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NASB LEGISLATIVE LUNCH

April 25 | Lincoln

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NEW BOARD MEMBER FOLLOW-UP

June 13 | Kearney

NASB MEMBER GOLF OUTING

June 13 | Kearney

SCHOOL LAW SEMINAR

June 13-14 | Kearney

CALL FOR LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

Due July 1

NASB ORIENTATION

July 24 | Lincoln

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BRINGING THE MIDWEST TO 1776 WIT STYLE NSBA NATIONAL CONFERENCE RECAP

Nebraskans again had incredible representation and engagement to learn, network, and well, EAT in the City of Brotherly Love for the annual NSBA National Conference, held this year in Philadelphia.

Hundreds of school board members and administrators across Nebraska made their way to Philly for three days of speakers, sessions, sharing ideas, and for many, at least one cheesesteak.

Highlights from this year's event included:

- Keynote Sessions by Sir Ken Robinson, Johnny C. Taylor, and Michele Gay.
- Pre-Conference Session by Marcia Herring on Board Leadership.
- Breakout Session by Marcia Herring & Raymond Central.
- NASB President Steve Blocher took the stage with peers from across the U.S.
- NASB's 4 Officers, alongside Colby Coash, represented Nebraska at NSBA's annual Delegate Assembly.
- An annual tradition, the Saturday afternoon "Nebraska Reception" hosted by D.A. Davidson, saw around 200 Nebraskans gather, network and share their experiences from the Conference inside a converted bank vault.
- Sparq Data Solutions hosted an event and social for states currently using the Meetings platform.
- The infamous Rocky steps were run by your NASB Officers and staff.
- See more photos from the weekend on Pages 2 & 3.

Next year's NSBA Conference will be April 4-6, 2020, in Chicago.

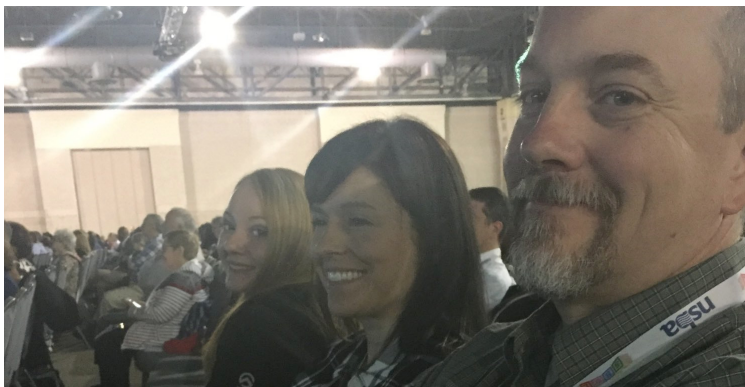


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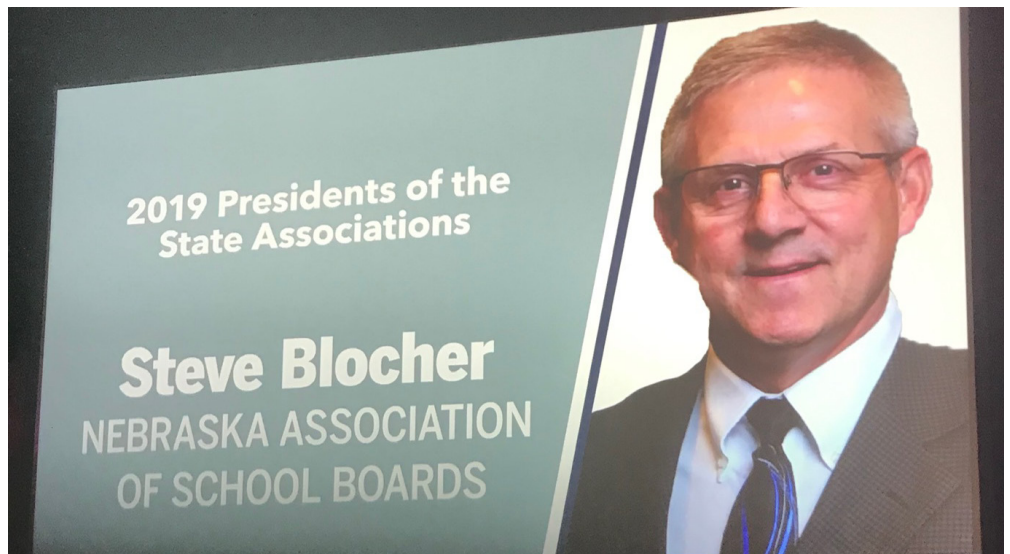


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HOSPITAL & SCHOOLS COLLABORATE ON STUDENT CPR TRAINING

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*By Olivia Sis
Dundy County Stratton High School Senior*

The Dundy County Stratton Public Schools collaborated with the new *DC Has Your Heart* initiative from the Dundy County Hospital to provide CPR training for students in late February and early March. Approximately 100 students in the 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th-grade classes dedicated a day to learning life-saving skills from seven volunteer instructors, comprised of hospital staff members and first responders. During the training sessions, students practiced performing CPR techniques for adults, children, and infants. They also learned how to use a defibrillator and implement choking first aid. Upon completion of the course, each student received an American Heart Association CPR certification card.

In the small communities of Benkelman and Stratton, many students do not have the opportunity to learn CPR. Often, the only way they are exposed to the concept is through lifeguarding or babysitting certifications. Pam Reichert, nurse of 31 years, EMT of 20 years, and member of *DC Has Your Heart*, proposed the idea of CPR classes for the students to the DCS school board in 2018. "It's so disheartening to arrive on the scene and find that nobody did anything to help the victim. The sooner you start CPR, even if it's just chest compressions, the greater their chance of survival is. It's better to do something than to do nothing," Reichert said. "We decided to start the students young, so they feel more comfortable with performing CPR when they get older and are more likely to take action in an emergency." Reichert was one of the seven instructors who guided the students through the CPR training.

DCS Jr-Sr High Principal Adam Fette said that the mission behind the CPR classes is to make a difference in the community and build a generation of life-savers among the student body. "The benefit [of providing CPR classes] is that one of these students could potentially save a life using what they learned in the course," Fette noted. "In addition, I hope our students gained a greater understanding and respect for our first responders and medical professionals." DCS High School faculty collaborated with the hospital to arrange training days and provided the gym as a facility for all of the CPR classes.

DCS Senior Grace Frederick said, "I knew absolutely nothing about CPR before going into the class, but I feel like I can perform CPR confidently now. The training team was exceptional. I didn't realize how much of an impact [learning CPR] would have. For the amount of time it took to learn, I think everyone in the community should learn it, too."

DC Has Your Heart will continue their CPR classes to educate the 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th-grade students each year; following this plan will allow students who did not participate in the course this year to learn the same skills, and then every other grade will renew their

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DCS CPR (CONTINUED)

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AHA CPR certification each year. *DC Has Your Heart* hosted an additional course in late March for community members, and hopes to provide more classes in the future. They have also certified the sheriff's office and volunteer firemen in CPR and defibrillator use.

DC Has Your Heart currently runs on grant money and looks to fundraise in future years to obtain more equipment. "The local Hester Foundation generously paid for our mannequins and for each student's AHA CPR certification card. Still, with some of the larger classes, we did not have enough supplies, so we borrowed equipment from a community college. We also look to add more instructors. *DC Has Your Heart* runs on a volunteer basis, and some of our hospital staff could not afford to take multiple days off that week. By certifying more people in CPR, we're adding more potential instructors, which will ensure the success of our initiative for years to come," said Reichert.



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When studying the figures, it can be tempting to compare two districts and decide which school is efficient and which is inefficient. That is simply too simplistic of a way to look at things. It is imperative that one look deeper into the circumstances of individual districts to see what was taking place to cause growth in expenditures.

"Five students result in a \$300,000 annual expenditure."

"The district is growing and has experienced a large number of migrant and ESL students moving into the district."

"The special education population and severity of needs continues to grow."

"Last year a new student showed up the day before school started who was in a wheelchair, non-verbal, and has to be changed every hour. This added a para and reassigned two others."

"A 102 year old high school is not cheap to maintain."

"During this time, a relatively young teaching staff gained experience, degrees, and grew their families, adding to the salary schedule and insurance costs over time."

"Our enrollment is quite low. Given the smaller enrollment and smaller budget, the district is more susceptible to swings in spending."

"85.8% increase in enrollment adding 4,150 students from 2008-2009 through 2017-2018. That resulted in 4 new elementary schools, 2 new middle schools, a new high school, and approximately 270 new teachers, special education teachers and specialists to support these students."

"We have 7 students assigned to off campus learning centers accounting for \$350,000 in spending mandated by their respective IEP's."

"We had tremendous growth in enrollment from 2010 to 2016. As enrollment stabilized, so has spending."

"The biggest outlier has been the needs of two individual students."

"We are projected to continue an upward student growth trend for several years."

BOOK A SUMMER STAYCATION THIS JUNE

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NASB IS TAKING OVER KEARNEY JUNE 13-14 WITH A NUMBER OF WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND EVENTS.

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Foursomes are filling up fast! This annual event is a great opportunity to network with fellow board members and administrators, and have a little fun outside while doing so. Lunch will again be provided by ALICAP, and as always, look for some other surprises throughout the course. The cost to golf is \$70, and we will get everything going at 11 AM.

For more information, to reserve your spot, or secure a foursome, contact Sharon Endorf ... FORE!



ANNUAL NASB MEMBER GOLF OUTING

JUNE 13 | KEARNEY COUNTRY CLUB

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Following the New Board Member Connections Workshop and the annual Golf outing, stick around for the School Law Seminar.

This annual conference is targeted at school board members, superintendents, ESU administrators, principals and lawyers across Nebraska. Thursday evening, meet and greet your peers at the exhibitor reception, followed by a hospitality suite. Friday sessions begin at 9:00 AM.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

6:00 to 7:30 PM | Exhibitor Reception | Holiday Inn

7:30 PM | Hospitality Suite Sponsored by Ameritas | Holiday Inn

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

(Younes Conference Center)

8:30 AM | Registration

9:00 AM | Legislative Update & What's New at NDE
Brian Halstead

9:30 AM | Title IX Update
Larry Baumann & Cindy Volkmer

10:30 AM | FERPA Guidance
David Kramer & Megan Neiles-Brasch

11:15 AM | Service Animals – Fry Case
Coady Pruett

12:00 PM | Lunch

1:00 PM | Student Discipline Act
Kelley Baker

1:30 PM | Update on Kennedy Case
Coach/Teacher Prayer, Religion in Schools
Steve Williams & Bobby Truhe

2:10 PM | Case Law Update - What's happening in the Courts
Greg Perry & Justin Knight

3:00 PM | Adjourn

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On March 26-27, nearly 80 administrative professionals from across Nebraska attended our 2019 NAEP State Convention in Grand Island for two days of personal and professional development.

Aside from the networking opportunities and conversations with other peer professionals, highlights of the annual Convention included presenters from: Educational Health Alliance (EHA), Nebraska Department of Education, Secretary of State's Record Storage and Retention department, Gallup StrengthsFinder, ALICAP Insurance, SPARQ Meetings, as well as a panel of three school safety and security professionals from Grand Island and Lincoln. Furthermore, the inspirational creator of the Secret Kindness Agents, Dr. Ferial Pearson, spoke on the power of kindness causing several dozen new "agents" to join in the mission of doing secret acts of kindness in districts/ESUs across Nebraska.



While reflecting on everything gleaned from the sessions - whether healthy communication in the midst of conflict, the reporting process for Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), board meetings and minutes, or becoming a Secret Kindness Agent - one of our attendees summed up the 2019 NAEP State Convention by describing it as, "The best one yet!"

For questions or to become a member of the NAEP Community, feel free to reach out to
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... SEARCH & STRENGTHS

AWARDS OF ACHIEVEMENT

An email reminder will be coming soon to check your points!

GALLUP

Strengths most frequently found in Top 5 in U.S.:

Achiever, Responsibility, Learner, Relator and Strategic
(in order from 1 to 5)

Strengths most frequently found in the Bottom 34 in U.S.:

Self-Assurance, Command, Significance, Focus and Discipline
(in order from 34 to 30)

Email sbecker@nasbonline.org to schedule a Gallup board session

-Shari -

... MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

April visits include:

Beatrice, Diller-Odell, ESU 5, Harvard, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, Newman Grove, Plainview, Osmond, Randolph, & Southern!

It was so nice to see friendly faces in Philadelphia from Ainsworth, Beatrice, Bellevue, Centennial, Columbus, David City, Elkhorn, ESU 3, ESU 16, Fairbury, Falls City, Grand Island, Heartland, Hershey, Kearney, Lincoln, Malcolm, Millard, Nebraska City, Norris, North Platte, Omaha, Papillion La Vista, Ralston, Raymond Central, Scottsbluff, Springfield Platteview, Sutton & West Point.

- Sharon -

... ADVOCACY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

We are two-thirds of the way through the 2019 Legislative Session.

Lately, a lot of the conversation has been around the property tax bill, now officially LB 289, and LB 670, the tax credit scholarship fund.

Continue to stay engaged on LB 670. We appreciate all of the letters and calls being made to voice your opinions.

The details around LB 289 became clearer late last week, and a public hearing is currently scheduled for Wednesday, April 24.

In short, the current plan calls for an increase to the state sales tax rate by three-quarters of a cent in order to help fund \$500 million in additional local property tax relief.

Continue to follow NASB on social media, as well as the *Legislative Notes* news briefs, the website, and more as information continues to come about.

CALL FOR LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

Due July 1, 2019

Have something that you feel "... ought to be a law" regarding public education in Nebraska, submit it for consideration.

Keep tabs on everything on NASB's Bills page under the Government Relations section of the NASB website.

- Call Colby with any questions! -
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... ALICAP & INSURANCE

This month ALICAP's Renewal packet was mailed out to the current members and is due back to the NASB office by May 10th. If any district/ESU needs their renewal packet emailed, please let me know at mboldt@NASBonline.org

ALICAP's April Safety Topic is "Fire Evacuation Drills." ALICAP encourages our member districts to practice fire drills with a realistic mindset. Don't just evacuate across the street, wait a couple minutes for the signal and then walk back into the building. Use the fire drill as a true practice. Ask for input and look for ways to better prepare the students and staff for a true emergency.

Thanks, Megan!

... ENERGY PURCHASING

Signing up for the NJUMP and CJUMP Interlocal gas purchase programs is very easy and we will send out the forms upon request.

We're happy to announce we've recently added West Holt and South Central Unified to the CJUMP program for the upcoming years.

Contact Jim to learn more!

... TECHNOLOGY

Welcome to our new Sparq Meeting subscribers!

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... BOARD LEADERSHIP

Join us at the New Board Member Connections Workshop in Kearney on June 13! If you joined us for the New Board Member Workshops held across the state at the end of 2018, please consider an additional chance to share ideas and learn best practices. If you were not able to attend our workshops last year -- here is your opportunity! Join us in building your knowledge of board leadership fundamentals through discussions of real board scenarios, understanding Rule 10 for accreditation, and a deeper dive into open meetings and school law.

Welcome Karla Kruse! Karla's role for NASB is to provide support and assistance to both ALICAP and Board Leadership.

Marcia, Kori, Melissa & Karla

... POLICY

The Legislature has recently passed bills making important changes to your annual budget process and to the requirements for your board Americanism Committee. These changes will require additional time on the part of board members in every district across the state. We will be sending out details soon, but the committee, now known as the Committee on American Civics, will be required to meet publicly at least twice a year.

Contact Jim to learn more!

... WHOLE CHILD

According to research performed by the Learning Policy Institute in September 2018 — social-emotional skill building and a positive school climate quantifiably proves its return on investment by improving academic achievement and reducing the negative effects of poverty on achievement, boosting grades, test scores, and student engagement.

Contact Kori for all things WCP

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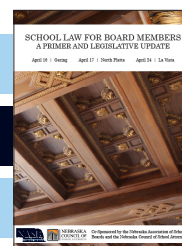
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Spring Legal Workshop | April 17 | North Platte

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NASB Orientation | July 24 | Lincoln

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