

This Week At ECASB ...

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

Week Ending January 8, 2021



CORRECTION FROM THE DECEMBER 18TH THIS WEEK AT ECASB: Dr. Jill O'Malley, Associate Director at ECASB and past School Board Member/President of the Ken Ton UFSD has been asked to replace Bill Conrad on the Ken-Ton Town Board as a Council person. Jill will remain with ECASB as the Associate Director through early spring. We are working through details on her departure from the organization but know that she is available to us as a resource. We thank Jill for her vision and work over the last two years as we restructured and rebranded the advocacy strand of ECASB.

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR ONE OF THE TWO VIRTUAL PROGRAMS: Super Eval will be presenting on Wed. January 27, 2021 on Board Self Evaluations, and DigiStream will present on Monday, February 1st. PLEASE REGISTER THROUGH YOUR DISTRICT CLERK. There is no cost for either program, however we will need to know who is registered so that we can send out a link to the program. No need to venture out into the winter weather.....you can enjoy both programs from the comfort of your home. The DigiStream flyer and registration information has been sent to the ECASB membership. We are still working on Super Eval documents.

ANNUAL ECASB ANNUAL AWARDS NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN: PLEASE CONSIDER NOMINATING A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER/STAFF MEMBER FROM YOUR DISTRICT for one of the awards: The Diana R. Miller Service to Education Award, the Laura M. Burns Advocacy for Children Award, the Hodgson Russ Excellence in Collaboration Award, the Wayne Schlifke Lifetime Achievement Award, the Webster Szanyi District Clerk Award, and the Friends of ECASB Award. Award descriptions can be found on the ECASB web page. A listing of previous recipients was sent out earlier this week. All applications are due to David Lowrey by Wednesday, March 3, 2021.

AD HOC COMMITTEE TO REVIEW ECASB CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: Will be meeting virtually on January 14th to begin the process of the by laws and constitution review.

SECTION IV POSTPONED WINTER SPORTS UNTIL JANUARY 18TH: Section IV has postponed the start of Winter sports until January 18th.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND THE BUDGET AND FINANCE TEAM AS WELL AS ALTERNATES RECEIVED THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE 2021-2022 BUDGET ON DECEMBER 18TH FOR REVIEW: The Budget was again "tweaked" this past Monday night before presenting last evening. Questions were answered and clarified. A few small adjustments were made to the budget. It was approved by the Budget and Finance Team. It will next move to the Executive Board for their approval prior to being sent to the Delegate Assembly for final approval. Working with Executive Bookkeeper Ryan Dipasquale and ECASB Treasurer James McDermott has been a great experience in refining the budget and the budget process. Thank you to all ECASB Budget and Finance Team members and Alternates for attending last evening's virtual meeting.

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL DISTRICT CLERKS AND ECASB'S EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/ INFORMATION SPECIALIST SUE SUMMERS: For completing and sending out the 2020-2021 ECASB Facts and Figures Book. The book has been sent electronically to all ECASB members. We will have a limited number of print copies available. Our goal was to have the document prepared by the January 4, 2021. With everyone's cooperation, we were able to have the document electronically sent prior to Christmas.

RICK TIMBS PROGRAM FEBRUARY 4TH: Dr. Timbs presentation will take place on February 4th and will be a virtual program. More information will be provided next week.

NYSSBA NEWS:

1. Register for the 2021 LIVE Virtual Capital Conference. The date is February 3, 2021 from 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM. There is no cost. The event is sponsored by Forecast 5 Analytics. You will be able to watch the program at a later time. You will receive a breakdown of the Executive Budget proposal, learn strategies to advocate in a virtual world, and hear from elected officials and other educational leaders in the state.

2. Your board should appoint an Advocacy Liaison to NYSSBA. The position provides a direct link to NYSSBA's advocacy efforts. As the Advocacy Liaison, you will receive the first invitations to Lobby Days, In-District Federal Legislative Visits, Board Member Volunteerism, a Newsletter specifically for the Advocacy Liaisons, Opportunities to attend NYSSBA advocacy events (with Board approval) and detailed information to brief your board on NYSSBA advocacy activities. You can contact Grassroots Advocacy Manager Danielle Grasso at nyssbaadvocacy@nyssba.org or 800-342-3360.

3. Congratulations to Sylvester Cleary who is the newest member on the NYSSBA Board of Directors. Sylvester Cleary serves on the Erie 2 CC BOCES Board, he is on the Forestville CSD Board of Education, and he was the recipient of the ECASB Laura Burns Advocacy for Children Award last year. Sylvester represents the Caucus of Black School Board Members as a member of the Board of Directors.

ADVOCACY: The State Legislature convened on January 6th. The Governor is scheduled to give his State of the State speech on Monday, January 11th. Over 2,000 bills have been introduced in both the Assembly and the Senate. NYSSBA AND ECASB will keep you informed and update. At the Federal level, New York Senator Charles Schumer will be the next US Senate Majority Leader.

UPCOMING DATES:

January 4, 2021 - ECASB Awards Nominations Open

January 7, 2021 - Budget/Finance Team, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, - VIRTUAL MEETING

January 14, 2021 - Delegate Assembly, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, - VIRTUAL MEETING

January 21, 2021 - Legislative Team, 6:30 - 8:30 pm - VIRTUAL MEETING

January 27, 2021 - VIRTUAL PROGRAM - Super Eval - Board Evaluation

January 28, 2021 - Executive Board, 6:00 - 8:00 pm - VIRTUAL MEETING

January 30, 2021 - Advocacy Training, 8:00 am - 11:30 am - VIRTUAL PROGRAM

February 1, 2021 - VIRTUAL PROGRAM - Digi Stream

February 3, 2021 - VIRTUAL CAPITAL CONFERENCE FOR NYSSBA

- COLSBA Meeting

February 4, 2021 - Rick Timbs VIRTUAL PROGRAM 6:30 - 8:30 pm

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