



## This Week At ECASB ...

*Important news from this past week and news for the upcoming week.*

**Week Ending September 22, 2023**

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**DISTRICT CLERKS SHOULD SAVE THE DATE:** Information has been sent to all District Clerks in Erie, Niagara, Cattaraugus and Chautauqua Counties. Program is October 5th from 11:30 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. Only 2 spots remain. Deadline to register is September 28th. The program will take place at Erie 1 BOCES room A219.

**TODAY - SEPTEMBER 22ND AT 5:00 P.M.:** Is the deadline to submit proposed amendments, late resolutions, statements of support or rebuttals for including in the 2023 Voting Delegates Guide for the NYSSBA Annual Business Meeting.

**VOTING DELEGATE REGISTRATION CLOSING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH AT 12:00 P.M.:** Voting delegates need to have their district clerks register them. The business meeting will be held virtually on Monday, October 16th at 4:00 p.m.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO CLEVELAND HILL UFSD BOARD PRESIDENT ROBERT C. POLINO:** At the September 20th Cleveland Hill UFSD School Board Meeting the board dedicated the Community Room and renamed the room to the Robert C. Polino Community Room. Robert Polino began his service to the Cleveland Hill UFSD as a Board Member in 1992-1993. He was elected to serve as President in 1999-2000 and has remained as the Board President.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING ECASB 2023-2024 COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Committee members were approved at the Delegate Assembly meeting held on September 14, 2023. Special thank you to the Nominating Committee and Nominating Committee Chair Davis Podkolski in helping to put the slate together.

- **Financial Oversight Team:** Tricia Andrews (Clarence), Stephanie Dombrowski (Cheek-Sloan), Andrea Wisniewski (Tonawanda)

- **Legislative Chairs:** Scott Johnson (Sweet Home), Kathleen Chiavetta (Lake Shore/Erie 2 CC BOCES), Erik Polkowski (Akron)

- **Awards Review Team:** Lorry Goldhawk (Amherst), Dawn Snyder (Clarence), Renee Wilson (Cheek./Erie 1 BOCES), Kristin Schmutzler (Tonawanda), Sherry Steffan (Grand Island)

- **Nominating Committee:** Chair– Davis Podkolski (Frontier), Elizabeth Gates (West Seneca), Tricia Andrews (Clarence), Michele DeCarlo (North Collins), Stephanie Dombrowski (Cheek-Sloan) and Mary Busse (Erie 1 BOCES)

- **NFIEC (Niagara Frontier Industry Education Council):** Mary Busse

- **WNED Rep:** Kristy Pingitore (Akron), Maureen Poulin (Williamsville) and Vincent Vanderlip (West Seneca)

- **Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra:** Kristy Pingitore (Akron), Mike Montoro (Cleveland Hill)

- **Superintendent Representative on the Legislative Team:** Mike Cornell (Hamburg), Alternate - Dr. Brian Graham (Grand Island)

**DR. RICK TIMBS PROGRAM ON OCTOBER 12TH “FEDERAL AID, STATE AID & FINANCE CONSIDERATIONS FOR 2023-2024 AND BEYOND:** Deadline to register for the event is Thursday, October 5th. If you have never heard Dr. Timbs speak about Foundation Aid, you won't want to miss the presentation. Dr. Timbs is the Executive Director of the State Wide School Finance Consortium and is often called upon by state legislators to providing information on Foundation Aid and the impact on schools.

**KICK OFF TO CONVENTION:** New This Year. Kick-Off will be held on Wednesday October 25th at Resurgence Brewing Company. This will be a free event for ECASB members and Platinum and Gold Level Sponsors to get together to prepare for the upcoming NYSSBA Convention and Expo in Buffalo. Hors' D'oeuvres and drinks will be served.

**BOARD CONNECTION TRIVIA NUMBER 2:** The question was to identify what high school ECASB Executive Secretary/Information Specialist Sue Summers graduated from. A clue was provided that a ECASB member Superintendent also graduated from the same high school. Sue Summers graduated from Depew UFSD (we won't name the year). The Superintendent that graduated from the same high school in the same year was Cheektowaga Superintendent Scott Zipp who also graduated from Depew UFSD.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:** At last night's first Legislative Committee meeting of the year, a random drawing was held for a Buffalo Bills pillow and blanket. Mary Jo Szucs (Holland CSD). Congratulations Mary Jo and thank you to all Delegates who were present for the meeting.

**THANK YOU TO THE MARYVALE UFSD SCHOOL BOARD:** I attended their meeting on Monday September 18th. I heard several reports at the meeting. Everything from the NYS Report Card Data to the VADIR report. I learned a great deal about each of the reports. Thank you to Board President James McDermott, Vice President Jennifer Pilarski, Board Members Ronald Morlock, Christopher Pew, and Marie Zimmer. Special Thank you to Superintendent Joseph D'Angelo, and District Clerk Sheena Palmer.

**THANK YOU TO THE DEPEW UFSD SCHOOL BOARD:** Program Services Manager Jane Sullivan and Executive Secretary Sue Summers and I attended the Depew UFSD Board of Education meeting. As the year gets into full swing, students are now sharing information on what is happening at the different schools. It is always great to see students and their parents attend the meetings. Additionally, we were able to witness the swearing in ceremony of the new Student Representative on the School Board. This was the first meeting that the Depew UFSD has a Student Board Member. Thank you to School Board President David Sheff, Vice President Todd Bush, Board Members Amy Doody, Patrick Law, Nicholas LaMarca, Bartholomew McGloin and Justin Young. Thank you especially to Superintendent Dr. Hank Stopinski, District Clerk Jessica Neischel, and School Business Administrator Donna Hill.

**CIDEL - COMMITTEE TO IDENTIFY DEVELOPING EDUCATIONAL LEADERS:** As Executive Director of ECASB, I serve on the CIDEL Committee. The committee's mission is to identify and develop future educational leaders including principals, assistant principals, district level administrators, directors assistant superintendents, and even superintendents in school districts. The main program is a one day event that will be held at Erie 1 BOCES on March 9th. Serving on the committee in addition to the Director of the ECASB is the Director of WNYESC, the Director of the Western New York Leadership Group, representatives from Buffalo State University, University of Buffalo, Canisius University, Niagara University, St. Bonaventure University and SUNY Brockport. Administrators from the following districts also serve on the committee; Orchard Park, Ken Ton, the Diocese of Buffalo Catholic Schools, Williamsville, Hamburg, Lockport, Starpoint, Orleans Niagara BOCES, Erie 1 BOCES, Erie 2 CC BOCES, Sweet Home, Cheektowaga, Tonawanda, Brocton, Buffalo Schools, and Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES.

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS: (Upcoming ECASB Events)**

Team Meetings: September 28th - Budget and Finance Team

- October 5th - District Clerk Workshop 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- October 12th - A Night with Rick Timbs at The Columns - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

- October 25th - Convention Kick Off at Resurgence Brewing Company
- October 26th - 28th - NYSSBA Convention and Expo

#### SPONSOR WORKSHOPS:

- Harris Beach PLLC
  - October 18, Fall 2023 Special Education Update @ Creekside Banquet Facility 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.; Available via webinar also.
  - November 16th - End of Year Labor Updates
  - February 29th—2024 Educational Institutions Conference
  - March 23rd - Updates on Current Legal Issues Facing Employers
  - June 22nd - Practical Employee Considerations in Managing Your Workforce
- Hodgson Russ LLP
  - October 5th - Special Education Seminar 2023 at Salvatores Italian Gardens 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

#### POLITICAL FUNDRAISERS:

- Assemblyman David DiPietro - October 12th. 5th Annual Sportsman Dinner; Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m. @ Arrowhead Golf Club 12292 Clarence Center Road, Akron. Event ticket is \$99.00. Questions - call Nancie at 716-548-6560. Send checks to DiPietro For You; P.O. Box 700, East Aurora, NY 14052

#### NYSSBA'S PROGRAMS:

- Lunchtime Webinar Series: (Watch live or view the recording at your convenience)
  - October 11th 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.; Meeting Today's Communication Challenges
- Superintendent Evaluation Workshop (2023 Live Virtual Workshop) September 22nd from 8:00 a.m.— Noon.
- October 6th 8:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Live Virtual Board Officers Academy - Gain a better understanding of the job of the Board President and identify strategies for effective communication, positive superintendent relations and how to work with the media. Learn about school board self evaluations.

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