



This Week At ECASB ...

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

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THE ECASB OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH: Due to the use of vacation days. Should you need assistance, please contact the Executive Director on cell phone.

NYSSBA'S 2024 LEADERSHIP IN EDUCATION EVENT: To be held July 19th and 20th at the Crown Plaza Albany at the The Desmond Hotel has announced registration is now open. One of the featured sessions will be on AI. Other sessions include many of the issues you are facing such as: Declining Enrollment, New Pathways for Future-Ready Students; Chronic Absenteeism, Current NYSED Initiatives, Navigating Board Conflict, Teacher Shortages, and Supporting Academic Achievement for All. This will be the 3rd annual Leadership in Education event. Register with NYSSBA.

ROAD RALLY TAKES PLACE SATURDAY. We already have the teams from Cheektowaga-Sloan UFSD, Clarence CSD, a mixed team from Iroquois CSD/Holland CSD, Ken-Ton UFSD, and Tonawanda City. The first clue is at 9:00 a.m. from the Ken Ton UFSD Board Room at 155 Delaware Road....enter door 5 on south side of building.

NYSSBA 2024 RESOLUTIONS KIT was emailed to all NYSSBA members on April 16th. Included in the kit are the results of the 2024 Resolutions Survey. Please pay attention to the deadlines for submitting resolutions. Proposed resolutions and bylaw amendments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 12, 2024. The 2024 Annual Business meeting will once again be virtual and will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2024.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHN Y. WATERMAN FROM THE GOWANDA CSD BOARD OF EDUCATION: Who will be joining the Erie 2 CC BOCES Board of Education. Congratulations also to Nancy Renckens, Greg Cole, and Sylvester Cleary who will be returning to the E2CC BOCES Board of Education.

NYSSBA BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION PROGRAM: In the next week, NYSSBA will be releasing the names of Board of Education members that achieved Level 1, 2, 3 or 4 in their Board Excellence Recognition Program. Points are awarded for attendance at various events whether they are in-person, online or virtual. The various levels are recapped below:

Level 1: Board Achievement Award - (75 points); Board Achievement Certificate of Recognition

Level 2: Board Excellence Award - (150 points); Board Excellence Certificate of Recognition & Recognition in On Board newspaper

Level 3: Board Mastery Award - (250 points); Board Mastery Certificate of Recognition, free registration to a one-day seminar, Recognition in On Board, Commemorative Padfolio

Level 4: Board Lifetime Achievement - (500 points); Board Lifetime Achievement Plaque, free registration to NYSSBA Annual Convention, Recognition in On Board, Executive Pen Set

RURAL SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE BUDGET WEBINAR: Was held on April 23rd at 12:00 p.m. The Webinar was recorded. It can be located at this address:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/W5P19p0KSWinuNkN0tyx0kzvrFMIIYJ7GAFNrvjM8qOXZidTV3Jhf5DMEDmd7k7G.jrFoRD0cGx-bEKQ7>

SAD NEWS: Vince Coppola, former Superintendent of West Seneca CSD has passed away. Vince began his career in the North Collins CSD as an English Teacher and Counselor. He also coached the Varsity Basketball team. In West Seneca before becoming Superintendent, he served as a counselor, assistant high school principal, a middle school principal and a director of personnel. Additional positions included serving as Superintendent of Corning-Painted Post CSD, Interim Superintendent at Hamburg CSD and Frontier CSD, and as the Director of the Western New York Educational Service Council. A mass of Christian Burial will take place at St. Bernadette's Church South Abbott Road, Orchard Park, New York 14127 on Saturday April 27th at 11:00 a.m.

NYSSBA LIVE VIRTUAL POLICY WORKSHOP ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: Wednesday, May 8th 2024; 8:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Cost is \$140 for members and \$280 for non members. Register directly with NYSSBA.

ECASB ANNUAL DINNER IS THURSDAY, JUNE 6TH. We are in the process of finalizing details. Please note that the dinner will be at Kloc's in West Seneca. We will have our traditional ECASB Basket Raffle and Split Club which benefits that Lorie Sabo Advocacy Scholarship fund. Baskets should be donated by individuals or ECASB members. More details will be sent out in the weeks ahead. Registration and Cocktails will be at 5:00 P.M. Featured awards will be presented at 5:40 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m. At 7:15 p.m., we will conclude with recognition of Service Awards, Rising Star Awards, Shining Star Awards, Retiring Board Members, installation of officers, and the annual meeting. The night will conclude at approximately 8:15 p.m-8:30 p.m. In addition, we will have door prizes, the ECASB annual Basket Raffle and the ECASB annual split club to benefit the Lorie Sabo Advocacy Scholarship Fund that assists Board Members with travel to the NYSSBA Capital Conference and Federal Relations Network.

CAN'T MAKE ECASB'S GOVERNANCE TRAINING? Right down the thruway at Monroe County School Boards, they will host their in person training on June 8th. Registration will take place at 7:30 a.m. with the program from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. . The program is almost identical to our in person training. The cost will be \$175.00; breakfast and lunch will be provided with a 1/2 hour for lunch and two 10 minute breaks. You can check out their website or call 585-328-1972 for more information. NYSSBA Annual meeting.

NYSSBA HELD A VIRTUAL MEETING TO REVIEW THE ADOPTED BUDGET: On the call was NYSSBA Government Relations staff members Brian Fessler, Caroline Bobick John Daly, Danielle Grasso and Matt DeLaus. If you were unable to attend the meeting, a link for the virtual program will be sent out next week. Additionally, the powerpoint will be available.

WNY LAW CONFERENCE IS SHAPING UP: Session topics descriptions will be provided mid May. The Western New York Law Conference will be held at Salvatores Italian Restaurant on Wednesday, August 7th. Topics will include:

- Policy and operational implications for AI
- Collective Bargaining Updates
- Staff Discipline & Excessive Staff Absences
- Community Access to School Information
- Use of Social Media by Board of Education Members and Administration
- Special Education Updates
- Superintendent Search Process and Superintendents Contracts
- Codes of Conduct & Student Discipline
- Title IX Investigations and New Rules

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: (Upcoming ECASB Events).

- May 9th - Delegate Assembly Meeting 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.; B1
- May 11th - Legislative Wrap Up Breakfast @ The Columns - Transit Road, Elma 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

- May 28th / June 1st - Governance Training
- June 6th - ECASB Annual Awards Dinner/Meeting 5:15 p.m. Registration; Kloc's - Seneca Creek Road
- June 11th/15th - Fiscal Oversight Responsibility Training

SPONSOR WORKSHOPS:

- **Harris Beach PLLC**
 - June 22nd - Practical Employee Considerations in Managing Your Workforce
 - June 27th - Workplace Leave Laws webinar 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

POLITICAL FUNDRAISERS:

None Listed

NYSSBA'S PROGRAMS:

- May 8th - Artificial Intelligence: A New Frontier for School District Policy. Join live or watch the recording at your convenience. 8:30 a.m. - 11:45. \$140 for members / \$280 for non-members
- June 3rd - A NYSSBA Membership Survey will be sent to all NYSSBA members, please take a few moments to fill out and return.
- July 18th - NYSSBA Summer Law Conference in Albany
- July 19th - 20th NYSSBA's Leadership in Education Event

RURAL SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE:

- July 14th-16th - Summer Conference @ Lake Placid, New York

NSBA'S (NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION) PROGRAMS:

- 2025 National School Boards Conference will be in Atlanta, Georgia March 29th - 31st.

AFFILIATE NEWS AND INFORMATION:

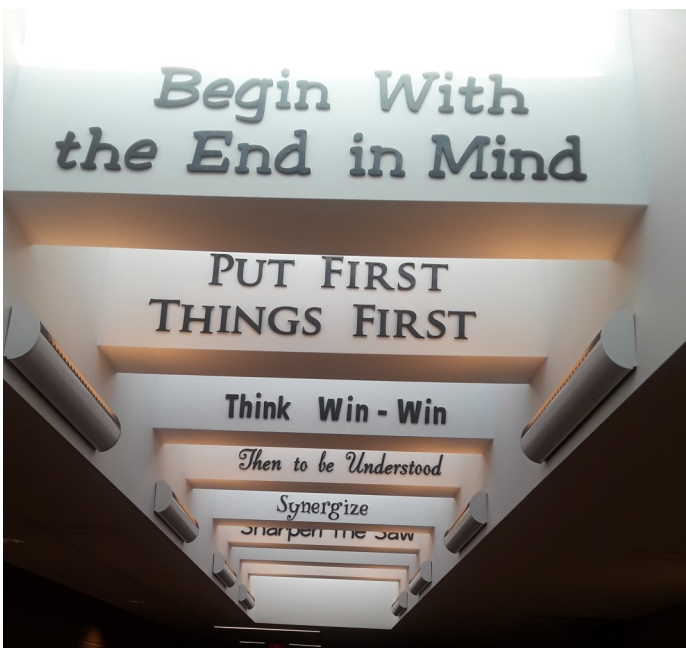
- **ERIE NIAGARA SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S ASSOCIATION:** Achieving the Joy and Mastery of Learning podcast listing. [CLICK HERE](#)

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: *Inquiring School Board Members want to know... "What happens if no one runs for a Board of Education seat?" Answer: There may be a write in campaign that takes place on the day of the Budget Vote, and a Board Member could become a Board Member via a write in campaign. If that does not happen, the Board of Education can hold a special election, or they can appoint an individual to serve for the year. Boards of Education have often held interviews for candidates. A few Boards of Education have appointed former Board of Education members to serve out the year term. By only serving for a year, the Board Member technically would not need to complete Governance Training or Fiscal Oversight Responsibility training because the year term would be up within the year - thus the Board could be putting themselves at risk by having a Board Member that is not aware of their role and the many issues that come with things like Social Media,*

NYSSBA AREA 1 DIRECTOR NEWS AND NOTES:

I was able visit the Pembroke Central School Board meeting on Monday, April 22nd. I have traveled by the school many times as I have gotten on or exited the New York State thruway on my many trips to Albany and home again. I was finally able to walk inside the building. I enjoy visiting schools and seeing the physical space in schools.

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The pictures above were taken in the Pembroke Senior High School during my Board of Education visit this past Monday night. The picture on the left has the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People listed on the ceiling. The 7 Habits are part of the Stephen Covey program. The picture on the right includes quotes from the Stephen Covey program



that are located in the hall outside the High School Library where students are able to read and contemplate the quotes on a daily basis and how the quotes apply to their life. There are a few schools in the area that use the 7 Habits of Effective Leaders in their character Education programs.

