



## This Week At ECASB ...

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

**May 3, 2024**

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**THE ECASB OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, MAY 3RD:** Due to the use of vacation time. If you need immediate assistance, please call Dave Lowrey's cell phone. We will be back in the office on Monday, May 6th.

**LEGISLATIVE WRAP UP BREAKFAST IS SATURDAY MAY 11TH WITH REGISTRATION AT 8:30 A.M.** You should be registered by now. If you are not registered, send us an email by Monday morning and we will get you registered. Event will feature Senator Patrick Gallivan and Assemblyman William Conrad.

**ROAD RALLY TOOK PLACE SATURDAY.** It took Program Services Manager Jane Sullivan some time to tally the final results. She can't stop laughing in the office while watching the videos of the Cheektowaga-Sloan UFSD team having a random person pumping gas sharing a knock-knock joke, or Brandon McGuire from the Tonawanda City SD doing his news report with his frog microphone, or the Clarence CSD team doing somersaults on the concrete sidewalks. We thank the Cheektowaga-Sloan UFSD team of Denise & Bill McCowan and Stephanie Dombrowski; the Clarence CSD team of Tricia Andrews and Andrews, Cindy Magera, James Boglioli, and Karen Kordziel; the Iroquois/Holland team of Heather Jacobs and Mary Jo Szucs; the Ken Ton UFSD of Matt Chimera, Todd Marquardt, Karen Whitelaw, Lee Ann Vogt and Sabatino Cimato; and The Tonawanda City SD team of Kristin and Bryon Schmutzler, Andrea Wisniewski, and Brandon McGuire for their participation.

The results are as follows:

- Best Time 2024: Cheektowaga-Sloan UFSD
- Most Points 2024: Tonawanda City SD
- Best Photograph: Clarence CSD
- Most Colorful Photograph: Ken-Ton UFSD
- Most Creative Photograph: Ken-Ton UFSD
- Best Video: Tonawanda City SD.

Best Time and Most Points Categories will receive Gift Cards to Delta Sonic for each member of the team. Photograph and Video Categories will receive a Gift Card to Wegman's to purchase snacks/food for their next Board Retreat/Meeting.

**FOR THE RECORD:** At ECASB, we have a Legacy Road Rally plaque.

Road Rally 2023:

- Best Time: Amherst CSD
- Most Points: Clarence CSD

Road Rally 2024:

- Best Time: Cheektowaga-Sloan UFSD
- Most Points: Tonawanda City SD

**NYSSBA BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION PROGRAM:** In the next week, NYSSBA will be releasing the names of Board of Education members who achieved Level 1, 2, 3 or 4 in their Board Excellence Recognition Program. Points are awarded for attendance at various events whether they are in-

person, online or virtual. The various levels are recapped below:

Level 1: Board Achievement Award - (75 points); Board Achievement Certificate of Recognition

Level 2: Board Excellence Award - (150 points); Board Excellence Certificate of Recognition & Recognition in On Board newspaper

Level 3: Board Mastery Award - (250 points); Board Mastery Certificate of Recognition, free registration to a one-day seminar, Recognition in On Board, Commemorative Padfolio

Level 4: Board Lifetime Achievement - (500 points); Board Lifetime Achievement Plaque, free registration to NYSSBA Annual Convention, Recognition in On Board, Executive Pen Set

#### **ATTENDING THE JOINT BOARD MEETING OF SCHOOL BOARDS LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF**

**CHEEKTOWAGA INCLUDED:** Cheektowaga CSD Board President Renee Wilson, Board Member Yvonne Douglass, Superintendent Scott Zipp, and administrators Mike Fatta and Erin Weir; Cheektowaga Sloan UFSD Board President Denise McCowan, Vice President Zachary Smith, Board Members Stephanie Dombrowski and James Stachewicz, Superintendent Andrea Galenski and Business Manager Wayne Drescher; Cleveland Hill UFSD Board President Robert Polino, Vice President, Paul Kunkel, Board Members Julie McNeil, and Michael Montoro, Assistant Superintendent David Evans III and Business Administrator Carolyn Robertson; Maryvale USFD Board President James McDermott, Board Member Marie Zimmer, and Superintendent Joseph D'Angelo.

**NYSSBA LIVE VIRTUAL POLICY WORKSHOP ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE:** Wednesday, May 8th 2024; 8:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Cost is \$140 for members and \$280 for non members. Register directly with NYSSBA.

**ECASB ANNUAL DINNER IS THURSDAY, JUNE 6TH.** We are in the process of finalizing details. Please note that the dinner will be at Kloc's in West Seneca. We will have our traditional ECASB Basket Raffle and Split Club which benefits that Lorie Sabo Advocacy Scholarship fund. Baskets should be donated by individuals or ECASB members. More details will be sent out in the weeks ahead. Registration and Cocktails will be at 5:00 P.M. Featured awards will be presented at 5:40 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m. At 7:15 p.m., we will conclude with recognition of Service Awards, Rising Star Awards, Shining Star Awards, Retiring Board Members, installation of officers, and the annual meeting. The night will conclude at approximately 8:15 p.m.-8:30 p.m. In addition, we will have door prizes, the ECASB annual Basket Raffle and the ECASB annual split club to benefit the Lorie Sabo Advocacy Scholarship Fund that assists Board Members with travel to the NYSSBA Capital Conference and Federal Relations Network.

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** (Upcoming ECASB Events).

- May 9th - Delegate Assembly Meeting 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.; B1
- May 11th - Legislative Wrap Up Breakfast @ The Columns - Transit Road, Elma - Registration at 8:30 a.m. Breakfast will conclude by 10:30 a.m.
- May 28th / June 1st - Governance Training
- June 6th - ECASB Annual Awards Dinner/Meeting 5:15 p.m. Registration; Kloc's - Seneca Creek Road
- 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:**

- May 8th - Artificial Intelligence: A New Frontier for School District Policy. Join live or watch the recording at your convenience. 8:30 a.m. - 11:45. \$140 for members / \$280 for non-members
- June 3rd - A NYSSBA Membership Survey will be sent to all NYSSBA members, please take a few

moments to fill out and return.

- 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... "What is the best way to welcome and on-board a new board member?" Answer: Reach out the new Board Member via a phone call, card, or email and welcome them on board. Offer to meet for coffee to discuss any questions they may have. Set up an orientation with the Superintendent and Board President. Attend programs and committee meetings and training sessions at ECASB. Mark July 11th on the calendar and attend Board & Brews as one of ECASB's first events of the new school year.*

**NYSSBA AREA 1 DIRECTOR NEWS AND NOTES:**

*On Wednesday May 1st, I attended the Board of Education meeting at Lockport City School District. It was strange returning to the district where I taught for 32 years. I had been in the District Office numerous times as Art Department Chair, Chair of the Orleans Niagara Teacher Center, Chair of the Student Based Support Team, The Mentor Coordinator, and as the Lockport Education Association Union President. This time, though, I was attending in my role as a Board of Education member. It was great to see many familiar faces.*

**[See last page for pictures of Road Rally Teams](#)**

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