



This Week At ECASB ...

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

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LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST: There are currently 112 ECASB members registered for the Legislative Breakfast for November 16th. Registration table opens at 8:30 a.m., opening remarks at 9:00 a.m., breakfast will begin at 9:10 a.m. Reminder - Resurgence Brewing Company at 55 Chicago Street.

FALL SPEEDBOARDING NOVEMBER 21ST. Deadline to register for the ECASB Fall Speed Boarding, the last event of the year was yesterday November 14th. Check in and socialization is at 6:00 p.m., first program begins at 6:30 p.m.

PLANNING ON ATTENDING THE NYSSBA CAPITAL CONFERENCE IN ALBANY IN FEBRUARY? ECASB will be securing a block of rooms for those planning on attending. Watch for details.

SAD NEWS: Please keep Hamburg CSD Board Member David Yoviene in your thoughts and prayers. David Yoviene's father James passed away recently. Wake is Thursday, November 14th from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Hamburg Chappel 5453 Southwestern Boulevard. Mass of Christian Burial will be at SS Peter & Paul at 66 East Main Street Hamburg at 10:00 a.m.

SAD NEWS: Please keep Cheektowaga CSD Board Member Carol Kiripolsky in your thoughts and prayers. Carol's Mother Norma Weber passed away recently. She would have been 93 years of age on November 16th. November 16th - 9:30 a.m. - Showing of Support at The Tabernacle, 3210 Southwestern Blvd., Orchard Park NY 14127. Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m.

REMINDER: Memorial visitation for Lorry Goldhawk, Amherst CSD Board Members Father-In-Law, John Goldhawk is Friday, November 15th 4-7 p.m. at Perna, Dengler, Roberts Funeral Home 1671 Maple Road. Mass of Christian Burial from SS Peter and Paul Church 5480 Main Street, Williamsville at 11:00 a.m.

WE WELCOME JASON BAIER BACK TO THE MARYVALE UFSD. Jason has served on the Board and is filling a position that was recently vacated.

VISIT TO NORTH COLLINS CSD. I attended the North Collins CSD Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, November 12th. Thank you to Board President James Sager, Vice President Jennifer Pisa,

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Board Members Daniel Carl Brenner, Jessica Horton, Heather Puntillo, Aaron Renaldo, and Meghan Spicola. Special Thank you to Superintendent Scott Taylor and District Clerk Kathy Mason. I arrived early to the meeting and was provided with a quick tour of the 'Dome Greenhouse' that is being constructed behind the school. They already have a pond in the structure where there are plants growing and koi swimming in the pond. Carrots, radishes and other plants were beginning to sprout. Several different classes are taking advantage of the greenhouse.

A WALK DOWN THE HALL TO THE ERIE 1 BOCES BOARD MEETING: Attending this meeting does not require me to navigate traffic or go out in the cold....just walk down the hall and I am there. Thank you to Board President John Sherman, Vice President Ed Cavan, and Board Members Mary Busse, Mark Mecca, Janet McGregor-Plarr, and Renee Wilson. Special thanks to Superintendent Dr. Mike Capuana and District Clerk Nancy Potter. I was able to hear an update from Assistant Superintendent Anedda Trautman on all of the changes, improvements and growth taking place at Erie 1 BOCES. If you are a member of a component School Board and ever have the opportunity to visit a BOCES program or tour a building, please take advantage of the opportunity. Don't serve on a School Board for 1, 2, or 3 terms with never stepping into a BOCES and seeing what many of your own students are taking advantage of - you will be amazed.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING ECASB MEMBERS WHO WERE NAMED TO BUSINESS FIRST'S POWER 100 BUSINESS LEADERS OF COLOR: Buffalo Public School Superintendent Dr. Tonja Williams Knight, 8th Judicial District Board Of Regents member Regent Dr. Catherine Collins, and Lancaster CSD Board Member Glenn Jackson for his work as the Chief Diversity Officer at M&T Bank.

TOP CAREER TRADE SCHOOLS RANKED IN BUSINESS FIRST BASED ON THE NUMBER OF COURSES OFFERED INCLUDE: Erie 1 BOCES at number 11, and number 12 ranked BPS Adult Education Division.

RJMA GRANTS CONSULTING: Has sent a notice indicating that they are able to write grants for the USDA Farm to School initiative under the Patrick Leahy Farm to School Program. Robert J. Miller and Associates is one of the nation's oldest and most experienced grants development consultants. Their team has successfully secured over \$15 million for its school clients under this and similar grant programs. Only the most well-prepared, compelling grant applications are considered. The deadline is January 10, 2025. You can reach out to RJMA Grants Consulting at 716-694-8181 or email ericam@rjma.com. RJMA Grants Consulting is a locally owned and operated business.

THE DRAWING FOR THE FREE BOARD DINNER WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE FALL SPEED BOARDING EVENT. Any Board Members that submitted photos of them with ECASB sponsors at the Annual NYSSBA Convention and Expo are eligible. We also extended the invitation to have pictures taken with ECASB sponsors at the Dr. Rick Timbs Program and at the Legislative Breakfast for those districts that were unable to attend the convention. All pictures should be submitted to Dave Lowrey by the end of the day Monday, November 18th. This will be the third year ECASB has the drawing. The first year Iroquois was the recipient and used the dinner to resurrect an old tradition of a Holiday Board/Administration Get Together. Last year, Cheektowaga-Sloan was the recipient and had the catered dinner brought to their Mid Year Board/Administration retreat.

BUFFALO TORONTO PUBLIC MEDIA TRAVEL CLUB (WNED): Has announced two trips for 2025. More will follow. January 20-25, 2025 will be the NYC Theater Adventure. The 5 day trip includes five

Broadway shoes, visits to the Museum of Broadway and New York Public Library's Theater on Film and Tape Archive. Trip highlights include deluxe motor coach to/from NYC, 4 nights at Marriott Marquis Hotel in Time Square, 7 meals (4 breakfasts & 3 dinners), and the following 5 shows: Swept Away; Sunset Boulevard; Hell's Kitchen; The Outsiders; and The Great Gatsby. The second trip is March 3-5, 2025 to the Philadelphia Flower Show with local garden expert Sally Cunningham. Trip highlights include round trip motor coach, 2 nights at the Hilton Garden Inn, 3 meals (2 breakfasts and 2 dinner), Admission to the Barnes Foundation museum, early access admission to the Philadelphia Flower Show and admission to Longwood Gardens. Please contact WNED/PBS Buffalo Toronto Public Media for more details.

HAPPENING AT CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION: The Chautauqua County School Boards has been an inspiration to ECASB. When we were coming out of COVID, CCSBA would hold dinner events with attendance of 60+ members attending. Other than Legislative meetings, they held all their programs in person. I figured if CCSBA could hold in person events with 60 or more people in attendance, then ECASB could do the same. On November 20th CCSBA will hold and social event for it's members at the Comedy Club in Jamestown. After brief announcements and a quick 'get to know you activity', CCSBA members will be able to tour the facility and enjoy refreshments. I got to thinking...next year ECASB will add a "mystery tour" into the mix of activities as a way for Board Members to socialize and get to know one another.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: (Upcoming ECASB Events).

- November 16th - Legislative Breakfast at Resurgence Brewing Company
- November 21st - Fall Speed Boarding / Dessert Forum
- December 1st - Elf on a Shelf Promotion Begins

POLITICAL FUNDRAISERS:

None Listed

NYSSBA'S PROGRAMS:

- Mark your calendar. 2025 NYSSBA Convention and Expo will be October 23rd-25th.
- November 20th - Executive Director's Complimentary Lunchtime Webinar on School Budgeting November 20, 2024.
- December 3rd—Legislative and State Budget Preview Complimentary Webinar
- Asian-American and Pacific Islanders Member Initiative....Several Asian American school board members have expressed an interest in organizing a virtual meetup on November 18th from 7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. If you identify as Asian American please register with NYSSBA.
- Become an Advocacy Liaison - NYSSBA encourages each district to appoint an Advocacy Liaison.

RURAL SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE:

- December 4th and 5th - Winter Conference 2024 at Saratoga Springs. Registration close November 15th.

NSBA'S (NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION) PROGRAMS:

- 2025 National School Boards Conference will be in Atlanta, Georgia April 4th-6th.
- NSBA's Advocacy and Equity Institute will be held in Washington D.C. February 2nd-4th.

AFFILIATE NEWS AND INFORMATION:

Erie Niagara School Superintendents has a list of all of their podcasts over the last three years. If you are interested in subscribing or following the E-NSSA podcast you can search for "Achieving Joy and Mastery in Public Schools" within your favorite podcast platform.

BEST PRACTICES: I attended the Erie 1 BOCES meeting on Wednesday and learned about new and expanded program. As a Board Member of the component Board of Education, you should take time to visit a BOCES program. Your Superintendent can arrange a brief tour.

NYSSBA AREA 1 DIRECTOR NEWS AND NOTES:

The next NYSSBA Board of Directors meeting will be held the first part of December. If you have any issues or concerns you would like me to bring up, please let me know. If you did not get a chance to fill out your survey regarding the NYSSBA Convention and Expo and still want to provide feedback, email me and I will share the information at the Board of Directors meeting.



This is a picture of what the Solar Greenhouse Dome looks like at North Collins CSD. The North Collins CSD Solae Greenhouse Dome currently has a pond stocked with plants and koi. They have also already started growing vegetables. If you are driving through North Collins, stop in, perhaps you will be able to get a tour. With what I spend on flowers for around the house in the spring and summer, I need to get one of these for my backyard!