASB throw, a bottle of ECASB red wine Board Retreat, a bottle of ECASB chardonnay Executive Session, supplies for smores, an ECASB candle, and a \$100 gift card to Wegmans.

THE WESTERN NEW YORK LAW CONFERENCE IS AUGUST 7TH: The annual event will take place at Salvatore's on Transit Road. NYSSBA Senior Legal Counsel Jeffrey Mongelli, Esq. is the key note speaker. People wishing to attend the event should register with the Western New York Education Service Council. Please register through your District Clerk.

SPONSOR UPDATES: The following additional businesses have signed on as ECASB Sponsors. Please continue to support ECASB sponsors.

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NEW BOARD MEMBER INFORMATION IS SLOWLY COMING IN: All new ECASB members were provided with a questionnaire so that we can feature them in Board Connections. Please encourage your newest Board Members to return the information sheets. Once we have our ECASB 2024-2025 update list, we will begin sending out Board Connections so that you can learn about our newest members.

ECASB DESK CALENDARS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE PRINTER: When we have them returned, we will send out to District Clerks for distribution. If you cannot attend a committee meeting, please email us or call us so that we can mark you as excused. This also helps us to know whether we will have a quorum present to conduct any business.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Michael Lauria who will become the new Superintendent at Depew UFSD.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WILLIAMSVILLE SUPERINTENDENT DR. DARREN J. BROWN-HALL: Who will be one of the Keynote speakers at the NYSCOSS Fall Leadership Conference September 23rd. His presentation entitled "You Gotta Have Hope...Creating Safe Superintendent Spaces" will focus on creating safe spaces to advance the Superintendency to make the profession alluring to a new generation of educators.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE ECASB AUGUST 22ND BACK TO SCHOOL DINNER: The dinner will feature a presentation from a team from Akron CSD on the Science of Reading. More details will follow in the coming months. The Back to School Dinner is open to ECASB members, as well as District Level administrators that may be an integral part of the reading program in a school district. Register through the District Clerk.

ECASB HAS ASKED DISTRICT CLERKS TO COMPILE A LIST OF THEIR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS THAT HAVE AT LEAST 20 YEARS OF SERVICE: and are entering their 21st year of service as well as those Board Members that have at least 25 years of service and will be entering their 26th year of service.

ANNUAL DUES INVOICES HAVE BEEN SENT TO DISTRICTS: The Annual Dues invoices have been sent to the District Clerks attention in all ECASB Member Districts. Dues have remained the same for 10 years now. There is no increase in dues this year either. Thank you to those districts that have sent in their payment.

GLITCH IN UPDATE LIST: Last week, I sent a few items to our email Update List. The list is comprised of Board of Education members from ECASB member districts, Superintendents, District Clerks and a few others. The emails were blocked because of the large number of recipients. We are trying to figure out why it has never happened in the past before, and why Executive Secretary Sue Summers could utilize the same list with success.

FOUNDATION AID: As the NYSSBA Area 1 Director, I will be making comments at the July 25th listening session that will take place in Buffalo. If you have any thoughts or ideas that you would like me to pass along, please email me with your thoughts and ideas.

NYSSBA LEADERSHIP IN EDUCATION EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT WEEK IN ALBANY: If you are attending the event and would like to take pictures and send them to me, I would be happy to put them into our ECASB Summer Update. I am unable to attend the event due to a family wedding taking place on Friday the 19th in Webster, New York. I wish all those ECASB members traveling to event, safe travels.

RE-ORGANIZATION MEETINGS: Once all the District Re-Organization events have been held, we will have lists created of all district Presidents, Vice Presidents and all of the Committee Members from each of the district. We will also have our newly created ECASB Update List complete with emails for all new Board Members. ... In the meantime, if you could continue to forward communication from ECASB to new Board Members, we would greatly appreciate. We hope to have the new "Update List" by next week. Our ECASB 2024-2025 Calendar of Events and Meetings is currently on our web page.