



This Week At ECASB ...

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

Week Ending September 17, 2021

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SPONSOR NEWS: SUPER EVAL, GORDON JONES ARCHITECTS, TRAUTMAN ASSOCIATES, and CORPORATE SCREENING INVESTIGATIVE GROUP will be **SILVER LEVEL SPONSORS** this year. EVANS GOVERNMENT SERVICES, NEW YORK STATE INSURANCE RECIPROCAL, CAMPUS MANAGEMENT GROUP, AND HARRIS BEACH, PLLC WILL BE **GOLD LEVEL SPONSORS** this year! As our 2021-2022 sponsor drive winds down, we have raised \$19,300 in Sponsorship Fees which is at an all time high.

GOLD LEVEL SPONSOR EVANS BANK HAS A NEW NAME / NEW LOGO: Evans Bank new logo is at the end of the weekly newsletter. The new logo incorporates the name Evans Government Services. The logo highlights the other services which include insurance and employee benefits.

NYSSBA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING VOTING DELEGATE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN: The Annual Business meeting will be held virtually. The meeting will take place on Monday, October 18th at 4:00 pm.

LOST AND FOUND: There was a very nice black Cambridge notebook left at the Budget and Finance meeting. I can send it to you via interschool mail. Just let me know if it is yours.

ANNUAL DINNER INVITES AND INFORMATION SENT OUT LAST WEEK. The deadline to register for the dinner will be September 24th. Board Members, Superintendents and District Administrators should register with their District Clerks. This will be an enjoyable evening spent away from angry people complaining about mask mandates.

ECASB DEVELOPED A CODE OF CONDUCT: Although we have never had a problem with attendees at our events the past 90 years, ECASB felt that having a Code of Conduct would be helpful in the event we ever needed one for future events. The Code of Conduct was presented to the Executive Board for input and to the Delegate Assembly on September 9th. The Code of Conduct was tweaked and resent to the Delegate Assembly members. We are waiting the results of the electronic voting on the adoption of the Code of Conduct. If Delegate Assembly members have not voted, please do so as soon as possible to dlowrey@e1b.org with a yes or no vote.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS: Just for clarification purposes... whenever we have a committee meeting, Sue Summers from our office will call and leave a message on the phone number we have on file to remind you of the upcoming meeting. She contacts only the representative. If you are unable to attend - you should let your alternate know so that they may attend. When minutes are sent out, we indicate right in the minutes the attendance for our records. If you let Sue know that you are unable to attend - we will indicate that you were excused. You can let her know either via phone or email to ssumers@e1b.org.

EATS AND EDUCATION WAS A SUCCESSFUL EVENT: Attendees heard from Harris Beach Attorney Jeff Weiss, Esq, about Special Education and Harris Beach Attorney Judy Cuzzacrea-Wagner, Esq. speak about Retirement Planning. Many attending agreed that the Retirement Planning seminar needs to be expanded to an hour long program and available again to all members. Attendees from districts throughout ECASB attended. Special thanks to the following Board Members who were able to attend: Erik Polkowski, (Akron CSD), Edward Cavan (Erie 1 BOCES), Mary Busse (Erie 1 BOCES), Heather Jacobs and Jane Sullivan (Iroquois CSD), Carla Thompson (Lake Shore CSD), James McDermott (Maryvale UFSD), Kristin Schmutzler (Tonawanda City SD), and Diane Beres (West Seneca CSD). There were a few others that were registered, however at the last minute had to cancel. We are looking forward to a second Eats and Education in March.

COVID SCREENING FORM STILL IN USE. We still utilize the COVID screening form for all meetings at ECASB that are either held at the 355 Harlem Road location as well as for events that are held off site. We keep the forms on file for a few months. Temperature checks are still in effect.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALDEN SCHOOL BOARD: I was able to attend the Alden CSD Board Meeting on Thursday evening. Special Thank you to President Jill Hopcia, Vice President: Michael Bennett, Board Members: Richard Karalus, Michael Karpie, Tanya Lords-Quinn, Paul Roll Jr., and James Yoerg. Special thanks to Superintendent Adam Stoltman and District Clerk Tracy Rogers. The meeting was one of the most enjoyable meet-

ings I have attended in awhile. They had NO people in the audience wishing to speak or complain to the board about any issues. Only heard positive news the whole night!

DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MEMBERS: If you have not yet voted either yeah or nay on the approval of the ECASB Code of Conduct, please do so at your earliest convenience. I have heard from 8 Delegate Committee members so far.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE FALL SPEED BOARDING EVENT. The first Speed Boarding event will be October 14th. The Programs for the October 14th event include C & S Companies, Section 6 Sports, Preparing for the Solar Eclipse, and the Niagara Frontier Industry Education Council. All of the programs are new presentations this year and should be of interest to ECASB members. Registration materials have been sent out to District Clerks. Deadline to register is October 7, 2021.

THIS WEEK AT ECASB WILL NOT BE DISTRIBUTED NEXT WEEK: I will be taking a mini-vacation towards the end of next week.

AT THE BUDGET AND FINANCE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th: As a “celebration of being back to in-person meetings”, we had door prize drawings. The winners of the door prizes were:

- Dr. Tom Reigstad (Ken-Ton UFSD) - *Buffalo Bills Basket*: (Buffalo Bills cooler, Josh Allen Cereal, Buffalo Bills Lunch Bag, Buffalo Bills Socks, Buffalo Bills Napkins and Paper Plates, a Buffalo Bills Mug, and a Buffalo Chocolate from Watson’s chocolate.

- Michael Fuchs (Clarence CSD) - ECASB School House Wines “Board Agenda” and a \$15 Gift Card to Tim Hortons.

- Jeffrey Stewart (Cheektowaga-Sloan UFSD) - ECASB School House Wines “Executive Session” and a \$15 Gift Card to Tim Hortons.

LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST NEWS: Jane and Kate from ECASB are busy working on the Legislative Breakfast plans. Please note that districts will be allowed to send two members per district. Ideally it would be the Legislative Committee Board Member Rep that should be one of the individuals attending. Other members might include the Legislative Alternate Rep, the Board President, the Vice President or the Superintendent - however due to space limitations, we can only allow 2 per district. We will put any other members wishing to attend on a wait list. Registration materials and a flyer will be sent out next week. Response from local legislators has been positive to the “save the date” notice that was sent to them.

NYSSBA CONVENTION IS CANCELED: The New York State School Boards Association Annual Convention is canceled. The decision was made on Thursday afternoon. Information will be sent out to NYSSBA members with details.

NYSSBA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ROBERT SCHNEIDER AND MEMBER RELATIONS DIRECTOR BARRY ENTWISTLE: Will be attending the ECASB annual Dinner on October 7th.

ECASB REPS TO THE BUFFALO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA AND WNED/PBS WILL BE: Mike Montoro (Cleveland Hill UFSD) for the BPO and Robert Masse (Akron CSD) for WNED/PBS. We have completed all virtual introductions for the two board members with the organizations. The organizations are excited to be working with ECASB once again. We will share any information with our members throughout the year after any meetings. Thank you to Mike and Robert for serving in this role.

ECASB MEMBERS PRESENT WERE ABLE TO PICK UP THEIR NEW ECASB T-SHIRTS. T-shirts have the ECASB logo on the front and all of our ECASB school district members logos on the back. The shirts are available in small, medium, large, x large, xx large, and xxx large. The t-shirts will be distributed to all members over the course of the next month. ECASB members who have attended the Back to School Dinner, the Delegate Assembly Meeting, the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting and Eats and Education have been provided their shirts. ECASB Gold Level Sponsors will also receive a shirt.

ALBANY UPDATE: It is not too early to begin planning to attend the ever popular Albany Update with Dave Little on November 4th at Erie County Association of School Boards. Dave Little will share his knowledge and insight into what will happen legislatively over the course of the next year. This is always an eye opening presentation.

ECASB ADVANTAGE: One of the advantages of attending ECASB events and committee meetings is that you are able to hear from other Board Members about how they conduct their board meetings, how they handle unruly guests, and how their policies affect their operation of the board and meetings.

NYSSBA AMENDMENT AND REBUTTAL DEADLINE: Today is the day... September 17th at 5:00 p.m. that amendments and rebuttals need to be submitted by, if it is to appear in the Voting Delegates’ Guide. The forms can be

sent to advocacy@nyssb.org . Please use the appropriate forms which can be found on the NYSSBA website. Amendments cannot be submitted from the floor. Delegate Orientation sessions will take place on October 7 at 12 p.m. and October 13 at 4 p.m. or can be viewed from a recording. Voting Delegate registration is Wed. Oct. 13. Information was sent to District clerks.

UPCOMING ECASB DATES:

- September 30, 2021 - Legislative Team Meeting, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Rm B1
- OCTOBER BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH - (Please display your ECASB "Thank a Board Member Appreciation Sign").
- October 7, 2021 - Annual ECASB Dinner @ Salvatore's 5:30 p.m. (This should have taken place this past June), Registration is now open and closes on September 30th. Please consider attending the dinner and showing support for the award recipients.
- October 14, 2021 - Fall Speed Boarding, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- October 21, 2021 - Legislative Team Meeting, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Rm B1

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

- 2021 Board Officers Academy. The in-person event will be held 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.
- Rochester October 18-22nd - School Board Recognition Week

SPONSOR UPCOMING WORKSHOPS: Register directly with the Sponsors

- Harris Beach PLLC - Wednesday, September 22, 2021 How to Secure a Policy, Make an Effective Claim and Compliment your Cybersecurity Strategy.
- Harris Beach PLLC - Friday, October 29, 2021 - Fall 2021 Special Education Update
- Harris Beach PLLC - Thursday, March 3, 2022 - 2022 Annual Education Institutions Conference
- Harris Beach PLLC - Tuesday, May 10, 2022 - Special Education Update
- All programs above will be held at Creekside Banquet Center at 2669 Union Road, Buffalo, New York.

NYSSBA COMING OF AGE 2021 CONVENTION NEWS UPDATE: *The 2021 NYSSBA Convention in New York City was cancelled. We look forward to the 2022 convention which will be held in Syracuse, New York. Any details regarding the cancellation will be sent out by NYSSBA or will be available through their website.*

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