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## The Minden Project: Coming August 2017

Almost two years ago, at an event in Kearney, members of the Minden Board of Education walked through the doors one bright sunny morning, even more giddy than normal.

It was here, we learned that they had just finalized the planning process and funding of a much needed new building for grades 9 through 12.

Recently, NASB was lucky enough to don hard hats and get a tour of the progress of a project that first garnered discussion in 2005.

We'll let the photos tell the story, but the new High School, attached to the current Middle School will have access points in all entrances, a great open commons area, beautiful auditorium, shop room doors big enough to build and then take out a shed, much more space for music with vocal and band finally together, and incredible classroom space for a growing student population.

The building is set to open for the start of the 2017-18 school year on August 17th. As you'll see, inside the walls of the commons area, they have worked to honor the past by incorporating stone from the current building built in 1936.

Superintendent Melissa Wheelock, who led the tour, explained the importance of honoring the past with the stone, while moving forward as a community. "This type of project cannot be done without great input from everyone," she added.

The community understood that the age of the current facility, as well as a much needed update of the wiring, sewers, and growing technological needs meant that a new building was the logical route to take. The district already owned the land the new building sits on, as it was previously the middle school playground and practice fields. As Wheelock stated, "This building is as cost effective as we could make it, while still having a nice facility to best suit our students, and their needs."

We are excited to make a return trip this Fall once it is complete!



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From the top, left to right: current Whippet plaque outside the middle school entrance; exterior photos of the new high school entrance, the main entry way/commons; the commons from above; a hallway awaiting lockers; the auditorium; stage; gym; classrooms; and the library/media center.



# Student Wellness Takes Center Stage

A packed house, full of students and education leaders alike made their way to Kearney for the SWEAT Conference. SWEAT is a student health and wellness conference with breakouts, general sessions, and brain break exercise sessions on physical, mental and behavioral health, and how it affects your school policies.

Wednesday evening kicked off with a Healthy Schools Showcase, featuring schools across Nebraska sharing the details of a specific program that has positively impacted their students' mind, body, or spirit. Schools included: Beals Elementary (OPS); Grand Island Public Schools; Kearney Public Schools; Lincoln Public Schools; Millard Public Schools; Norris Public Schools; North Platte Public Schools; and York Public Schools.

Next up was Dan Meers, who has spent over two-decades as KC Wolf. Meers shared his story, including a tragic accident during a stunt that nearly took his life or ability to ever walk again, and encouraged the audience to use every day you have to the fullest, and live a life of influence.

Thursday morning, Dr. Ali Khan, Professor and Dean, College of Public Health, UNMC, spoke to Call for Healthier Children in Nebraska. Following Dr. Khan were two breakout sessions with topics including:

- How to make schools and classrooms more resilient
- Farm to school
- PE Standards Update & Wellness Policy Implementation Strategies
- Innovative Nutrition Ed Programs

Following lunch, Dayle Hayes, [@SchoolMealsRock](#), shared ways in which school meals improve learning environments.

Next up, BRAIN BREAKS! 5th graders from Kearney Public schools came over to lead work stations, exercises, and some easy energizing dance moves to keep the mind and body active! Great participation by all.

The day closed with two more rounds of breakouts, with topics covering:

- Return to Learn – Concussion Awareness
- High performance snacks for high performing students
- Addressing hunger and food insecurity in our communities
- The Whole Child and Property Taxes

Thanks again to all attendees, presenters, vendors, and sponsors including Sparq Data Solutions and the Nebraska Beef Council.

To view all photos from the event, and download the presentations, visit <http://members.nasbonline.org/Events/SitePages/SWEAT2017.aspx>





# School Board Members Ascend Upon Denver



Fellowship, Networking, Learning. Just some of the words to describe the NSBA National Conference held in Denver the end of March.

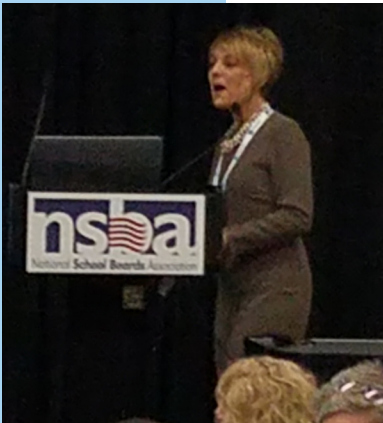
Hundreds of Nebraska's school board members and administrators made their way to the Mile High City for three days of speakers, sessions and sharing ideas.

There was a Nebraska flavor throughout the conference as well. Marcia Herring, NASB's Director of Board Leadership presented both a Pre-Conference session on Leading Outside the Box, and a breakout session on Creating Community Conversations.



And get this, every member of the Lincoln Public School Board of Education was involved in a breakout. Topics included The Career Academy; Strengthening Stakeholder Engagement; and Effective Communications through the Superintendent Evaluation Process. Congrats to the LPS Board of Education, (Barbara Baier, Lanny Boswell, Kathy Danek, Connie Duncan, Don Mayhew, Annie Mumgaard, and Matt Schulte), along with Superintendent Steve Joel for sharing your successes on a national stage!

A fun event that is starting to become an annual tradition is the Saturday afternoon "Nebraska Reception" hosted by DA Davidson. This year's event saw around 200 Nebraskans network and share their experiences from the Conference.



Other events during the conference included NASB President, Linda Richards taking the stage with Presidents across the nation to be honored and the annual Delegate Assembly. The NASB Officers also experienced dinner at Denver's original steakhouse, The Buckhorn Exchange, located in the city's oldest neighborhood. Those brave enough tasted rattlesnake, gator, elk, bison, yak, and more.



Keynote speakers this year were U.S. Astronaut Scott Kelly, Arianna Huffington, and Wes Moore. Next year's NSBA Conference will be April 7-9, 2018, in San Antonio.





## ANNUAL NASB MEMBER GOLF OUTING JUNE 8 | KEARNEY COUNTRY CLUB

Foursomes are filling up fast for the annual NASB Member Golf Outing, June 8 at the Kearney Country Club. This is a great opportunity to network with fellow board members and administrators, and have a little fun outside while doing so.

We have some fun, new items in store this year. Lunch will be provided by ALICAP, and look for some other surprises throughout the course. More to come as we get closer to the event. The cost to golf is \$68. We will get everything going at 11 AM. For more information, to reserve your spot, or secure a foursome, contact Sharon Endorf at [sendorf@NASBonline.org](mailto:sendorf@NASBonline.org) or call 800-422-4572. FORE!



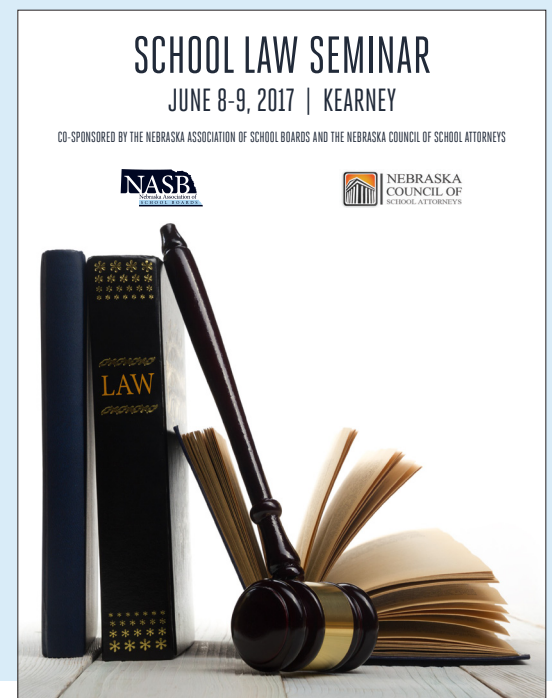
## School Law Seminar | June 8-9 | Kearney

This annual conference is targeted at school board members, superintendents, ESU administrators, and lawyers across Nebraska. Thursday evening, meet and greet your peers at the exhibitor reception and a hospitality suite. Friday sessions begin at 8:00 AM.

This year's topics include:

- Legislative Update | Brian Halstead, NDE
- Copyright Laws, Creative Commons Licensing, and the Creation of Free Textbooks | Ken Fossen
- Better Watch Your Step - A Procedural Primer for the Nebraska Student Discipline Act | Nicholas Lesiak
- Student Data Privacy | Timothy Malm & Cindy Volkmer
- Special Ed after the 2016-17 Court Term | Tim Thompson & Bobby Truhe
- Managing Off Campus Conduct - Students & Staff | Susan Sapp
- Recent Open Meetings and Records Request Issues | Jim Gessford & Justin Knight
- Injured and Ill Employees | Greg Perry & Josh Schauer
- Immigration Issues in K-12 Schools | Emma Savory & Kara Stockdale
- Effective Communication: Navigating the Intersection of Section 504, the ADA and the IDEA | Karen Haase
- Let's Get Physical - Senator Groene's LB 595 (if enacted) | David Kramer & Megan Neiles-Brasch

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# Fuel Up to Play 60: Coach Program!

Midwest Dairy Council is offering two great opportunities for schools in the fall that want to focus on student health and wellness!

- The Fuel Up to Play 60 Coach Program is now being offered to schools in Nebraska that want to participate in Fuel Up to Play 60 for the 2017-18 School Year. A Fuel Up to Play 60 Coach is a program expert deployed by Midwest Dairy Council to provide one-on-one assistance, in person or by phone, text and email to a select number of schools. The goal of the coach is to support the school in implementing Fuel Up to Play 60. This program is free of charge to schools. If you want your school to be considered for our coach program next fall, please send an email to Caryn Kusleika, [ckusleika@midwestdairy.com](mailto:ckusleika@midwestdairy.com) by **May 1st**. Include your name, title, school name, district and school address. Midwest Dairy Council will approve schools in spring 2017 and assign coaches in June 2017.



**What is Fuel Up to Play 60?**  
Fuel Up to Play 60 is the nation's largest, in-school health and wellness program, created by the National Dairy Council and National Football League in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The program encourages students to work collaboratively with adults to identify and make real changes by implementing school-wide strategies that help students "fuel up" with nutrient-rich foods and "get up and play" for at least 60 minutes a day.

**What is a Fuel Up to Play 60 Coach?**  
Coaches are program experts deployed by Midwest Dairy Council to provide one-on-one assistance to a select number of schools. The goal of a Coach is to assist school teams to implement Fuel Up to Play 60. Our team of Coaches is made up of former school professionals (administrators, teachers and specialists) and dynamic health professionals.

**What is the cost to participate?**  
Fuel Up to Play 60 Coaches are free of charge to schools!

**What does a Fuel Up to Play 60 Coach do?**  
Coaches provide one-on-one assistance to school teams in person and virtually (by phone, email, text, or video chat). Coaches assist school with:  

- Developing an action plan
- Building a student team and motivating student involvement
- Growing a program advisor core team
- Navigating the website, Educator Dashboard and Student Dashboard
- Selecting Healthy Eating and Physical Activity "Plays" that match schools' wellness goals
- Overcoming obstacles and challenges
- Completing all Six Steps to reach Touchdown Status
- Writing with funding applications (optional)
- And much more!

**What are schools expected to do if they are paired with a Fuel Up to Play 60 Coach?**  
Coaches are only successful when the school is committed to engage in Fuel Up to Play 60! Midwest Dairy Council asks that schools assigned a Coach:  

- Identify adult champion(s) that will serve as the school's program advisor(s) for Fuel Up to Play 60
- Meet with Coach throughout the school year (about 1x per month)
- Complete the program's Six Steps (at least four steps by the end of the fall semester), reaching Touchdown Status by the end of the spring semester

*"My students love our Coach and always ask when she is coming back! Her enthusiasm has helped motivate us to become better individuals not only with our health, but also in my students' education, behavior, and character."*  
- Middle School English/Language Arts Teacher

- The Fuel Up to Play 60 Program Advisor Training Camp will be a one-day event for teachers in Nebraska who are interested in learning more about Fuel Up to Play 60. The Training Camp will be on Wednesday, September 27th at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln, NE from 9 am to 3pm. The day will involve creating a plan to implement the student wellness initiative, Fuel Up to Play 60 for the 2017/18 School year as well as networking with other teachers across the state about student health and wellness and hearing from the student athletes from UNL. For more information or to do be considered for this event, please contact Caryn Kusleika, [ckusleika@midwestdairy.com](mailto:ckusleika@midwestdairy.com). A stipend will be available for all attendees to help cover the cost of travel and sub pay.

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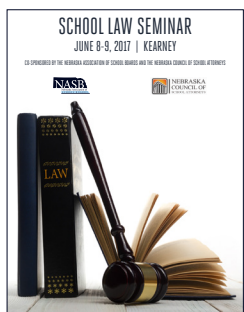
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