



This Week At ECASB ...

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

Week Ending September 8, 2023

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RETURN TO THIS WEEK AT ECASB: With the return to the school year, we return to the regular This Week at ECASB which will provide ECASB members with important information for the weeks ahead and a brief re-cap of the past week. This Week at ECASB is sent out on Friday's to the ECASB membership.

ECASB SUMMER CHALLENGE UPDATE: We are still reviewing pictures and will have an announcement shortly regarding the winner.

DISTRICT CLERKS SHOULD SAVE THE DATE: October 5th will be our fall District Clerk workshop. We are finalizing the details. Topics will include Reorganization Meetings, and Parliamentary Procedures to name a few. The event will be an in person 1/2 day luncheon. Jay Worona will be presenting on Parliamentary Procedures and Roberts Rules of Order. Webster Szanyi will be speaking about Re-Organization Meetings. A working lunch will be included and the day will start at 11:30. Location will be at the Erie 1 BOCES Education Campus at 355 Harlem Road.

ECASB TEAM MEETINGS WILL BE STARTING SOON: Please note the team meetings will be starting soon. Sue Beier from the ECASB office will always call all representatives prior to the meeting to remind delegates of the meetings. If a delegate is unable to attend, we would urge the delegate to notify the designated alternate for the district. If the alternate is unable to attend, we would urge the alternate to check with another member of the Board of Education. Additionally, Committee members will either be marked present, excused (if they email or call us and let us know they are unable to attend), or absent (if we fail to hear from the team member). It is important that at least a quorum is present to allow for any votes to be taken. If a district does not have a designated representative, the Board President will be the de facto representative.

ALDEN CSD BOARD MEETING: I attended the Alden CSD Board of Education meeting on Thursday, September 7th. Thank you to Board President Jill Hopcia, Vice President Michael Bennett, Board Members Raymond Cooper, Maciej (Mike) Kaczynski, Richard Karalus, Tanya Lords-Quinn and Paul Roll Jr. Thank you to Superintendent Adam Stoltman, and District Clerk Tracy Rogers. ECASB Executive Secretary and Information Specialist Sue Summers and I heard about the districts potential plan to purchase property. The property would be used by the transportation department. If you have friends or relatives living in the Alden CSD, please urge them to support this worthwhile purchase in the future.

RECORDING ATTENDANCE: At ECASB we record attendance to all programs, team meetings, and committee meetings when determining participation awards. The Awards Committee meets in March to determine the level for Rising Star and Shining Star Awards. When an on-line vote is necessary,

the Board President's vote will be counted in the absence of a designated team member.

THE BUFFALO PHILARMONIC ORCHESTRA EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETS WEDNESDAY SEPT. 12TH. ECASB's 2023-2024 representatives will be officially approved at the Delegate Assembly meeting scheduled for September 14th.

INFORMATION FOR THE DR. RICK TIMBS PROGRAM ON OCTOBER 12TH "FEDERAL AID, STATE AID & FINANCE CONSIDERATIONS FOR 2023-2024 AND BEYOND HAS BEEN SENT OUT. Please register with your district clerk if you are attending the program. 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 Level Sponsors to get together to prepare for the upcoming NYSSBA Convention and Expo in Buffalo. Hors' D'oeuvres and drinks will be served. More information will be available in the coming week. You will want to sign up early as space will be limited for this event. The event will be open to our ECASB members including Board Members, District Clerks, Superintendents and our Associate District Members.

ECASB LAWN SIGNS: During the month of September, new school board members will be receiving lawn signs to recognize and thank Board Members for their service. The lawn signs should be displayed during the month of October. October is New York State School Board Recognition Month. Board Members should save the signs from year to year while they are serving on a school board.

NYSSBA 2023-2024 RESOLUTIONS: The proposed resolutions book has been sent to NYSSBA members. The annual NYSSBA Business meeting will be held virtually Monday, October 16th at 4:00 p.m. Voting Delegate registration closes October 11th at 12:00 p.m. Information to register the Voting Delegate has been sent to the District Clerk of NYSSBA member districts. Generally at a school board meeting before October 16th, Boards of Education will discuss resolutions so that they can let their voting delegate know whether they should support or oppose the resolutions. The resolutions committee members from Area 1 included Leslie Tobin from the Lockport City School District and Lawrence Scott from the Buffalo Public School.

TOP 10 SPECIAL EDUCATION ISSUES FOR 2023-2024: According to Harris Beach PLLC attorneys, the top 10 issues have been identified:

- Special Education Staff and Program Shortages
- Managing Student Behaviors and Mental Health Issues
- Pressure to Reduce Suspensions / Restorative Justice
- Services for Student Beyond Age 21 Years of Age
- Increase in Independent Education Evaluation Requests
- Students Viewed as Threat to Others
- Greater Pressure to Mainstream Students with Disabilities
- Service Animals
- Reading Instruction

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: (Upcoming ECASB Events)

- Team Meetings: September 14th - Delegate Assembly
 September 21st - Legislative Committee
 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 (All webinars/seminars are from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.)**
 - September 21st - Workplace Leave Laws
 - November 16th - End of Year Labor Updates
 - 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:

- **Senator Rob Ortt - Wednesday, September 13th 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. @ Patrick's Rooftop Bar 500 Pearl Street; \$125 per person/\$200 per couple. RSVP by September 8th. Info@Bortt.com or 716-308-8830**
- **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:**
 - September 19th 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. ; Mass Shootings in Schools: Lessons from Tragedy and Opportunities for Prevention and Response.
 - 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.
 - October 11th 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Meeting Today's Communication Challenges

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