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Delegate Assembly Meeting **MINUTES (DRAFT)**

Thurs., Sept. 10, 2020, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Erie 1 BOCES, Rm. B1

Presiding: Denise McCowan (Cheektowaga-Sloan), ECASB Vice *President*

Purpose of ECASB:

To coordinate board development services,

To serve as a resource to member Boards on educational issues,

To advance the mutual objectives of organizations dedicated to public education,

To advocate Association positions to policy-makers.

6:30 Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome

6:33 Approve Consent Agenda 1st Mary Busse, 2nd Paul Kunkel. No discussion.
MCU

Adopt Agenda – 9/10/2020

Minutes of January 9, 2020

6:40 2020-2021 Team and Committee Assignment Recommendations
(NOTE: Thursdays are ECASB Days!)

- i. APPOINT: Financial Oversight Team: (Lorry Goldhawk, Amherst; Brian Laible, Sweet Home; Mark Mecca, Williamsville) 1st Nadine Ocasio, 2nd Jane Sullivan. No Discussion. MCU.
- ii. APPOINT: Legislative Co-Chairs: (Scott Johnson, Sweet Home; Kathleen Chiavetta, Lake Shore) ; 1st Paul Kunkel 2nd Jane Sullivan
No Discussion MCU
- iii. APPOINT Awards Review Team: (Ray Carr, Erie 1 BOCES; Jan Dalbo, West Seneca; Lorry Goldhawk, Amherst; Andrew Loeb, Erie 1 BOCES; Dawn Snyder, Clarence; Jane Sullivan, Iroquois)
Place Advocacy Scholarship Approvals under Budget/Finance/Program Team 1st Mary Busse, 2nd Jane Sullivan
Discussion: Andy Loeb mentioned that awards team used to be made of past winners and discussed the need for using the name “Lori Sabo” Advocacy Scholarship should be used. Dave discussed making a Lori Sabo Advocacy Award. Jill said she would reach out to Andy about better ways he thought the scholarship might be advertised. This year, there had been a flyer about Lori Sabo, about the advocacy scholarship, and several announcements in This Week at ECASB. MCU.
- iv. APPOINT Nominating Team: (Mary Busse, West Seneca/Erie 1 BOCES; Shawn Lemay, Williamsville; Davis Podkulski, Frontier) 1st Paul Kunkel, 2nd Chris Binder. No Discussion. MCU.
- v. ECASB Representative on NFIEC Board: (Mary Busse, West Seneca/Erie 1 BOCES) 1st Nadine Ocasio, 2nd Jane Sullivan. No Discussion. MCU.
- vi. ECASB Representative to WNED: (Dr. Susan McClary, Williamsville) 1st Nadine Ocasio, 2nd Mary Busse. No Discussion. MCU.
- vii. ECASB Representative to BPO: (TBD) Dave mentioned that there are two people interested. Eric Borenstein (Williamsville), Thomas Flynn (Hamburg). Motion to table: 1st Jane Sullivan 2nd Robbin List. No discussion. MCU

- viii. **Superintendent Representative on Legislative team: (Mike Cornell, Hamburg CSD Superintendent) 1st James Grant, 2nd Robbin List. No Discussion. MCU.**

6:50 Review of ECASB Calendar and upcoming programs. Dave reviewed upcoming events including new board member training.

- **Awards Dinner / Event 2019-2020 (Discussion) Dave reviewed the potential format. Andy suggested taking donations for Food Bank of WNY or another entity. The cost of the meals will be covered through a mini-grant.**

- **Awards – (Discussion)**

7:00 Discussion of proposed NYSSBA Resolutions (IF NEEDED) None

7:15 ECASB Vice President Report: Sport decision came as a relief.

7:20 Committee Chair Reports: No reports

7:25 Executive Director Report:

- **COVID Plan - Discussion Described plan (he does check-in, temperature, checks, hand sanitizer, masks), social distancing,**
- **Sponsorship Update – Discussion We are slightly behind in sponsorships. There are some carry over events for sponsors into this year due to cancellations. Reviewed Gold and Silver sponsors. Discussed directory sponsors and updates.**
- **Law Conference Update – Discussion The Western New York Service Council Executive Director and Dave will be meeting.**
- **Website Update – Discussion Jill gave an update on the new website which is ready for release. She will be going over the layout with new board members and then it will be released to the general membership next week.**
- **By-Laws Update – (Discussion; Lorry Goldhawk, Linda Hoffman, Andy Loeb, Renee Wilson) Dave brought up the discrepancies in the by-laws. We are looking at having meetings starting in either October or November.**
- **Communications Committee – Discussion Dave says once website is live, committee will form to discuss type, frequency, etc. of communications being sent by ECASB**
- **Adding a seat to the Executive Board – Wait until after By Laws Committee meets; move forward Dave said it was supported by DA and Exec Board. Will hold onto this until By-Laws are re-written.**
- **Board Visitation to continue Dave mentioned he will continue this to get to all the districts**
- **Budget / Bookkeeping Information – Update Discussion Dave said Ryan was able to pull items needed for EFPR audit. Ryan also met with Exec Board Treasurer James McDermott. Ryan is staying on top of bookkeeping via online quick books.**

- **Personnel – Discussion: Advocacy Liaison, Hostess** Dave reviewed advocacy liaison position duties (Dwight Eagan). Host/Hostess: would help support evening events (set up, clean up, registration, etc.). Mary Busse suggested an intern from Niagara. Trisha Andrews also said she might be interested.
- **Technology – Discussion** Dave reviewed why we have moved to face to face for meetings vs. Zoom.

8:00 - Associate Director Update – Jill reviewed federal advocacy needs.

-NYSSBA Area One Rep (Linda Hoffman): Linda reviewed her concerns regarding lack of broadband. She will be meeting with Commissioner Rosa. Also needs a NYSSBA awards committee member and alternate for NYSSBA resolutions committee

8:05 “Round Robin Minute Updates” ... Please introduce yourself and give a brief “ONE Minute Update” on a news or issue item from your district. Much of the discussion took place regarding re-opening plans and the successes that districts were having as well as any challenges they had encountered.

8:30 *Motion to Adjourn* 1st Mary Busse, 2nd Chris Binder. No Discussion. MCU. Adjourned 8:38 PM

Future Meetings: Thursday, Jan. 14, 2020, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 15, 2020, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Davis Podkulski (Frontier), Amy Doody (Depew), Jennifer Pilarski (Maryvale), Trisha Andrew (Clarence), Shannon Cohen (Lancaster), Jane Sullivan (Iroquois), Mary Busse (West Seneca), Linda Hoffman (NYSSBA Area 1/Erie 2 CC), Robbin List (Orchard Park), Betsy Koch (Tonawanda), Matt Chimera (Ken-Ton), Chris Binder (Lake Shore), Carol Kiripolsky (Cheektowaga Central), Paul Kunkel (Sweet Home), Nadine Ocasio (Sweet Home), Andy Loeb (Erie 2 CC), Lorry Goldhawk (Amherst), Christine Gray-Tinnez, James Grant (Akron).