



This Week At ECASB ...

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

Week Ending July 14, 2023

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BOARD 'N BREWS: Is this Thursday, July 20th at the Hamburg Brew Pub. The event is at 6553 Boston State Road, Hamburg - only 1.2 miles from 2019 exit. Please note that there is additional parking closer to the shelter towards the back of the parking lot. (LOOK FOR THE ECASB VAN - and follow that gravel parking lot to the back. All ECASB Members will receive two free drink tickets. For all others, there is a cash bar. Time is 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Buffet will consist of fruit, cheese and chip and dip platter, caprese sandwich sliders, market salad, margherita and cheese and pepperoni pizza, meatballs, sausage cacciatore, beef on weck with gluten free rolls. There will also be an ice cream bar at 7:45 p.m. We currently have 78 attendees registered for the event.

TO ALL NEW BOARD MEMBERS: Please return your New Board Information Sheet ASAP in the self addressed stamped envelope. I have received three forms thus far. I appreciate those board members who have returned their form. If new board members need another form, please let me know.

VIRTUAL MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVE NICK LANGWORTHY: If you want to be a part of the meeting, please go to the NYSSBA website under Grassroots Advocacy and register. The Virtual meeting will take place on July 27th from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. You will find a list of discussing and talking points available for the meeting. You don't need to be on the Legislative Team to attend. Meeting is open to all ECASB members.

ECASB CALENDAR FOR 2023-2024: Immediate upcoming events include:

- July 20th - Board and Brews
- August 2nd - WNY Law Conference
- August 24th - Back to School Dinner

BACK TO SCHOOL DINNER: Will be held August 24th at Kloc's. The featured speaker will be Carmella (Seely) Hopkins, Business Development Manager for Apptegy. Topic will be Who Speaks Your District's Brand? The information will be helpful to any School Board member who needs to improve communication with their community. Additionally, those districts who will need to change their mascots may find the information to be especially useful as you work with your community. Watch for details on how to register in the near future.

WNY LAW CONFERENCE: Please note that the WNY Law Conference, which is organized by ECASB and the Western New York Educational Service Council, is scheduled for August 2nd. Mark your calendars. The event is a day long event featuring Keynote speaker Jay Worona, Esq. from NYSSBA as well as attorneys from the local law firms: Hodgson Russ, LLP; Harris Beach PLLC; and Webster Sza-nyi LLP; along with the Erie 1 BOCES and Erie 2 CC BOCES. ECASB members wishing to attend should register through their District Clerks.

SPONSOR NEWS: Day Automation and Trautman Associates will be returning this year as Silver Level Sponsors. Public Employer Risk Management Association (PERMA) will be joining us as a Gold Level Sponsor for the first time in 2023-2024.

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IT'S A COOL SUMMER PROMOTION UPDATE: The winner of this week's It's a Cool Summer at ECASB is Dennis Priore from the Clarence Central School District. Dennis will receive a \$25 gift certificate to Anderson's Custard. His name is entered back in the drawing, as he is eligible for all other weekly drawings and the final drawing. Congratulations, Dennis!

THIS WEEK AT ECASB: During the summer months, This Week at ECASB will not be sent out on a weekly basis. Instead, we will move to our ECASB (occasional) Summer Review. You can always check out our website at www.ecasb for weekly updates as well.

BILL TRACK 50 ALERT: Bill Track 50 news will return in September

NYSSBA LEADERSHIP PROGRAM JULY 28TH AND 29TH. TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO REGISTER.

There are more Board members attending from Western New York than attended last year. Members attending include:

Kristy Pingitore– Akron CSD
Sharon Belton Cottman– Buffalo Public School
Todd C. Bush– Depew UFSD
David Lowrey– Erie 2 CC BOCES/ECASB
Jane Sullivan– Iroquois CSD/ ECASB
Linda Hoffman– Erie 2 CC BOCES/ NYSSBA Area 1 Director
Sylvester Cleary– Erie 2 CC BOCES/ NYSSBA Board Member
Chris Schnars– Erie 2 CC BOCES/Jamestown City School Board/ NYSSBA Area 3 Director
Maureen Poulin– Williamsville CSD

**Also attending from Area 1 districts include: Alice Benedict and Barbara Bowman (Batavia City School District); Dr. Heather Lyon (Lewiston-Porter CSD); and Chloe Mulvaugh (North Tonawanda City School Board).*

NOMINATIONS FOR NYSSBA AREA 1 DIRECTOR: Will be accepted until July 28th. Candidates need to be nominated by at least 5 districts. If there is only one candidate eligible, then they will automatically serve as the Area 1 Director. If there is more than one candidate, then all districts in Area 1 will be mailed ballots by Mary Metheny from NYSSBA. Questions or concerns, please email Dave Lowrey.

SPONSOR TABLES AT THE WNY LAW CONFERENCE: ECASB will be hosting New York State School Boards Association and the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra at the WNY Law Conference. Both organizations will have a table at the event where you can pick up information about their programs and events. NYSSBA will have plenty of information on the Annual Convention and Expo that will be held in Buffalo at the end of October.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON ATTENDING THE NYSSBA 2023 SUMMER LAW CONFERENCE: Dates are as follows:

July 18th - Long Island
July 20th - Albany
July 24th and 25th - (Two 1/2 days-live Virtual)

Topics will include: School Safety; A Year in Review Part 1 - The New Laws and Regulations; Executive Sessions - The Simple and Not So Easy; Collective Bargaining - Looking Back and Thinking Ahead; and A Year in Review Part 2 - New Court Decisions and Other Rulings.

THANK YOU TO: Kristy Pingitore (Akron CSD), Scott Johnson (Sweet Home CSD), Kristin Schmutzler (Tonawanda City SD), and Jane Sullivan (Iroquois CSD) for meeting last evening as a sub committee of the Legislative Team to discuss preliminary Legislative Priorities and plan for a survey to be sent out to the Legislative Team to determine the organizations Legislative priorities.

NYSSBA'S PROGRAMS:

- Superintendent Evaluation Workshop: 2023 Live Virtual on September 22nd 8:00 a.m. - noon

Attend the program to learn about best practices for designing and evidence-based evaluation process that will: 1). Overcome challenges, 2). Foster meaningful conversations, and 3). Strengthen relationships on the governance team.

- Leadership in Education Event: July 28th & 29th at the Desmond Hotel in Albany.

SPONSORS UPCOMING WORKSHOPS: Register directly with the Sponsors:

- Harris Beach PLLC - September 21st 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Webinar - Workplace Leave Laws
- Harris Beach PLLC - November 16th 8:00 a.m. - 10 a.m. Webinar - End of the Year Labor Updates

AFFILIATE PROGRAMS:

NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS EVENTS:

- 2023 - Sept. 14-16 CUBE Annual Conference in Chicago, Illinois (Registration is now open.
Register by July 21st and save \$100
- Oct. COSA Fall School Law Seminar
- 2024 - Jan. 27 NSBA Equity Symposium in Washington, D.C.
- Jan. 28-30 NSBA Advocacy Institute in Washington, D.C.
 - April 4-6 COSA Spring School Law Conference in New Orleans, LA
 - April 6-8 NSBA Annual Conference and Exposition in New Orleans, LA

POLITICAL FUNDRAISERS:

July 19th - NYS Senator Gallivan - Summer Reception, Rusty Nickel Brewery Co; Wednesday, July 19th 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. 4350 Seneca Street, West Seneca (behind the Ebenezer Ale House). \$99 per person, Checks are made out to Gallivan for Senate. Questions: Eileen@senatorgallivan.com or 716-432-7003

July 19th - NYS Assemblyman Bill Conrad - End of Session Picnic. Ellicott Creek Park - Shelter 13; \$40 per person; 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

October 12th - NYS Assemblyman Angelo Morinello - Fall Festival 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Ontario House (Stone Jug) 358 Main Street, Youngstown - more information to follow.

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