



ECASB Summer Update– August 9, 2024

SWEET HOME CSD: Board Member Peter Bellanti is the recipient of the August 7th week “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 the weekly drawing.

COMPETITION IS HEATING UP AS ENTRIES HAVE INCREASED IN ECASB’S SUMMER CHALLENGE : There is still time left to have your picture taken in your ECASB T-Shirt or ECASB baseball cap. Only a few weeks remain to submit your photos and be eligible for a drawing at the Back to School Dinner.

THE WESTERN NEW YORK LAW CONFERENCE WAS AUGUST 7TH: If you missed the event, materials may be found on the ECASB website until the end of September.

SPONSOR UPDATES: Please continue to support ECASB sponsors. We are in the final days of our ECASB Sponsor Drive.

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ECASB BOARD CONNECTIONS: I have started sending out the Board Connections introducing ECASB’s newest Board Of Education members. Please take time to welcome them at ECASB committee meetings and events. New Board Members that have not submitted their survey forms that they were sent earlier are asked to do so at their earliest convenience.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER 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. The Back to School Dinner is open to ECASB members (Superintendents, District Clerks, and Board Members), as well as District Level administrators that may be an integral part of the reading program in a school district. Register through your District Clerk. ECASB decided to focus on the Science of Reading because that is one of the goals of the Governor. A report on reading levels was recently released. Akron CSD was the highest scoring district in WNY, so we chose to have the Akron CSD discuss their journey in the Science of Reading.

ECASB SCHOOL DISTRICT LOGO SHIRTS: We are all out of the black and blue series shirts. Once we have new T-Shirts with new district logos, we will let the membership know. In the meantime, know that we have baseball caps with the ECASB logo in orange and blue. We can send them to you interschool mail if you would like one.

FOUNDATION AID FORMULA: The Rockefeller Institute is collecting feedback on the Foundation Aid Formula. I took part in the hearing that was held on July 25th in Buffalo. Only 1 more hearing will take place in the state:

- Wednesday, August 14th in Guilderland in the Capital Region

Written comments can also be submitted on line through September 6th. The Rockefeller Institute plans to release their recommendation on December 6th. For more information please refer to their webpage at <https://rockinst.org/foundation-aid-study>.

ECASB YEARLY CALENDARS AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD CARDS: Are back from the printer. They will be distributed to District Clerks for distribution to ECASB members. Additionally the ECASB Directory will be available in September with contact information for all Board of Education members, Superintendents, District Clerks, Central Office Administrators, and Building Level Administrators. The Directory will be released electronically. We also produce several printed copies. If you would like a printed copy, please reach out to Sue Summers in our office. This year we want to include not only the date that Board Members term expires, but we want to include the year that they were first elected. If you can send us an email and let us know what year you were elected, we will start including that information. Please let us know by August 16th to have that information included in this years Member Directory. This will be a work in progress gathering this data.

NYSSBA CONVENTION - LOCAL PRESENTERS: Mark your calendar. The following individuals from ECASB will be presenting at the NYSSBA Convention in New York City.

Monday, October 21st - 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Buffalo City School District

Prioritizing Mental Health and Wellness

Presenters: Sharon Brown, Mai Nguyen, Aundrea Sanders and Rachel Dominguez

Monday, October 21st - 4:00 p.m.— 5:00 p.m.

Grand Island CSD & Zero Eyes

Proactive: AI Weapon Detection Leveraging School Cameras

Presenters: Grand Island Superintendent Dr. Brian Graham and Brett Handell from Zero Eyes

Monday, October 21st - 4:00 - 5:00 P.M.

Cheektowaga Sloan UFSD

Restorative Practices

Presenters: Cheektowaga Sloan UFSD Superintendent Andrea Galenski, and Janelle L. Finn

NYSSBA DISTRICT CLERK WORKSHOP 2024: The Juggling Act

September 19 - Latham (In Person)

September 26 - Long Island (In Person)

October 1 and 2 - (Live Virtual)

\$260 In Person Member Cost; \$140 Live Virtual Member Cost

REGISTRATION FOR THE NYSSBA CONVENTION AND EXPO: Opened on June 30th. The program will be held in New York City this year at the Hilton Mid-Town Manhattan. In addition to the Convention, there are two day long workshops that are presented that are an addition cost. The two programs include the Law Conference Update and the Board Officers Academy.

NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL ADVOCACY AND EQUITY SYMPOSIUM WILL TAKE PLACE FEBRUARY 2ND - FEBRUARY 4, 2025. This is the time when School Board Members from around the

nation travel to Washington D.C. to meet with their Legislators to fight for Federal Funds for education. Registration for this event just opened this week.

WE SAY GOOD BYE TO DEPEW UFSD BOARD MEMBER JUSTIN YOUNG. Justin resigned from the Depew UFSD Board of Education. Justin most recently served as the Delegate Assembly representative and the Legislative Alternate on ECASB Committees.

WE SAY GOOD BYE TO JESSICA SCHUSTER FROM THE SPRINGVILLE GRIFFITH INSTITUTE CSD BOARD OF EDUCATION: Jessica most recently served as the Budget and Finance Alternate and the Legislative Representative to ECASB.

WE WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER DR. KIM HIGGINS FROM THE SPRINGVILLE GRIFFITH INSTITUTE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. DARREN BROWN-HALL, SUPERINTENDENT OF WILLIAMSVILLE CSD. Dr. Brown-Hall will be recognized at the 52nd Annual Black Achievers Award in Buffalo, receiving the Education Award on Saturday, September 28, 2024.

MESSAGE FROM MELANIE BEARDSLEY, ESQ., ATTORNEY WITH WEBSTER SZANYI LLP: Thank you for all your efforts in organizing and leading the WNY Education Law Conference yesterday. I thought the conference was well run and well attended. Your leadership and organization is very much appreciated. Our firm appreciates the opportunity to present and participate in the conference each year.– Melanie J. Beardsley, Esq

THANK YOU TO ECASB PRESIDENT PATRICK BOYLE, VICE-PRESIDENT LORRY GOLDHAWK, AND IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT DENISE MCCOWAN. The three met last evening for about 2 hours to review the ECASB Constitution and By-Laws and ECASB Policies side by side. There are inconsistencies in the two documents. The documents will be reviewed by the Executive Board and will be presented to the Delegate Assembly for review. The documents were reviewed, and in some cases some items clarified. The ad hoc committee will also review the ECASB Code of Conduct as well as an Employee Handbook.