

6:30 – 8:30 PM --Thursday, January 21, 2021
Erie 1 BOCES-355 Harlem Road, West Seneca
Virtual – DRAFT MINUTES

Attendance: Mark Smith (Amherst); Wesley Schlossin (Cheektowaga-Sloan); Dennis Priore (Clarence); Michael Montoro (Cleveland Hill); John Spencer (Depew); Jen Horschel (Eden); Linda Hoffman (Erie 2 CC BOCES); Laura Errington (Frontier); Ashli Dreher (Grand Island); David Yoviene (Hamburg) Michele Hovey (Iroquois); Lesley Battaglia (Ken Ton); Jen Morrow (Ken Ton); Patrick Uhteg (Lancaster); Jason Baier (Maryvale); Dwight Eagan (Orchard Park); Josh Feldmann and Kailey McDonald (Sweet Home); Kristin Schmutzler (Tonawanda City); Janice Dalbo (West Seneca); Dr Susan McClary (Williamsville); Superintendent Rep. Mike Cornell (Hamburg).

Co -Chair Kathleen Chiavetta (Lake Shore)
Co-Chair Scott Johnson (Sweet Home)
Dr. Jill O'Malley (Assoc. Director at ECASB);
David Lowrey (Exec. Director at ECASB).

6:30 pm - Called to Order by Legislative Committee Chair Scott Johnson, Sweet Home
6:31 pm - Pledge to Flag

- 1. Approval of Agenda [Action item] Motion to approve by Dennis Priore (Clarence); Second by Lesley Battaglia (Ken-Ton). Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- 2. Review/Approval - Meeting Minutes from November 19, 2020 [Action item] Motion to approve by Dwight Eagan (Orchard Park) ; Second by. Motion by Laura Errington (Frontier) Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- 3. Scheduled Goals**
 - Review Governor's Budget / Comment on State of State: **Dr. O'Malley summarized a few of the times in the budget:**
 - \$15 cap for broad banned
 - 1.7 billion in aid to schools
 - 7)% of funds would be directed to high needs school districts
 - Expense aids have been consolidated
 - A lot of legislation is embedded in the budget.
 - Mike Cornell, Supt. Rep added
 - He has not had conversations with his membership yet.

- Shares agreement funnels money out of the area (for every \$1.00 that is cut, it affects Western New York schools 3 X's as much as it does downstate school.
 - In 08-09 we had federal money supplementing a large portion of the budgets...this was followed by the Gap Elimination
 - Review Legislative Priority Survey. Please take if you have not taken it yet. **Dr. O'Malley will leave the survey open until mid week, next week.**
 - Advocacy Plan Of Action: NYSSBA: **Consider registering for the Capital Conference. Advocacy Training 101. Dr. O'Malley did an Advocacy Training at North Tonawanda School District last week; During the advocacy training on January 30th, we will review the do's and don'ts of advocacy; Rep meetings will most likely be virtual. Dr. O'Malley will assist with setting up the meetings.**
- 4. Review of Legislative / Advocacy Activities since last meeting**
- Review Spreadsheet Spread sheet has been updated. **Assemblyman Bill Conrad and Senator Sen Ryan have been selected to serve on the Education Committees.**
 - Representative Meetings: **May push meetings out a week or so that we will have a better picture of the federal stimulus money. There were questions from some of the newer reps on what actually takes place at the meetings. Seasoned legislative members responded and answered questions.**
 - Updates on your reps? - **There were no updates on the legislative reps.**
- 5. Upcoming important info (BUSY!!)**
- **Advocacy Training Saturday, January 30th 8:00 am-11:30 am**
 - **ECASB Local Advocacy Week: February 1st -5th**
 - **Rick Timbs (Dessert Forum): February 4th**
 - **2021 Live Virtual Capital Conference: February 3, 2021 8:30 am – 1:00 pm**
- 6. New business**
- Position Transition – **Dr. Jill O'Malley indicated that this would be her last meeting with ECASB as the Associate Director. She let the group know that she enjoyed working with them and if they ever had questions, to please reach out to her.**
 - **Questions / Comments?**
- 7. Round Table:** (2 minutes per person on advocacy related topics)
- **There were no comments during the Round Table Discussion as many of the topics or questions had been answered earlier during the course of the meeting.**
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- 8. Adjournment:**
- Motion to adjourn made by Jan Dalbo (West Seneca); Second by John Spencer (Depew); Motion carried unanimously.***