



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. Only a few short weeks away.

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.

THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE AND ALTERNATES WERE SENT THE MINUTES AND THE DRAFT BUDGET. As mentioned in last week's This Week at ECASB, there was not a quorum at the meeting. I need the committee members to respond via an on-line vote. If the budget passes it will move onto the Executive Committee and the Delegate Assembly. If the budget passes, the May 2nd Budget and Finance meeting will not be needed.

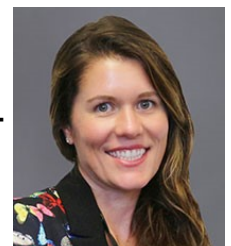
THE ECASB OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY FEBRUARY 23RD: Due to vacation time.

RURAL SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION SUMMER CONFERENCE: Will be held at Lake Placid this year July 14th - 16th. This will be a new location for the Rural Schools Association's Summer Conference.

NYSUT MEMBER ACTION CENTER: Occasionally NYSUT will send out an alert through their Member Action Center (MAC), asking NYSUT members to take action and send an email to legislators. This past week NYSUT is asking legislators to update both BOCES and Special Services Aid formulas so that districts can afford to send students to CTE programs.

BUSINESS FIRST LISTING ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: ECASB Sponsors making the Business First Listings this week include C&S Companies, Buffalo Engineering PC, and Trautman Associates as some of the top Engineering Firms. Silver Sponsor Assured Partners is on the list for Employee Benefits Firms.

ERIE 2 CC BOCES DEPUTY DIRECTOR BRYNA MORITZ WAS HONORED BY NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN IN ADMINISTRATION: "The Phenomenal Women" is an annual virtual event that spotlights stories and experiences of today's educational trailblazers. Moritz's topic of discussion was entitled "Challenging Limiting Beliefs".



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 a.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.

6 HOUR MANDATED GOVERNANCE TRAINING AND 6 HOUR MANDATED FISCAL OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- Governance Training - Part I - May 28th 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Part II - June 1st 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- Fiscal Oversight Responsibility Training - Part I - June 11th 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Part II - June 15th 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- * A light dinner will be served during the 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. sessions.
- * A continental breakfast will be served during the Saturday morning sessions.
- * All sessions are In Person.
- * Must attend both parts of a session to receive credit.
- * Member District cost is \$100 per course; Non Member District cost is \$250.
- * Certificates will be provided.
- * All sessions will be held at Erie 1 BOCES; 355 Harlem Road, West Seneca, Building B
- * Participants must register with their district clerk the Thursday before the training sessions.

SECOND HALF OF 2024 TIMELINE FOR BUDGET VOTE & SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS: A few weeks ago, I sent out the first part of the Budget Vote and School Board Election timeline in This Week in ECASB.

May 1 - School board candidate nominating petitions due in small city school districts in office of district clerk by 5:00 p.m. (20 days before election).

April 30- May 7

Districts must complete budget 7 days before the public hearing.

May 6 - Small cities must determine the names of all candidates duly nominated and the propositions and referenda to be voted for on the ballot three days prior to the distribution of military ballots, which occurs 14 days prior to the vote in small cities. Seventeen days before the vote falls on Saturday May 4th, thus under General Education Law the content of the military ballots may be determined on Monday, May 6th.

May 7 -

1. Last possible day for voter registration by school district board of registration in small city school districts (2 weeks before vote).
2. Small city districts must distribute military ballots no later than 14 days before the vote.

May 7-14 - Board must hold a public hearing on the budget (7-14 days before vote).

May 7-21 - Copies of the budget must be available to the residents upon request (during the 14 days before the vote and on day of vote).

May 7-16 - Last possible day for voter registration by school district boards of registration (14-5days before vote) (except in small city school districts -- see above).

May 15 - Deadline for mailing "budget notice" (6 days before vote).

May 21 - Annual Budget Vote and School Board Election.

Education Law §2022(7) requires a school district to post on its website

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: (Upcoming ECASB Events).

- 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:

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... "What happens when the President and Vice President are both absent from a meeting? Who runs the meeting". Answer: That depends on what your policy states. It is not a bad idea to review the Board policies. The Board policies are the 1000's in the Board Policy book.*

NYSSBA AREA 1 DIRECTOR NEWS AND NOTES:

There will be a NYSSBA Board of Directors meeting on March 2nd/3rd in Albany. I met with NYSSBA Executive Director Robert Schneider on February 8th at the ECASB office. We discussed the NYSSBA Strategic Plan as well as ways that NYSSBA and ECASB can work collaboratively.

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