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AN NASB GOVERNANCE GLOW-UP & MORE HEADED YOUR WAY

As the NASB staff make their way to nine locations across Nebraska this Fall for the annual Area Membership Meetings, one of the key topics NASB Executive Director, John Spatz will be addressing is the past, present and future of the NASB, and what we have in store for our next 100 years!

What started in 1918, NASB now employs 18.5 FTE, and has seen an incredible demand in board development, advocacy, and other areas like our technology services like Sparq and Enviser, and our ALICAP insurance service.

As you know, our current governance structure consists of the NASB Board of Directors, the NASB Legislation Committee, and the annual NASB Delegate Assembly. The Board is led by four officers, elected to serve all four officer positions, in four one-year blocks. (From Vice President, to President-Elect, to President, to Past President.)

As we look to the future, our goal is to adjust the current model to one that gives us more stable leadership on our Board of Directors than simply the four years rotating through. While discussions of this Governance "Glow-Up" per se, started during our 100th year in 2018, it was the Covid years of 2020-21, where our then leadership all agreed to remain in their roles for a second year, that we truly saw the benefit of more stability in each role.

In addition to more stability, the new proposal focuses on a better long-term vision and strategic plan, better aligns our subsidiaries, and gives us more oversight and accountability, something you all have and strive for on your local boards.

We look forward to sharing the specifics of these governance changes with all of you in the coming weeks during Area Membership Meetings, and presenting it to the Delegate Assembly in November, where if approved, it will then take effect the following November (2024).

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AUGUST
2023



Area Membership Meeting - August 29 - North Platte

SEPTEMBER
2023

Area Membership Meeting - September 6 - Norfolk

Area Membership Meeting - September 13 - Kearney

Area Membership Meeting - September 19 - La Vista

Area Membership Meeting - September 20 - Fremont

Area Membership Meeting - September 27 - Nebraska City



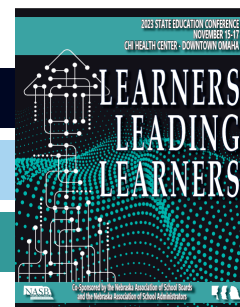
OCTOBER & NOVEMBER
2023

Labor Relations Conference - October 4-5 - Lincoln

New Board Member Workshop - November 1 - Kearney

State Education Conference - November 15-17 - Omaha

Learners Leading Learners



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THREE DOWN, SIX TO GO!

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2023 AREA MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Training - Recognition - Networking - Engagement

Valentine - Gering - York - North Platte - Norfolk - Kearney - La Vista - Fremont - Nebraska City



VISION: ENGAGED

4:30 PM - REGISTRATION, NETWORKING & EXHIBITORS

5:00 PM - OPENING SESSION

5:35 TO 7:20 PM - TRAINING SESSIONS & EXHIBITORS

7:25 PM - NETWORKING DINNER & AWARDS/RECOGNITION

15 AWARDS OF ACHIEVEMENT POINTS WILL BE EARNED FOR ATTENDING

SESSIONS INCLUDE:

VISION: ENGAGED - NAEP PEER DISCUSSION, PORTAL REVIEW, & TRAINING

POLICY: EVERYTHING BUT THE KITCHEN SINK - EFFECTIVELY ENGAGING YOUR COMMUNITY

BOARD GOVERNANCE ESSENTIALS - ALICAP'S SCHOOL SAFETY POOLING

A LOOK AT THE PRESENTS & COAL THE LEGISLATURE LEFT US THIS YEAR

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR! THE ANNUAL SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION

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BOARD CALENDAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR YOUR MONTHLY MEETINGS

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Each month, this space reflects recommended regular board meeting agenda items to include in the upcoming board meeting agenda. Please contact Marcia at mherring@NASBonline.org if you have questions or recommendations for improving the Board Meeting Annual Calendar.

View the full calendar at: <https://members.nasbonline.org/board-leadership/resources>



SEPTEMBER BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

In addition to routine agenda items, time sensitive topics include:

ACCOUNTABILITY AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REVIEW

- I. Review the District Membership Report § 79-528.** On or before **October 15**, of each year, the superintendent of each school district shall file with the commissioner the fall school district membership report, which report shall include the number of children from birth through twenty years of age enrolled in the district on October 1 of a given school year. The report shall enumerate
 - (i) students by grade level
 - (ii) school district levies and total assessed valuation for the current fiscal year
 - (iii) students enrolled in the district as option students, resident students enrolled in another district as option students, students enrolled in the district as open enrollment students, and resident students enrolled in another district as open enrollment students, and
 - (iv) such other information as the Commissioner of Education directs.

BUDGET

- I. Negotiations contract dispute decision** (year of contract, if needed); Due September 15 § 48-818.01
- II. Collective Bargaining Timeline.** On or before September 1 of the year preceding the contract year in question, the certificated and instructional employees' collective-bargaining agent shall request recognition as bargaining agent. The governing board shall respond to such request not later than the following October 1. § 48-818.01
- III. Collective Bargaining Mediation Decision.** On or before September 15, the commission will render a decision on any contract dispute in regard to a non-agreed upon agreement that was due March 25. Negotiations board must respond to agent request; Due October 1 § 48-818.01
- IV. Elementary site allowance; calculation.** On or before October 15, each school district who qualifies for an elementary site allowance to submit the applicable form to the NDE. § 79-1007.15
- V. *Poverty Allowance Calculation.** Each school district shall designate a maximum poverty allowance on a form prescribed by the department on or before October 15, of the school fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal year for which the aid is being calculated. §79-1007.07
- VI. Limited English Proficiency Calculation Allowance.** Each school district shall designate a maximum limited English Limited Proficiency Allowance on or before October 15 of the school fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal year for which aid is being calculated. §79-1007.09 The school district may decline to participate in the LEPA by providing NDE a maximum limited LEPA allowance of zero dollars on such form on or before October 15.

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BOARD-SUPERINTENDENT RELATIONS

- I. Review current superintendent evaluation tool, policy specific to the evaluation, contract language to ensure it aligns to the policy, and review superintendent contract language outlining the responsibilities of the superintendent and board regarding the contract extension or renewal. Place each item on the board meeting agenda as specified.

*****Review the full September Agenda on page 32 of the 2023 NASB Board Meeting Guide & Annual Board Calendar.***

BOARD RETREAT

To support our members who did not have the opportunity to participate in the New Board Member Workshops consider a Board Retreat to engage with your newly elected board members as they continue to transition into their new role. Please contact Marcia Herring, NASB Director of Board Leadership at mherring@NASBonline.org or 402-817-0296 to schedule a board retreat or private sessions through Microsoft Teams to review the board role and responsibilities.

UPCOMING NASB BOARD LEADERSHIP EVENTS

President Circle - October 18, 2023

NASB New Board Member Workshop - Wednesday, November 1, 2023

Join the NASB Board Leadership Team in Kearney for the opportunity to engage newly elected board members who did not have the opportunity to attend the NASB New Board Member Workshop this past December 2022. We are also including an invitation to all newly appointed board members. The agenda will include discussion and review of best practice board governance, meeting protocols, committee work, policy, Open Meetings Law, scenarios, goal planning, superintendent evaluation, and more. Stay tuned for more information regarding the registration details.



HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR BOARD'S POLICIES?

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Your Board Policy Manual holds the collective decisions of your School Board, providing expectations and direction to your district when the Board is not in session. It serves as the continuing plan by which you govern your district and move it toward the goals and vision you and your staff have created together.

Updating and reorganizing your board policy manual while keeping previous decisions of the board in place is a time intensive process. Each district has a different history and, over the years, has made numerous important local board decisions differently than its neighboring districts. NASB provides the only Policy Update and Customization Service that keeps those previous decisions in place rather than throwing out your policy manual to replace it with a generic one. Unfortunately, your policy manual may have obsolete, inaccurate, or unnecessary information that misleads or confuses your board members and staff. Worse yet, it may be missing important policy revisions that have occurred over the past several years and are critically important in setting expectations for the governance of your district or the direction of board discussions. There are also basic protections that must be in place for your students, their parents, and your employees which may be reviewed prior to receiving important grants, funds, or certifications. Many of the most recently revised policies are quite lengthy and detailed due to the Every Student Succeeds Act and may be audited by state or federal agencies.

The goal of the NASB Policy Customization Service is to create a completed, customized policy manual with legal referencing and indexing that reflects in writing the operation of your own district. It should serve as a starting point on many of the important questions that come before the board over the course of the year. This is a great time to consider beginning a board manual customization to give your board and administrators a much more accurate, complete, and user-friendly board policy manual for the future.

To learn more, contact Jim Luebbe at jluebbe@NASBOnline.org.

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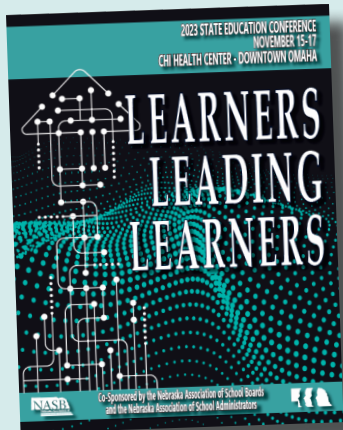
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We look forward to seeing you at the State Education Conference, November 15-17, 2023 at the CHI Health Conference Center in Omaha.

There will be two Pre-Conference Sessions on Wednesday, November 15 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Topics are "Speak Out, Reach Out" where presenters will discuss how to best engage district stakeholders, and "Educator Workforce: Strategies to Attract, Develop, and Retain a High-Quality Staff" where presenters will share information on and strategies to improve the teacher and administrator shortage.

We will have three general sessions and 53 breakout sessions over the course of the Conference. There will be something for everyone!

Registration for the State Education Conference is a process consisting of two steps. First, you will register for the Conference; second, you will submit your request for a room at the Conference hotels.

Conference registration will open Wednesday, September 13, 2023. Once your Conference registration is complete, you will receive an email with your NASB Registration code and a Conference Hotel Room Request link. The room request process will open on Wednesday, September 27, 2023.

If you would like to request a room at the Hilton hotel, you must register for the Conference and complete the room request before October 15, or until full.

If you would like to request a room at the Marriott hotel, you must register for the Conference and complete the room request before October 24, or until full.

You will receive an email with specific registration instructions right before registration opens. Call NASB at 800-422-4572 or email sendorf@NASBonline.org with questions.

We look forward to seeing you in November!



WELCOME NEW SUPERINTENDENTS FOR 2023-24

Anselmo-Merna – Lloyd McIntyre

Ansley – Kim Jonas

Bennington – Aaron Plas

Boone Central – Jeff Schwartz

Brady – Ann Foster

Bridgeport – George Schlothauer

Bruning-Davenport – Kelly Lampe

Cambridge – Jarod Albers

Centura – Ashley Tomjack

Creek Valley – Loren Engel

Dorchester – Curtis Cogswell

Elm Creek – Tom Moore

ESU 15 – Phil Picquet

ESU 16 – James McGown

Fairbury – Sean Malloy

Gordon Rushville – Nathan Livingston

Grand Island – Matt Fisher

Gretna – Travis Lightle

Keya Paha – Henry Eggert

Lakeview – Jason Cline

Louisville – Kolin Haecker

Medicine Valley – Scott Trimble

North Bend – Patrick Ningen

Omaha – Matt Ray

Osmond – Skip Bremer

Perkins County – Mark Jolliffe

Ralston – Jason Buckingham

Randolph – Daryl Schrunck

Ravenna – Ken Schroeder

Schuyler – Bret Schroder

Sidney – Andy Farber

S. Central Unified – Stephen Grizzle

South Sioux City – Rony Ortega

Southwest – Drew Billeter

Superior – John Whetzal

Tekamah Herman – Brad Kjar

Thayer Central – Eric Miller

Yutan – Rex Pfeil

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Prior to her election to the State Board of Education in November 2020, Patti Gubbels served on the Norfolk Board of Education, and was a member of the NASB Board of Directors, and the NASB Legislation Committee since 2016.

The National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ) recently released results of the 2023 Teacher Prep Review. The purpose of the review was to guarantee teachers have expertise needed to teach reading effectively. The NCTQ reviewed reading coursework provided by approximately seven hundred elementary teacher preparation programs and sought evidence that programs are using what 50 years of research have identified as effective reading strategies.

Teacher Prep Review results show that nationwide 25% of reviewed elementary teacher prep programs provide coursework in all elements of research-based reading instruction. One of nine elementary teacher prep programs reviewed in Nebraska received an A grade from NCTQ for reading instruction coursework.



At the June State Board of Education meeting, the Board approved a proposed Rule 20 Regulations for Approval of Educator Preparation Programs change that requires the inclusion of scientifically based reading instruction coursework in Nebraska teacher preparation programs. After attending the NCTQ Teacher Prep Review web conference, and listening to how state boards of education hold educator preparation programs accountable, I wondered **“what is the best way to guarantee that teachers are prepared to provide effective reading instruction?”** And more generally, I contemplated “what is education accountability and how does it differ from responsibility?” “How is accountability important in the work of the Nebraska State Board, as an education governing body with regulatory responsibilities?” And finally, “how does accountability apply to State Board of Education procedures, behaviors, and outcomes?”

“What is the best way to guarantee that teachers are prepared to provide effective reading instruction?”

Responsibility is having a duty to deal with, oversee, or accomplish something. NE teacher prep programs, if the Governor approves proposed Rule 20 changes, will be responsible for providing quality, research-based reading instruction. Merriam-Webster defines accountability as an obligation or willingness to accept responsibility or to account for one’s actions. Accountability often involves some form of evaluation of results. The purpose of evaluation is to provide a guarantee of work quality, assure successful completion of a task, or identify needed improvements. Accountability may also include consequences for lack of success or completion of a task.

For example, evaluation of teacher preparation course work in reading provides accountability because it reveals whether programs are providing research-based reading instruction. In some states, lack of implementation of required reading instruction leads to the withholding of state funding. In other states, if teacher preparation programs have not implemented the required instruction, state education departments provide professional development and monitoring of those programs.

Nebraska State Board of Education members and the public often associate accountability with student academic achievement. The NDE requires that students take an annual test (NSCAS) to determine if students have met the state content standards. NDE reports student academic achievement to the public to reveal how students are performing by school, district, and the state, and to explain measures taken to improve student academic outcomes.

At a special Board meeting in July, the Board and Commissioner identified performance goals to direct the Commissioner’s work

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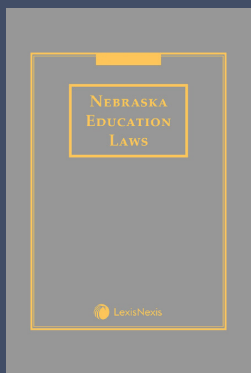
in 2023-2024. We assigned specific responsibilities to the Commissioner through the identified goals. When we evaluate the Commissioner at the end of the year, we will use evidence of goal attainment as an accountability measure of his success.

The State Board has planning, evaluating, and regulatory responsibilities for education in Nebraska. The Board also has responsibilities or duties related to our own performance as outlined in our Board Bylaws and Board Operating Policies. During an Executive Committee Bylaw and Policies Special Committee meeting held over a two-day period in July, the committee wrestled with questions related to individual board member responsibility and accountability such as “shouldn’t we be accountable for fulfilling our duties?” and “how do we evaluate our performance as Board members?” and “should there be consequences if we do not fulfill our responsibilities?”.

Whether determining fulfillment of teacher prep program responsibilities, examining outcomes from summative measures of student academic achievement, evaluating the Commissioner of Education’s performance, or determining individual and joint State Board of Education member responsibilities, we need to consider accountability when we assign responsibility.

Accountability promotes operational excellence, safeguards resources, builds trust, and models an expectation for quality. As a State Board of Education, we need to be accountable to ourselves and to hold others accountable for quality education in Nebraska.

Disclaimer: The opinions from Dr. Patti S. Gubbels are hers and do not represent the Nebraska State Board of Education.



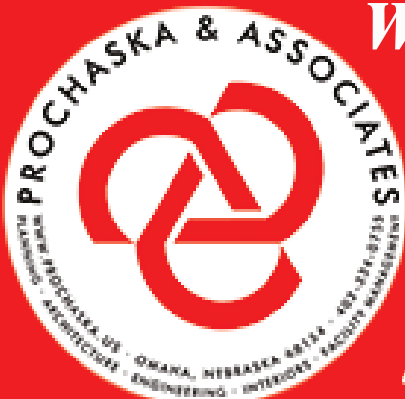
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... SEARCH, STRENGTHS & AWARDS

AWARDS OF ACHIEVEMENT

We will be recognizing board members for achieving new levels of success at their local Area Membership Meeting. We also have 13 school boards who earned and will receive a Board of Excellence award. Visit the Events page at www.NASBOnline.org to register.

GALLUP STRENGTHSFINDER

This link takes you to a great article. "On the Best Teams, People Know What Makes Each Person Unique" <https://www.gallup.com/cliftonstrengths/en/402578/best-teams-people-know-makes-person-unique.aspx#:~:text=Gallup%20has%20found%20that%20teams,team%20members%20react%20to%20changes>. Call to schedule a Gallup retreat for the district leadership team, staff or board.

EDUCATION LEADERSHIP SEARCH SERVICE

Catch up with me at your local Area Membership meeting if you have questions about openings or filling a vacancy.

Contact Shari at sbecker@NASBOnline.org for these programs/services!

... BOARD LEADERSHIP

Check out "At the Board Table" on pages 4 & 5.

Marcia, Kari, Katie, Caden & Stacie

... MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

We are in the middle of seeing you all at **Area Membership Meetings**, with registration still open for the remaining stops. **State Conference** registration opens on September 13. You will receive more details in the mail shortly. We also have Labor Relations, a New Board Member Workshop & more to close out 2023!

Contact Sharon with any questions.

... POLICY

Recent statutes enacted by the Legislature now prohibit out-of-school suspensions for students in pre-kindergarten through second grade. The only exception to this rule involves violations of a district's weapons policy. Districts will now need to consider how they will handle severe or repeated violations of rules or disruptions to the educational environment with in-school procedures to correct early behavioral problems.

Contact Jim to learn more!

... ALICAP & INSURANCE

All ALICAP members should have received their billing statements for the 23-24 year. Payments are due by September 30th.

ALICAP wishes all the schools/ESUs a safe and happy 23-24 year!!!

Thanks, Megan!

... ENERGY PURCHASING

Natural gas prices sit about 30 percent above their late February lows for the year and are slowly trending a bit higher. With the uncertainties over economics, interest rates, and war, there is more than a normal amount of price volatility going into the cooler Fall months. Your market specialists in NJUMP and CJUMP continue to monitor these changes on a daily basis to find great opportunities for pricing in your future natural gas needs.

Contact Jim to learn more!

... ADVOCACY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

This year's Session is done, the work is not!

Your NASB Legislation Committee met earlier this month to look over all proposals and priorities that now move forward to this year's Delegate Assembly in November.

Now is a great time to engage your lawmaker while they are in the district. Reach out if NASB can help you make a connection.

Advocacy starts at home!

Reminder, many bills passed this year will require a **POLICY CHANGE** by the board.

Call Colby & Matt with questions any time!

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... DATA ANALYTICS

With a new school year starting, your district may be considering whether to overhaul certain programs and curriculum.

NASB's Data Analytics can help you to evaluate your standardized testing data in a meaningful way to provide an evidence-based foundation for whether or not your current curriculum is under-achieving. It's all about turning raw data into knowledge, then letting that knowledge guide your planning discussions.

Contact Jim to learn more!

... TECHNOLOGY

Save the Date for our Open House on Tuesday, November 14 from 7-11 pm at the Old Mattress Factory Bar & Grill

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