



This Week At ECASB ...

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

Week Ending August 20, 2021

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REGISTRATION FOR THE NEW YORK STATE SCHOOL BOARD CONVENTION 2021– “COMING OF AGE”: Convention registration opened on Monday, August 16th. Watch for Convention Highlights in This Week at ECASB. The event will be an in person event October 24th—26th at the New York Hilton Midtown in New York City.

BUSINESS FIRST LIST THE TOP 200 INFLUENTIAL WOMEN IN BUFFALO: Congratulations to the following ECASB members or woman who are affiliated with ECASB through their work, who were recognized as among the top 200 Most Influential Women in Buffalo. On the list this year include: Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul (2); Crystal Peoples-Stokes (5); Erie 1 BOCES Superintendent Dr. Lynn Fusco (65); New York State Regent of the 8th Judicial District Dr. Catherine Collins (100); NYS Assemblywoman representing the 143 district, Monica Wallace (116); NYS Assemblywoman representing the 146 district, Karen McMahon (140); Springville Griffith Institute CSD Superintendent, Kimberly Moritz (175); and Cheektowaga-Sloan UFSD Superintendent, Andrea Galenski (189). Kathleen Chiavetta who is a Board of Education member for the Lake Shore CSD was recognized for her leadership role in Chiavetta's Catering business.

IF YOU WERE REGISTERED FOR THE WNY LAW CONFERENCE, DIRECTIONS FOR ACCESSING THE RECORDINGS OF THE PROGRAMS THAT YOU WANT TO REVIEW AGAIN, OR WERE NOT ABLE TO VIEW THE FIRST TIME WERE SENT OUT FRIDAY BY THE WESTERN NEW YORK EDUCATION SERVICE COUNCIL: The programs will be available for viewing through October 23, 2021. We do have handouts for the keynote speakers address (Jay Worona, Esq.) if you would like them. Please contact our office and we can email them to you.

NYSSBA BOARD OFFICERS ACADEMY: NYSSBA offers a board officers workshop. The virtual event will be October 15, 2021. The closest in-person event will be in Rochester, New York on October 1, 2021. Please check out www.nyssba.org for more information.

SPONSOR NEWS: We thank New York Bus Sales for agreeing to serve as a sponsor once again this year. New York Bus Sales will be taking out advertisements in our ECASB Member Directory and ECASB Facts and Figures Book. C & S Companies will be a Gold Sponsor once again. Turner Construction will be joining us as a Silver Sponsor for the 2021-2022. Watch for news of additional sponsors. As a reminder, when doing business with any ECASB sponsor it is helpful to thank them for their support of the organization that supports you.

NEW BOOK IN ECASB LIBRARY: 50 Strategies to Create Community and Revolutionize Classroom Management by Laurie Barron and Patti Kinney.

REMINDER: NYSSBA COMPLIMENTARY SEMINAR ON HOW TO MANAGE CONTENTIOUS BOARD MEETINGS: Registration is now open for a complimentary webinar that will be held on September 14, 2021 from 1 – 2:30 p.m. for a virtual workshop. You should sign up through www.nyssba.org.

STATE EDUCATION COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION BETTY A. ROSA: Will be providing guidance to schools that will most likely align with the CDC recommendations. As soon as we know more we will share the information with you.

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS AND THE NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION: Differ slightly in their endorsement of Vaccine Mandates for school employees. According to Mike Deely, NYSUT Regional Director, schools districts in New York State have the privilege of being served by both AFT and NEA.

POLITICAL FUNDRAISER: I attended Senator Patrick Gallivan's summer luncheon and dinner at the East Aurora Country Club this past Monday. "NO ECASB funds were spent in attending the event". ECASB is looking into the possibility of a fund that would be separate from ECASB dues and event proceeds that would be able to provide for various Legislative Reps from ECASB member districts to attend fund raisers at no expense to their district, ECASB or the individual attendee. It was a great event! I attended the event for the lunch and dinner portions. The event was so well attended, they had to bring golf carts in from three other courses to accommodate the attendees who chose to play in the golf tournament/fundraiser.

NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES THAT THE 2022 MAGNA AWARDS NOMINATIONS OPEN ON AUGUST 16, 2021. The 2022 awards will focus on equity in education. A Grand Prize and five winners will be awarded in each enrollment category. The three categories, based on enrollment include: Under 5,000; 5,000 - 20,000; and Over 20,000. Winning districts will be announced at the NSBA convention in 2022 to be held in San Diego. Judges will be looking at the following areas when judging programs:

- Removing barriers to achievement for vulnerable or underserved children based on race, ethnicity, gender, special needs, geography, or socioeconomic status.
- Support of the school board's equity mission and vision for the district.
- Program exhibits success over time.
- The program is able to provide longevity and sustainability over time.
- The program can be replicated in other school districts with similar conditions and resources.

Deadline for nominations is November 1, 2021. School districts can submit multiple programs for submission. Districts may find additional information on the National School Boards Association webpage.

ALL OVER THE BOARD: The headlines in "Legal Clips," which provides headlines from around the country and is a source for recent developments in School Law, has highlighted headlines that range from Governors imposing mask mandates for students and staff upon their return, to Governors who are trying to ban mask mandates in schools.

SHORTAGE: There is a shortage of sports officials, bus drivers, and teachers in some specific areas. This will be an issue that all School Board Members will need to work on in the near future.

REDISTRICTING: Due to the decline in population in New York State, New York State will lose one seat in the House of Representatives. The new district lines should be in place by June 2022 primaries and the general election in November of 2022. In regards to the state Senate districts, they too will be redrawn. The State Senate is currently controlled by the Democratic Party with a supermajority. They currently have 43 seats. Thirty two seats are needed to control the 63 seats of the Senate. The Republican party had been in control of the Senate from 1939-2019, with two exceptions which included 1965 and from 2009-2011. Please note that when districts are redrawn, they need to be roughly equal in population and drawn in a way as to not create racial demographic disparities. NYSSBA and ECASB's Legislative Committee will be watching this close in the coming year.

AS WE BEGIN THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR... AGAIN CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING NEW BOARD MEMBERS: (Watch for the upcoming "Board Connections" on each new Board Member in the coming weeks), Yvonne Douglass, Cheektowaga CSD; Paul Nazzarett Jr., Cheektowaga CSD; Paul Blowers, East Aurora UFSD; Joe Cassidy, East Aurora UFSD; John Cordier, Frontier CSD; Dollene Christopher, Gowanda CSD; Shauna McMahon, Gowanda, CSD; Danielle Bruno, Grand Island CSD; Robert Barry, Iroquois CSD; Heather Jacobs, Iroquois CSD; Todd Marquardt, Ken-Ton UFSD; Kimberly Bukaty, Lackawanna City SD, Alzeen Mohamed, Lackawanna City SD; Megan Spicola, North Collins CSD; Karen Sreniawski, Orchard Park CSD; Julianne Moriarty, Springville Griffith Institute CSD; Peter Bellanti, Sweet Home CSD; Alicia O'Donnell, Tonawanda City SD; Molly Dana, West Seneca CSD; Elizabeth Gates, West Seneca CSD; Dr. Michael Littman, Williamsville CSD; Maureen Poulin, Williamsville CSD; and Dr. Swaoop Singh, Williamsville CSD.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH LT. GOVERNOR KATHLEEN HOCHUL IN HER NEW ROLE AS GOVERNOR. SHE WILL TAKE OFFICE ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2021.

AUGUST 26, 2021 BACK TO SCHOOL ECASB DINNER: The August 26th Back to School Dinner will feature East Aurora UFSD Assistant Superintendent Mark Mambretti as the motivational speaker. Deadline to register with your District Clerk was August 19, 2021. The Back To School Dinner is open to ALL Board Members, Superintendents and key Central Office Administrators. Mark spoke a few years ago to the District Clerks of Western New York. The program was so well received that ECASB felt that Board Members and Central Office Administrators needed to hear the same message.

VACATIONS AT ECASB: Sue will be back in the office on Monday after a well deserved and much needed vacation. **IF DISTRICT CLERKS REGISTERED ECASB MEMBERS FOR THE BACK TO SCHOOL DINNER THIS PAST WEEK, THEY SHOULD HAVE REGISTERED THROUGH DAVE LOWREY AT dlowrey@e1b.org.**

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (CCSBA): The officers for the CCSB include President Sylvester Cleary (Forestville CSD and ERIE 2 CC BOCES), 1st Vice President Jeanne Oag (Cassadaga Valley CSD); and 2nd Vice President Wendy Dymont (Westfield CSD). Executive Board Members include: Todd Beckerink (Falconer CSD), Larry Lodestro (Frewsburg CSD), Kurt Gustafson (Southwestern CSD), and Mary Lee Talbot (Chautauqua Lake CSD). Ex Officio Members are Todd Crandall (Far West Council of School Superintendents), Christine Schnars (NYSSBA Area 3 Director and Erie 2 CC BOCES), and Dr. David O'Rourke (District Superintendent for Erie 2 CC BOCES). Raymond J. Fashano is the Executive Director. Jennifer Johnson is the Administrative Assistant and can be reached via email at ccsb7@gmail.com.

The Line of up the programs includes the following programs/speakers:

- Sept. 15th - How Stress and Trauma Affect Learning Behavior by Darryl Tonemah
- Oct. 20th—NYS Budget Analysis presented by Dr. Rick Timbs
- Nov. 17th—State of Education in New York State presented by Bob Schneider, NYSSBA Executive Director

- Dec. 15th—Section VI Update presented by Mark DiFilippo, Director of Section VI Athletics
- March Date TBD - Legislative Dinner
- March 26th - Annual Meeting and Honors Night

EATS AND EDUCATION: WHAT IS IT? SHOULD I ATTEND? The “Eats and Education” is a new event this year. The program is designed for those board members who are available to attend events during the day. This could include self-employed board members, stay at home/work from home board members or board members who may be retired from their regular job and available to attend events during the day. The goal is to have an event in both the fall and spring of the year. The program will be sponsored by Harris Beach PLLC. Harris Beach will be providing 2 different speakers who will speak for 20 minutes or less on two topics. Lunch is provided. One of the speakers will speak about a topic related to Board Service. The second speaker will speak about an issue that may be of interest to the audience. The first program will be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 and will be a FREE event. Board Members are welcome to bring a spouse/guest to the event. The initial time frame is listed below

12:00 pm - 12:20 pm - Harris Beach Attorney Speaker #1

12:20 pm - 1:10 pm - Lunch

1:10 pm - 1:30 pm - Harris Beach Attorney Speaker #2

Registration will open next week with final details regarding where the venue the will be held and lunch options that will be available.

UPCOMING ECASB DATES:

- August 26, 2021 - Back to School Dinner with Keynote address by East Aurora UFSD's Director of Technology Instruction & Personnel, Mark Mambretti will provide inspiration to ECASB members attending the dinner as we begin a new school year.
- September 14, 2021 - Eats and Educationmore details to follow next week.
- October 7, 2021 - Annual ECASB Dinner (This should have taken place this past June).

UPCOMING NEW YORK STATE SCHOOL BOARD EVENTS: (Check www.nyssba.org for details):

- 2021 Board Officers Academy. In person events will be September 10th in Latham and October 1st in Rochester. A Virtual Program will take place October 15, 2021.
- October 7, 2021 - NYSSBA District Clerk Workshop in Rochester; Virtual program will be October 13, 2021. Learn about Policy Development, Records Disclosure and Retention, Nuts and Bolts of Employee Discipline, and overall Questions and Answers.
- Watch for a NYSSBA program on September 14th that will help boards when dealing with contentious issues at their Board of Education Meetings. More details to follow.
- Rochester October 18-22nd - School Board Recognition Week
- October 24-26, Annual NYSSBA Convention and Education Expo - New York City

NYSSBA COMING OF AGE 2021 CONVENTION NEWS: As NYSSBA prepares for the annual convention, ECASB will share Convention highlights and upcoming dates in the This Week at ECASB:

Schedule:

Saturday October 23rd	- 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Registration
Sunday, October 24th	- 7:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	Registration
	- 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Pre-Convention Law Conference
	-1:15 p.m.-4:14 p.m.	Educational Sessions
	-2:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Expo Open
	-3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	BOCES Consortium
	-4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Opening Reception
	-5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Opening Session and Keynote
Monday, October 25th	- 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Registration
	- 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Expo Open
	-9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.	* Closes for break 10:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m. & 3:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m.
	-Special Sessions:	Educational Sessions
		Also 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 3:45 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
	-7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m.	Small City School District Meeting
	-8:00 a.m.-9:15 a.m.	Featured Session - Wellness
	-10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Caucus of Black School Board Members

Tuesday, October 26th	- 7:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. -9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m. -10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. -12:45 p.m.-2:30 p.m.	-11:15 a.m.-2:30 p.m. 12:30 p.m.-1:45 p.m. 2:00 p.m.-3:15 p.m. Registration Expo Open Closes for break 10:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m. Educational Sessions & 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. NYSCOSS Meeting Closing Session	Featured Session—A Product of the Gap COLSBA meeting Conversation with SED
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ECASB will share any invitations from vendors that we receive in regards to hospitality rooms that will be available at the NYSSBA convention. Many companies will require an RSVP. Attendees will need to show proof of vaccination as established as a guideline in New York City region when attending an event held at a place of business. Some invitations are for current clients, while others are valid for potential clients.

Harris Beach, PLLC Client Reception. MUST RSVP to Harris Beach, PLLC. If attending, you must have proof of vaccination available upon arrival. Monday, October 25, 2021 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.; faces and Names, 159 West 54 Street, New York, NY 10019.

JUST FOR FUN:

August 20th - National Bacon Lover Day

August 21st - National Senior Citizens Day

August 22nd - National Be An Angel Day, National Eat a Peach Day

August 23rd - National Sponge Candy Day, National Buttered Corn Day, and National Hug Your Sweet-heart Day

August 24th - National Waffle Day

August 25th - National Banana Split Day

August 26th - National Women's Equality Day, National Toilet Paper Day, and National Cherry Popsicle Day.

August 27th - National Just Because Day

In the event you are still looking for things to celebrate, August is National Get Ready for Kindergarten Month, National Eye Exam Month, National Hair Loss Awareness Month, National Black Business Month, National Family Fun Month, and National Golf Month.