



This Week At ECASB ...

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

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ECASB AWARD NOMINATIONS CLOSE MARCH 4TH. Any ECASB member may nominate for ECASB awards. Entire Boards DO NOT need to nominate individuals for awards. Award applications are on the ECASB website.

NYSSBA CAPITAL CONFERENCE. The Virtual Capital Conference takes place today. This is a great opportunity to pick up talking points when working with your NYS legislators.

SAD NEWS: Please keep Buffalo School Board Member Theresa “Terri” Schuta in your thoughts and prayers. Theresa’s husband Michael Schuta suddenly passed away January 28th. Friends may call Friday, February 2nd, 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. ,at James W. Cannan Funeral Home at 3155 Orchard Park Road. A Christian Burial mass will be held Saturday, February 3rd, at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 115 O’Connell Avenue, Buffalo. Notes of sympathy can be sent to Theresa Schuta at 572 Dorrance Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14218.

SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 7, 2024. THE WESTERN NEW YORK EDUCATIONAL SERVICE COUNCIL AND ECASB WILL BE HOLDING THEIR ANNUAL WNY LAW CONFERENCE. Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel for New York State School Boards Association, Mr. Jay Worona, Esq. will be the keynote speaker. The program will be held at Salvatore’s Banquet facility in Depew.

THANK YOU TO LAKE SHORE CSD BOARD MEMBERS KATHLEEN CHIAVETTA , MICHAEL FRANEY AND THE NYSSBA AREA DIRECTORS: For helping to guide me through the NSBA Advocacy event in Washington D.C. this past week. This was the first time I attended the event. I attended meetings with Senator Schumer’s office and Representative Nick Langworthy’s office.

ECASB 2024-2025 BUDGET: The ECASB 2024-2025 Draft Budget will be released to the ECASB Executive Board and the Budget and Finance Committee. It is anticipated that there will be NO Dues increase for the 11th year. Thank you to Executive Bookkeeper Ryan DiPasquale for his assistance in preparing the document

MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON D.C. AT THE NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION. I attended two meetings in Washington D.C. One of the meetings was with Senator Schumer’s staff. The other

meeting was with Representative Langworthy's staff. There were other School Board Members, NYSSBA Area Directors and Senior Governmental Relations Representative Caroline Bobick from NYSSBA. ECASB members in attendance included Lake Shore CSD Board of Education members Kathleen Chiavetta and Michael Franey. Both meetings went well with much dialog about Title Funds, IDEA, Emission Free School buses, school meals, and teacher and staff shortages.

PROSPECTIVE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER WORKSHOP: ECASB will hold their annual Prospective School Board Workshop on Saturday March 23rd from 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. The first part of the program will be presented by Hodgson Russ LLP attorneys Karl Kristoff, Esq. and Jeffrey Swiatek, Esq. The second part will include a panel discussion comprised of experienced School Board Members. If you are an experienced School Board Member with at least 1 year of service, and want to participate in the panel, please email Dave Lowrey at dlowrey@e1b.org to be considered to serve on the panel.

CIDEL CONFERENCE 2024 CALL TO LEADERSHIP: CIDEL (Committee to Identify and Develop Educational Leaders) will hold their annual conference on Saturday, March 9th, at Erie 1 BOCES. The program is designed for current superintendents, assistant superintendents, building administrators, other current administrators and educational leaders as well as aspiring leaders. The event this year is free, however registration is necessary. Topics include:

- Portrait of a Graduate / Blue Ribbon Commission
- Distributive Leadership
- The Whole Administrator
- Mission and Vision
- A Day in the Life of an Administrator
- Growing Upward: Engaging Administrators
- Resume / Interview Strategies

The keynote speaker is Dr. Kevin McGowan, Superintendent of Brighton Central School. Please contact Pat Hochadel at Western New York Education Service Council at 716-923-6514 or at wnyesc222@gmail.com

GOVERNOR HOCHUL AWARDS \$100 MILLION TO 50 SCHOOL DISTRICT TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO COMBAT PANDEMIC LEARNING LOSS AND EXPAND ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH. Local schools receiving money through Learning Loss RECOVS:

Buffalo City School District	\$2,883,515
Erie 2 CC BOCES	\$ 667,742

Districts receiving Mental Health RECOVS:

Buffalo City School District	\$5,000,000
Clarence CSD	\$ 921, 702
Erie 2 CC BOCES	\$ 364,202
Gowanda CSD	\$ 182, 733
Iroquois CSD	\$ 200,000
Tonawanda City SD	\$1,250,106
Williamsville CSD	\$ 55,983

CAPITAL CONFERENCE RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER: Program Services Manager Jane Sullivan is wrapping up plans for the upcoming Capital Conference. The following individuals are scheduled to be meeting with legislators: Dave Lowrey-E2CC BOCES/ECASB, Jane Sullivan- Iroquois/ECASB (Gallivan/ DiPietro), Kathleen Chiavetta- Lake Shore (Gallivan/ DiPietro), Erik Polkowski- Akron (Gallivan, Hawley, Norris, Ortt), Mike Franey- Lake Shore (Gallivan/ DiPietro), Superintendent Dan Pacos- Lake Shore Superintendent (Gallivan/ DiPietro), Heather Jacobs- Iroquois (Gallivan/ DiPietro), Superintendent Sabatino Cimato-Ken-Ton (Ryan/Conrad), Matt Chimera- Ken-Ton (Ryan/Conrad), Todd Marquart- Ken-Ton (Ryan/Conrad), LeAnn Vogt- Ken-Ton (Ryan/Conrad), Karen Whitelaw- Ken-

Ton (Ryan/Conrad), Kristin Schmutzler- Tonawanda (Ryan/Conrad), Ed Schaffer- Cheektowaga (Kennedy/ Wallace), Mary Jo Szucs-Holland (Gallivan/ DiPietro), and Kirsty Pingitore- Akron (Gallivan, Hawley, Norris, Ortt). This year the group is planning on wearing **OUR ECASB ORANGE ADVOCACY SHIRTS. LET DAVE OR JANE KNOW IF YOU NEED A NEW ONE (including size). They will either send one via interschool mail or bring it to Albany.**

Jane sent out information for a remind app for those individuals that will be attending. We may meet up for dinner or drinks in the evening prior to the Capital Conference.

Heather Jacobs, Mary Jo Szucs, Kristin Schmutzler and Jane Sullivan are traveling by train and welcome anyone who wishes to join them on their Amtrak trip Feb. 6, leaving Depew Station at 12:40 p.m. and returning Feb. 7, leaving Albany Rensselaer Station at 7:05 p.m. If you decide to travel by train, let Jane know and she will save you a seat.

Jane and I will be staying at the Hilton. Let Jane know when you will be arriving and where you plan to stay.

February 7 Capital Conference Schedule:

Plan to meet for Breakfast in the basement of the LOB at 8 a.m. NYSSBA has a registration breakfast and packet pickup.

Currently meetings in Albany are scheduled as follows:

9:30 a.m. with AM Wallace/ Senator Gallivan; (Split Team)

10:00 a.m. with Senator Shelley Mayer

11:30 a.m. off the Floor with Senator Kennedy; AM Benedetto Staff (Split Team)

12:30 p.m. with AM DiPietro/ Senator Ortt; (Split Team)

1:00 p.m. with AM Norris

2 p.m. with Senator Ryan's Legislative Director, Sarah Lesser.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: (Upcoming ECASB Events).

- February 15th - ECASB Budget and Finance Committee, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., A4
- February 29th - ECASB Delegate Assembly Meeting, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m, B1

SPONSOR WORKSHOPS:

- **Harris Beach PLLC**
 - 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**- February 8th - What Employers Need to Know. Presented by Asia Evans, Esq. and Elizabeth McPhail, Esq. Contact Hodgson Russ to register.

POLITICAL FUNDRAISERS:

None Listed

NYSSBA'S PROGRAMS:

- Save the following dates:
 - 2024 Virtual Capital Conference - February 2, 2024
 - In Person NYSSBA Lobby Day in Albany - February 7, 2024

NSBA'S (NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION) PROGRAMS:

- Annual Conference and Exposition - April 4-6 in New Orleans, Louisiana
- Rural Education Summit - April 5th in New Orleans, Louisiana

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... "How do I know when an issue should be handled by a Board Member vs. being handled by the Superintendent"? I am currently reading the book "Great on Their Behalf" by Airick Journey Crabill. The book is part of the Buffalo Board of Education book study. The author states...." It is the Board's work when -*

- *Work is directly related to and mentioned in the language of the Board's goals.*
- *It is directly related and mentioned in the language of the Board's guard rails.*
- *It is work that is legally required of the Board of Education and would be illegal for the Board*

to delegate the task or work.

Everything else falls under the direction of the Superintendent. The author puts it another way. Customer behavior is transitional and episodic. Owner behavior is long term investment. When someone brings an issue to you, are they coming to you as an owner or a customer (looking for a problem to be solved)? If they are coming to you as an owner (which usually deals with policy) - it is Board work. If they are coming to you as a customer - it is Superintendent work.

NYSSBA AREA 1 DIRECTOR NEWS AND NOTES:

Scott Johnson from the Sweet Home CSD will serve on a NYSSBA Task Force to look at the structure of the NYSSBA Annual Business Meeting. There will be one representative from each Area. If you have thoughts or ideas you would like to share either contact Scott or me.

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