



This Week At ECASB ...

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

Week Ending September 25, 2020 -

FISCAL OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITY TRAINING: The following New Board members completed their 6 hour Fiscal Oversight Responsibility Training on September 19th - Congratulations to: Paul Roll (Alden), Derrick Warburton (Cheektowaga), Kevin Leary (Cheektowaga), Wesley Schlossin (Cheektowaga-Sloan), Stephanie Dombrowski (Cheektowaga-Sloan), Bonnie Vest (Cleveland Hill), Daniel Diplock (Frontier), Lesley Battaglia (Ken-Ton), Jennifer Morrow (Ken-Ton), Jennifer Pilarski (Maryvale), Jeff Thorp (Tonawanda City), Jody Peccia (West Seneca), Crystal Kaczmarek Bogner (Williamsville), and Michael Buscaglia (Williamsville).

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE PRESENTERS FOR THE FISCAL OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITY TRAINING: Lancaster Assistant Superintendent of Business and Support Services, Jamie Phillips; Accountants Seth Hennard and Mary Young from Lumsden & McCormick; and Shared School Business Official, Wayne Drescher (Erie 1 BOCES and Cheektowaga-Sloan UFSD).

WINNER OF THE ECASB BOARD CONNECTION TRIVIA IS BARB THOMASULO, DISTRICT CLERK FROM EDEN CSD. BARB WILL RECEIVE A \$15 GIFT CARD TO TIM HORTONS. The trivia contest was to identify one of the recipients receiving an award this year and October 1st Drive Thru Awards/Dinner Event.

NYSLRS ANNOUNCES EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION RATES FOR 2021-2022: Rates will increase from 14.6% to 16.2% for the ERS (Employee Retirement System).

NYSSBA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING: Last day for a school district to register a delegate for the Business Meeting is October 21. School Districts should review the resolutions so that the designated voting delegate will know the direction the board wants to take on the resolution, and the delegate can vote accordingly. Business Meeting will take place on Saturday, October 31st from 8:30 am—10:30 am virtually. There is no registration fee to attend the business meeting. Contact Director of Governmental Relations Brian Fessler at brian.fessler@nyssba.org for more information.

INFORMATION NEEDED WAS PROVIDED: Walter Baumgardt served as the ECASB President in 2001—2002. He was on the Sweet Home CSD School Board. He was the only ECASB Board President that we did not have information on, going as far back as 1930 for the organization. Thank you to Scott Johnson, Ed Cavan, and Robbin List for providing this information.

LAST DAY TO COMPLETE YOUR 2020 CENSUS IS SEPTEMBER 30, 2020.

NEW SPONSOR; A new Silver Sponsor this year is Solar Liberty. They are currently working with Iroquois Central School to install Solar panels on the roof of one of the elementary buildings in the district. They will be one of the featured presenters at the December Speedboarding event. Solar Liberty will also come out to your district and speak to small groups of students about technology and careers in the solar industry.

LAST DAY TO ORDER THE CHICKEN / RIB DINNER IS TODAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2020. If your name appears in the flyer that I sent out last week, you are entitled to 2 FREE Dinners. If you are a School Board Member, Superintendent, or District Clerk from an ECASB member District and are NOT LISTED AS RECEIVING AN AWARD you are entitled to 1 FREE Dinner. All Dinners are Pre-Order ONLY.

IT HAS BEEN A BUSY WEEK...

MONDAY NIGHT I ATTENDED THE VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING WITH CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION WITH NYSSBA DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS BRIAN FESSLER: I sent out an ECASB Special Report about the meeting. You can actually go to the Chautauqua County School Board website and watch the 1 hour program recording. The website is www.cccsba.org. Under the Events link, you will find this program as well as the Cyber Security presentation that they had last week.

TUESDAY NIGHT I HAD THE PLEASURE OF VISITING THE NORTH COLLINS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD AT THEIR IN PERSON MEETING. Special thank you to Superintendent Scott Taylor, District Clerk Kathy Mason, Board President Shannon McGrath-Locking, Vice President Lisa Petrus, and Board Members Michelle DeCarlo, Mary Petkov, Heather Puntillo, James Sager, and Michael Stefan. The agenda was very easy to follow. Now that I am in my second year, I will start to build a “Best Practices” document that I will share with the ECASB Membership at the end of the year.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT I ATTENDED MY OWN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AT IROQUOIS CENTRAL SCHOOL. IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I HAVE BEEN BACK TO AN IN-PERSON MEETING IN THE DISTRICT SINCE MARCH:

ALL ECASB MEMBERS DUES ARE ALL PAID: All ECASB Member Districts Dues are paid in full for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Thank you to all our Superintendents, District Clerks, Business Administrators and Board Members that made sure the dues were paid in a timely fashion.

A DINNER AND MOVIE....OR AT LEAST A MOVIE: If you have attended Fiscal Oversight Responsibility Training the last few years, you have heard Wayne Drescher talk about the Roslyn School District. Back in the early 2000’s, the School District on Long Island had a Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and a Business Official steal over \$11 million dollars of districts funds over 4 years. The real life story was made into a movie. The HBO Film, a dark comedy, stars Hugh Jackman, Allison Janey, and Ray Romano. ECASB has two copies of “BAD EDUCATION” in our ECASB Library for loan.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: There will be a Communications Committee meeting on Thursday, October 22, from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. The Ad Hoc Committee’s purpose will be to review the Communications of ECASB including all print, facebook, twitter, and ECASB web page and provide feedback and guidance. Interested board members should contact Sue Summers at ssummers@e1b.org or me at dlowrey@e1b.org.

THIS WEEKS DOCUMENTS SENT OUT: Can be found on the ECASB web page at www.ecasb.org under the Resources Link. They can be found under The Latest at ECAB title.

UPCOMING DATES:

October 1, 2020 - ECASB School District Clerk Fall Program - **POSTPONED**

October 1, 2020 - ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER for 2019—2020 - **RECONFIGURED.**

October 8, 2020 - Budget and Finance Team Meeting 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

October 15, 2020 - Legislative Team Meeting - 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

October 19 - 23, 2020 - NYS School Board Recognition Week

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