



This Week At ECASB ...

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

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ECASB OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAY MAY 24TH AND MONDAY MAY 27TH. Call Dave's cell phone if you need immediate attention.

ECASB ANNUAL DINNER IS THURSDAY, JUNE 6TH. ALL ATTENDEES SHOULD BE REGISTERED AT [THIS POINT](#).

5:00 p.m. - Registration, Cash Bar, Purchase Split Club Tickets and Basket Raffle Tickets
5:40 p.m. - Featured Awards: Diana R. Miller Service to Education, Laura M. Burns Advocacy for Children, Hodgson Russ Collaboration Award, Ray Carr Emerging Leaders Award, Lorie Sabo Advocacy Award and Friends of ECASB Award
6:15 p.m. - Dinner
7:15 p.m. - Remaining Awards (Shining Star/Rising Star/ Years of Service Awards), Recognition of Retiring Board Members, Installation of Officers, Annual Business Meeting
8:30 p.m. - Good Byes

WE SAY GOODBYE TO LAKE SHORE CSD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER: Arlene DeJoy Meckes who resigned effective May 22, 2024.

WE WELCOME NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Andy Malburg (Alden CSD); Gordon Crock (Amherst CSD); Ava-Marie Shonitsky and Jennifer Kregg (Cheektowaga-Sloan UFSD); Lisa Sekuterski (Cheektowaga CSD); Jeffrey Ordon (Depew UFSD); David Ceccarelli and Sharon Heppner (Frontier CSD); Susan Bettker and Crista Monat (Gowanda CSD); Roger Broeker (Grand Island CSD); Ashley Rapsinski and Mary Odden (Hamburg CSD); Todd Aichinger (Iroquois CSD); Kristen Bauer (Lake Shore CSD); Anita Schiavone and David Lyman (Lancaster CSD); Daniel Carl Brenner and Aaron Renaldo (North Collins CSD); Ty Romanello (Orchard Park CSD); Devin Kowalske and David Brand (Springville Griffith Institute CSD); Danyelle Anthon and Dirk Rabenold (Sweet Home CSD); Marisa Keleman (Tonawanda City SD); Jeremy Maloney, Marla Greenberg, and Lorene Barulich (West Seneca CSD); and Dawn Fletch (Williamsville CSD).

ECASB CONGRATULATES RETURNING BOARD MEMBERS: Phillip Kenline and Erik Polkowski (Akron CSD); Richard Karalus (Alden CSD); Lynn Errington and Paul Steimle (Amherst CSD); Michael Fuchs and Dennis Priore (Clarence CSD); Dr. Bonnie Vest and Michael Montoro (Cleveland Hill UFSD); Justin Young (Depew UFSD); Joe Cassidy and Kimberlee Danieu (East Aurora); Jennifer Horschel and John P. "Jack" Cuddihy (Eden CSD); Max Graham (Gowanda CSD); Mary Jo Szucs (Holland CSD); Kimberly Bukaty, Azaldeen Mohamed, and Mohamed Munnasser (Lackawanna City SD); Jennifer Michalec (Lake Shore CSD); James McDermott (Maryvale UFSD); Karen Sreniawski (Orchard Park CSD); Jeff Thorp (Tonawanda City SD); Maureen Poulin and Dr. Swaroop Singh (Williamsville CSD).

WNY LAW CONFERENCE IS AUGUST 7TH. The In person training will take place at Salvatore's. If you are unable to make the WNY Law Conference sponsored by the Western New York Educational Service Council and ECASB, and still want to take part in a Law Conference this summer consider

NYSSBA's in-person Law Conference on July 23rd on Long Island, in-person July 18th in Albany, or Live Virtual July 25th and 26th.

GOVERNANCE TRAINING AT ECASB: Takes place on May 28th from 5:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. and on Saturday June 1st from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

WE WELCOME NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS WHO WILL BE JOINING ECASB AFTER THEIR RE-ORGANIZATIONS JULY 1ST. We would ask that ECASB members please encourage your fellow Board Members to attend as many ECASB events and learn how to be better Board of Education members and network with School Board Members from around Erie County.

THE WNY MANUFACTURERS HELD THEIR ANNUAL EVENT LAST THURSDAY EVE^NING. Congratulations to Erie 1 BOCES for receiving an award for their Workforce Development Training program . The 8,000 sq. foot training center houses electrical (both commercial and residential), building maintenance and HVAC tech programs. Congratulations to Superintendent Dr. Michael Capuana, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Anedda Trautman, and Director of Educational Partnerships and Work Development.

BPO SPONSORS A MUSICALE LUNCHEON TO FUND YOUNG MUSICIANS SCHOLARSHIPS: Friday, June 7th @ 11:00 a.m. at the 20th Century Club. General Admission is \$55; Scholarship Patron is \$80. Performances by students: Marc Vredenburg and Paul Wittmer (Williamsville South); Matt Russell (Lancaster), and Cady Wyles (Amherst). Call 716-885-5000 for tickets or www.bpo.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: (Upcoming ECASB Events).

- 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:

- 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:

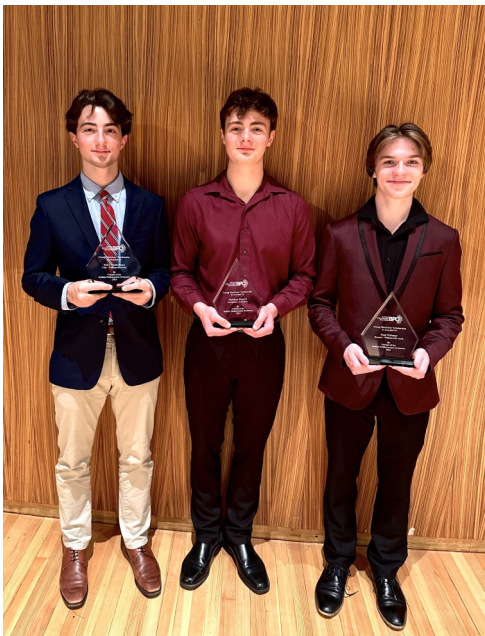
- **ERIE NIAGARA SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S ASSOCIATION:** Achieving the Joy and Mastery of Learning podcast listing. [CLICK HERE](#)

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: *Inquiring School Board Members want to know... "Recently a local school district received a FOIL request for the Mandatory Governance and Fiscal Oversight Responsi-*

bility Training for the last 20 years. What happens if it takes place in a district?" Answer: When ECASB completes the training, we emphasize to all registrants that they need to make a copy of the certificate and provide one to the District Clerk. ECASB has not always kept a record on file. It is the responsibility of the individual Board of Education member to keep the certificate. School Board members may have completed their training through NYSSBA as well. Some District Clerks may have copies on file, however, it would be up to the individual school member to show proof of he mandated training. School Board members have been removed from office for failure to complete the necessary mandated training by the Commissioner of Education.

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 1st and 2nd. If you have any items that you would like me to bring to the meeting, please send me an email or call me.*
- *I attended the Niagara Wheatfield CSD Board Meeting on Wednesday, May 22nd.*



BPO Scholarship Winners: Far Left: Left to Right: Friends of BPO Young Musicians \$3000 scholarship awarded to Marc Vedenburg from Williamsville South HS. Marc will attend Cleveland Institute of Music to pursue a Cello Performance degree. Friends of BPO Young Musicians \$2000 scholarship awarded to Matthew Russell from Lancaster HS to pursue a career in Jazz Studies and Saxophone Performance at University of North Texas. Friends of BPO Young Musicians \$1000 Scholarship awarded to Paul Whittmer from Williamsville South to attend Julliard School for Bassoon Performance. Left: Yadzinski Scholarship for Arts was awarded Cellist Wade Wyles from Amherst for \$2500.

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