



This Week At ECASB ...

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

Week Ending November 13, 2020:

FYI....NYSUT HAS A COVID TRACKER AT: www.nysutcovidtracker.org. Teachers in your district can file a report or an alert.

LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST UPDATE. Any last minute information goes here

FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT TEAM MEETS: On November 23, 2020. The team consists of Lorry Goldhawk (Amherst CSD), Brian Laible (Sweet Home CSD) and Mark Mecca (Williamsville CSD) will be meeting virtually with EFPR. A report will follow.

AWARDS COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Ray Carr (Erie 1 BOCES), Dawn Snyder (Clarence CSD), Jan Dalbo (West Seneca CSD), Lorry Goldhawk (Amherst CSD), Andy Loeb (Erie 1 BOCES) and Jane Sullivan (Iroquois CSD) will be meeting on Monday, November 16th to review the current awards, recommendations for new awards, and awards criteria. A report will follow.

REMINDER: NYSSBA WORKSHOPS WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020. Workshops that were presented at the NYSSBA Virtual Convention will be able to be reviewed until December 31, 2020. You can view most of the recorded programs and print the power point notes that are provided with each presentation.

ECASB FACTS AND FIGURES BOOK: Sue Summers will be starting to compile information for the Facts and Figures book. The Facts and Figures book should be ready for release in Early January to the entire membership. We thank the District Clerks and Superintendents in advance for providing the updated information. Information has been sent out to District Clerks this week.

ENSSA SARD DINNER MEETING: Sue Summers and I will be meeting with ENSSA President Michael Cornell (Hamburg CSD), Vice President Brian Graham (Grand Island CSD) and Past President Jon MacSwan (Cleveland Hill UFSD) to review guidelines for the Annual Scholastic Achievement Dinner on November 18th so that we can make plans for the "Traditional SARD program" as well as discuss any adjustments that would need to be addressed should we still be involved in the COVID Pandemic which would require alternative plans.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK TO NYSSBA REGARDING THE FIRST ANNUAL VIRTUAL CONVENTION: You can fill out the evaluation form that was sent to you or contact either NYSSBA President Fred Langstaff, NYSSBA Executive Director, Robert Schneider, or NYSSBA Member Relations Director Barry Entwistle.

ECASB EXECUTIVE BOARD MET THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2020. WE DID UTILIZE ZOOM. THE BOARD MEMBER ON THE VIRTUAL SIDE OF THE MEETING PROVIDED US WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- * The ECASB Executive Director and ECASB President who were in close proximity to the computer could be heard during their reports.
- * There were a few reports from individuals sitting further away from the computer. Some of the comments could be heard clear, while others could not be.
- * The utilization of ZOOM technology for a round table discussion is difficult to participate when ALL MEMBERS do not have access to their own devices. Although there is the possibility of using a microphone, it would not be COVID safe with sharing

of a portable microphone.

* Thus, we can make future meetings accessible, with the understanding that ZOOM Virtual participants may not be able to fully participate, however, they would be able to hear major reports from those seated near the computer.

DECEMBER 3RD SPEED BOARDING EVENT IS SHAPING UP: MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

You will be able to attend 5 - 20 minute presentations to obtain a little information on a lot of different topics relative to your board service. Attending this year's December 3rd Speed Boarding Event is Solar Liberty presenting information on Solar Power and preparing your district for the future; The Niagara Frontier Industry Education Council discussing Business and School Partnerships; Erie 1 BOCES presenting information on Cyber Security and Internet Safety; J. W. Danforth discussing energy efficiency; and C & S Companies talking about construction management and their Business and STEAM/STEM Education Partnerships. More detailed information will be sent out next week. Limited spaces are available. At this point we are working with an "in-person" format. Should we need to change to a hybrid model or virtual program, we will notify ECASB members.

SRP RECOGNITION DAY IS: November 17, 2020. Recognize and thank the School Related Personnel in your school district.

SED RELEASED MEMO ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH REGARDING TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES: SED indicated that transportation expenses would not be eligible for transportation aid from March through June because districts were NOT TRANSPORTING students. EXISTING STATE LAW PROHIBITS THE STATE FROM PROVIDING AID REIMBURSEMENT. While there were questions during the time many transportation departments were delivering meals and supplies, no statement had been made until now. Any proposals to allow for approval of the expenses would need to be approved by the Governor and Legislature. More information will be provided. It will be important for district's to advocate with their elected officials.

HIGH RISK WINTER SPORTS ON PAUSE: New York State Public High School athletic Association Executive Director Robert Zayas indicated that low or moderate risk sports will be permitted to start play Nov. 30th as scheduled. These sports would include bowling, skiing, rifle, indoor track and field and swimming and diving. High-risk sports including basketball, ice hockey, wrestling, and competitive cheering have not received the okay. Section III which represents the Syracuse area had pushed their start date to December 14th and had cancelled the indoor track and field season. This information was reported in the Buffalo News on Tuesday, November 10th.

APPLE PIES FROM BIPPERT'S FARM AND BAKERY WERE GIVEN AS DOOR PRIZES FOR THE ALBANY UPDATE WITH DAVE LITTLE: Pies were donated on behalf of our Gold Level Sponsors: C & S Companies and NYSIR, as well as Silver Level Sponsors: Campus Construction, Greco Trapp PLLC, J.W. Danforth, and Super Eval. *Winners of the Apple Pies are: Matt Chimera (Ken-Ton UFSD), Jennifer Morrow (Ken-Ton UFSD), Scott Johnson (Sweet Home CSD), Ed Cavan (Erie 1 BOCES), Dawn Snyder (Clarence CSD), Jill Hopcia (Alden CSD), Michele Hovey (Iroquois CSD), and Denise McCowan (Cheektowaga - Sloan UFSD).*

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO DAVE LITTLE FOR PROVIDING AND ALBANY UPDATE "WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER THE ELECTION" Thank you also to C & S Companies Sharon Sweeney, who joined us virtually for the program and Dave Jager from J.W. Danforth Company who joined us in person to hear the program. Both C & S Companies and J.W. Danforth will be two of the presenters for the December 3rd Speed Boarding Event.

NEW ADDITION TO ECASB LIBRARY: The Educator's Guide to Preventing and Solving Discipline Problems by Mark and Christine Boynton. In our library, the book falls under the "Teaching Classification".

SAD NEWS: Jay List, son of Robbin List (Hamburg CSD and ECASB Executive Board) passed away on November 7th, 2020. He is survived by his wife, Andrea Ridings List, son Henry Ridings Martinez, and 2 beloved dogs. His is survived by his parents Robbin and Eileen List, his brother Jonathan (Christina), sister Katherine (Brian) Sullivan, 6 nieces and nephews and several aunts and uncles. Jay and his wife were married in 2016. He and his wife had a goal of hiking the 46 high peaks of the Adirondacks. After completing 28 of the highest peaks, he was diagnosed with cancer. Jay and Angela completed the 46 peaks this past June 6, 2020 - 9 months after his diagnosis. Condolences can be sent to Robbin List, 6145 McKinley Parkway #7, Hamburg, New York 14075.

ECASB LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY AND WILL BE FROM 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2020.

UPCOMING DATES:

November 14, 2020 - ECASB Legislative Breakfast 9:00 am - 10:30 am (Conducted Virtually)

November 19, 2020 - Legislative Team Meeting - 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm (Conducted Virtually)

December 3, 2020 - ECASB Speed Boarding 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

January 4, 2020 - ECASB Awards Nominations Open

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