



ECASB Summer Update– August 16, 2024

IT'S A COOL SUMMER PROMO: Cleveland Hill UFSD Board President Robert Polino is the recipient of the August 14th week “It’s a Cool Summer at ECASB”. He will receive his prize interschool mail. His name is entered into the final drawing which will be given at the Back To School Dinner on August 22nd. There is nothing to do for “It’s a Cool Summer at ECASB”. All ECASB members names are entered into the weekly drawing.

COMPETITION IS HEATING UP AS ENTRIES HAVE INCREASED IN ECASB’S SUMMER CHALLENGE : There is still time left to have your picture taken in your ECASB T-Shirt or ECASB baseball cap. Only a few days remain to submit your photos and be eligible for a drawing at the Back to School Dinner.

SPONSOR UPDATES: Please continue to support ECASB sponsors. We are in the final days of our ECASB Sponsor Drive.

John W. Danforth - Gold Level Sponsor

ECASB BOARD CONNECTIONS: I hope you have been enjoying reading about our newest School Board members. There are several school board members that have not yet returned their form. If you need a new form, please let me know ASAP.

NEW BOARD PRESIDENTS THIS YEAR SHOULD BE LOOKING FOR THE SURVEY FORM “LEADERS AMONG US”. I ask that you complete the survey and return the form so that we can feature new Board Presidents. The survey form will be sent to your home with a return self addressed stamped envelope, and previous years examples.

AUGUST 22ND BACK TO SCHOOL DINNER: The dinner will feature a presentation from a team from Akron CSD on the Science of Reading. The Back to School Dinner is open to ECASB members (Superintendents, District Clerks, and Board Members), as well as District Level administrators that may be an integral part of the reading program in a school district. ECASB decided to focus on the Science of Reading because that is one of the goals of the Governor. A report on reading levels was recently released. Akron CSD was the highest scoring district in WNY, so we chose to have the Akron CSD discuss their journey in the Science of Reading. We have 79 people registered for the Back to School event.

FOUNDATION AID FORMULA: Written comments can be submitted on line through September 6th. The Rockefeller Institute plans to release their recommendation on December 6th. For more information please refer to their webpage at <https://rockinst.org/foundation-aid-study>.

TEAM MEETINGS WILL BE STARTING IN SEPTEMBER. If representatives cannot attend a meeting, they

should notify their alternate. If the alternate is unavailable, yet another Board Member is available, they are free to attend. Please note that members are recorded as either 'present', 'excused- if you call or email our office', or 'absent' if you are a no show.

NYSSBA CONVENTION - LOCAL PRESENTERS: Mark your calendar. The following individuals from ECASB will be presenting at the NYSSBA Convention in New York City.

Monday, October 21st - 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Buffalo City School District

Prioritizing Mental Health and Wellness

Presenters: Sharon Brown, Mai Nguyen, Aundrea Sanders and Rachel Dominguez

Monday, October 21st - 4:00 p.m.— 5:00 p.m.

Grand Island CSD & Zero Eyes

Proactive: AI Weapon Detection Leveraging School Cameras

Presenters: Grand Island Superintendent Dr. Brian Graham and Brett Handell from Zero Eyes

Monday, October 21st - 4:00 - 5:00 P.M.

Cheektowaga Sloan UFSD

Restorative Practices

Presenters: Cheektowaga Sloan UFSD Superintendent Andrea Galenski, and Janelle L. Finn

REGISTRATION FOR THE NYSSBA CONVENTION AND EXPO: Opened on June 30th. The program will be held in New York City this year at the Hilton Mid-Town Manhattan. In addition to the Convention, there are two day long workshops that are presented that are an additional cost. The two programs include the Law Conference Update and the Board Officers Academy.

NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL ADVOCACY AND EQUITY SYMPOSIUM WILL TAKE PLACE FEBRUARY 2ND - FEBRUARY 4, 2025. This is the time when School Board Members from around the nation travel to Washington D.C. to meet with their Legislators to fight for Federal Funds for education. Registration for this event just opened this week.

WE SAY GOODBYE TO KYM CANNIZARO FROM THE CLARENCE CSD BOARD WHO RECENTLY RESIGNED.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. HEATHER LYON. For those Board Members that have completed their Governance Training with ECASB over the last few years, you may recall Dr. Heather Lyon presented about Student Assessment and Achievement and the Board's Role. Dr. Heather Lyon has accepted a position as the Coordinator of Assessment and Data in the Gate-Chili CSD.

PLATINUM LEVEL SPONSOR CORPORATE SCREENING AND INVESTIGAVE GROUP (TONY OLIVO) AND MARNIE SMITH, ESQ. (WEBSTER SZANYI - SILVER LEVEL SPONSOR) TEAM UP: To discuss Student Residency Investigations on September 24th 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. virtually. Please contact Tony Olivo at toli-vo@corporateconsultantsinvestigations.com for more information.

BOARD CONNECTION TRIVIA: There were no correct answers in the first Board Connection Trivia "How many new School Board members are in ECASB?" The correct answer is 31.

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| - Alden - | Andy Malburg |
| - Amherst | Gordon Crock |
| - Cheektowaga | Lisa Sekurterski |
| - Cheektowaga Sloan | Jennifer Kregg and Ava Marie Shonitsky |

- Depew Jeffrey Ordon
- Erie 2 CC BOCES John Waterman
- Frontier David Ceccarelli and Sharon Heppner
- Grand Island Roger Broeker, III
- Gowanda Crista Monat and Susan Bettker
- Hamburg Ashley Rapsinski and Mary Odden
- Iroquois Todd Aichinger
- Ken Ton Frederick Floss
- Lake Shore Kristen Bauer
- Lancaster David Lyman and Anita Schiavone
- North Collins Aaron Renaldo and Daniel Brenner
- Orchard Park Ty Romanello
- Sweet Home Danyelle Anthon and Dirk Rabenold
- Springville Dr. Kimberly Higgins and David Brand
- Tonawanda City Marisa Keleman
- West Seneca Lorene Barulich, Jeremy Maloney, and Marla Greenberg
- Williamsville Dawn Fletch

Additionally, Associate Members Pioneer and Starpoint have a combined total of 6 new members:

- Pioneer Amanda McKerrrow, Jim Fleischman, Patricia Hoffman & Kathryn Uhteg
- Starpoint Jonathan Kinmartin and Lisa Kankolenski

NYSSBA CONNECTION WITH NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Over the last few years, New York State School Boards Association has reached out to all New School Board members from across the state to have a brief conversation. An email will be sent to your email that is provided by the school district. The purpose of the call is to discuss how your first year is going as well as make you aware of the many benefits associated with being a NYSSBA member. Once YOU schedule a virtual meeting, the meeting lasts about 30 minutes. The Member Relations staff who talks with you will act as your “concierge” throughout your membership. The New School Board Member can schedule the conversation at their convenience. If you have specific questions, please feel free to reach out to Patrick Longo, NYSSBA Member Relations Manager at 518-783-3706. (This is a great out reach service. It took me almost 15 years before I picked up the phone to call NYSSBA and ask them a question).

AND FOR BOARD LEADERS: Board Leaders can take advantage of the NYSSBA Live Virtual Board Officers Academy - Developing Effective Board Leadership September 12th from 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Contact NYSSBA for details.



I mentioned last week that I was going to the Erie County Fair to attend the 4H auction. A boy in the neighborhood as been raising turkeys and chickens for the first year. Each of the 4H members raffle off lots of two chickens and 1 turkey. The money raised is used by the member to either purchase animals for next year or help fund college, or other expenses. I was one of the bidders that Eli had lined up. Members need to line up bidders to, invite them to the auction, and discuss their animals. Pictured left is Eli and the turkey that was auctioned off. This is the before picture. I was the highest bidder. The Tukey weighed 24 lbs. and is now in the freezer. Eli has informed me next year he is raising hogs so I will have to make a little more room in the freezer.