

# NASB BOARD NOTES

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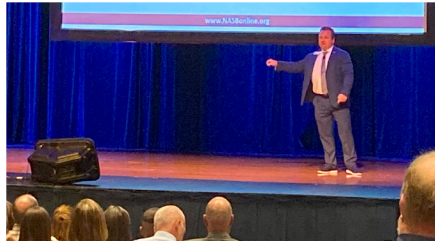
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The NASB provides programs, services, and advocacy to strengthen public education for all Nebraskans. Learn more at [www.NASBonline.org](http://www.NASBonline.org)

# TRAINING, NETWORKING, ENGAGEMENT & EVENTS



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**Legislative Special Session Began Thursday, July 25, and Ended Tuesday, August 20. See Page 6**

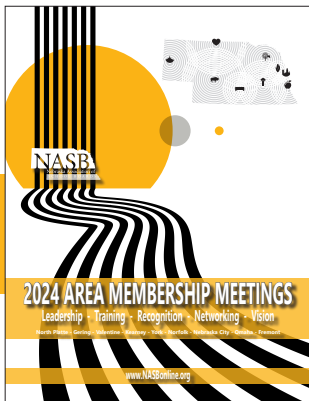
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School Board Members - If your district or ESU currently participates in the **Educators Health Alliance (EHA)**, health and dental plan, you have the option to enroll in the plans during the month of August. Open enrollment information is available at the district or ESU office and monthly premiums can be paid to the school district or ESU directly. If you enrolled in the health and dental coverage and you serve at least 5 consecutive years and are over the age of 50, you can continue your health and dental coverage through your district or ESU on the direct bill plan. For more information, please reach out to your school district or ESU or Greg Long at [greg@ehaplan.org](mailto:greg@ehaplan.org)

## Area Membership Meetings began August 20

- August 20 - North Platte ✓
- August 21 - Gering ✓
- August 22 - Valentine ✓
- August 27 - Kearney
- August 28 - York



- September 4 - Norfolk
- September 11 - Nebraska City
- September 24 - Omaha
- September 25 - Fremont



**Labor Relations Conference - October 2-3 - Lincoln**

**Statewide General Election Day - November 5**

**State Education Conference - November 20-22 - CHI Health Center Omaha**

**Delegate Assembly - November 22**

**New Board Member Workshops - December 2024**

**Norfolk - Kearney - Gering - North Platte - York - Omaha**

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Three down. Six to go.

Last week saw members of the NASB Staff load up and travel west to North Platte, Gering, and Valentine to kick off the 2024 Area Membership Meetings.

This year's agenda includes a general welcome from members of the NASB Board of Directors followed by a more than timely Legislative Update, keying in on all the important items that came from both the regular session (which seems like years ago), and the special session that wrapped up last week. There is also a look ahead with some action items for you as school leaders.

Two rounds of breakout sessions followed, with dinner and recognition after that! Congrats to all of those boards, and board members being honored this year on either an individual or full board level. Those can all be viewed at:

<https://members.nasbonline.org/programs-services/award-of-achievement-recipient>

We jump back on the road this week with stops in Kearney and York, and then close out September in Norfolk, Nebraska City, Omaha, and Fremont! Register now if you have not already done so, or feel free to join us on-site if online registration has already closed for your desired location.

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### AGENDA

- 4:30 PM - Registration & Exhibitors
- 5:00 PM - Opening Session
- 5:15 PM - Legislative Update
- 5:50 PM - Break & Exhibitors
- 6:05 PM - Training Sessions #1
- 6:35 PM - Break & Exhibitors
- 6:50 PM - Training Sessions #2
- 7:20 PM - Dinner & Recognition

# 2024 AREA MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

## Leadership - Training - Recognition - Networking - Vision

North Platte - Gering - Valentine - Kearney - York - Norfolk - Nebraska City - Omaha - Fremont

Topics include: Legislative Update; How Does Nebraska Compare?; School Claims, Insurance Trends and High-Risk Activities; Accountability and Stakeholder Engagement; Networks of Support: Inspiring Local Leadership; Open Meetings, Option Enrollments, and Ouch, Title IX!; Support for Board and Superintendent Leadership Success

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## BOARD 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](mailto:mherring@NASBonline.org) if you have questions or recommendations for improving the Board Meeting Annual Calendar.

### SEPTEMBER BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

Please see the August 15<sup>th</sup> email from [mherring@NASBonline.org](mailto:mherring@NASBonline.org) and [shiggins@NASBonline.org](mailto:shiggins@NASBonline.org) for the draft of the September Board Meeting Agenda. If you have questions or need us to resend the email, please feel free to contact Marcia at 402-450-5152 or Stacie at 402-209-1608.

### NASB LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR BOARD CANDIDATES, OR NEWLY APPOINTED/ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

**NASB Candidate Webinar** coming in October. We are planning a Lunch and Learn and evening time block to provide the additional opportunity to participate in this workshop that was provided this past July.

#### **NASB New Board Member Workshops**

Monday, December 2 - Norfolk Country Club  
Tuesday, December 3 - Kearney Holiday Inn  
Wednesday, December 4 - Gering Civic Center  
Thursday, December 5 - North Platte - Venue 304  
Register by Monday, November 25, 2024

Tuesday, December 10 - York - Holthus Center  
Wednesday, December 11 - La Vista Conference Center  
Register by Thursday, December 5, 2024

#### Target Audience

Newly elected board members, appointed board members, experienced board members, ESU board members, Superintendents, ESU Administrators

#### Topics to be covered

NASB Board Governance Standards, Open Meetings Act, board meetings, board-superintendent communication, public comment, closed/executive session, conflict of interest, mission, vision, and goals, policy governance, community and stakeholder engagement, community alignment, student learning, NASB Annual Board Calendar, board committees, board self-assessment, superintendent evaluation, scenarios, board professional development

Awards of Achievement Points Earned: 15



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The ALICAP Board of Trustees is proud to announce that it is returning \$1.5 million back to member school districts and educational service units (ESUs) for the 2024-2025 school year in the form of a dividend.

ALICAP provides property, liability, errors and omissions, auto, workers' compensation, pollution, and cyber security insurance to school districts and ESUs that choose to join.

ALICAP is formed under Nebraska's Intergovernmental Risk Management Act, which allows Nebraska's public schools to pool its assets together to provide insurance services to its members. This pooling concept has proven to be a success as over \$30 million has been returned to schools and ESUs in the form of a dividend since 1990. This concept of shared risk management has demonstrated cost savings for Nebraska schools, ESUs, and taxpayers.



Returning dividends to the members is a key characteristic that sets ALICAP apart from the typical insurance provider. Each member district/ESU is an owner of the ALICAP pool, and when the pool has a surplus from any given year, those dollars may be returned to the owners, instead of the traditional insurance provider's stockholders.

ALICAP provides coverage to 206 school districts and ESUs in Nebraska and is governed by school board members and administrators representing its participating members. "I'm proud of ALICAP and what we've been able to do for Nebraska's schools," said Megan Boldt, NASB Associate Executive Director and Director of ALICAP. "ALICAP made six promises to its members back in 1990 and we've stayed true to them over the past 34 years."

To learn more, visit [www.ALICAP.org](http://www.ALICAP.org), or contact Megan Boldt, at [mboldt@NASBonline.org](mailto:mboldt@NASBonline.org).



## WELCOME NEW SUPERINTENDENTS FOR 2024-25

*Bertrand – Nicole LeClaire*

*Bloomfield – Todd Strom*

*Boone Central – Damon McDonald*

*Callaway – JD Furrow*

*Columbus – Chip Kay*

*Cozad – Dan Endorf*

*Deshler – Wade Finley*

*Dundy County Stratton – Alan Garey*

*Elba – Dana Wiseman*

*Elm Creek – Kim Beran*

*ESU 6 – Brian Maschmann*

*ESU 7 – Kris Elmshaeuser*

*ESU CC – Larianne Polk*

*Fairbury – Devin Embray*

*Franklin – Galen Boldt*

*Gretna – Travis Lightle*

*High Plains – Jason Brown*

*Homer – Joey Lefdal*

*Isanti – Greg Shepard*

*Learning Community – Gerald Kuhn*

*Loomis – Nate Weaver*

*Milford – Mitch Kubicek*

*Morrill – Todd Chessmore*

*Norris – Derrick Joel*

*Omaha – Matt Ray*

*Raymond Central – Bryon Hanson*

*Sandhills – Jamie Isom*

*Sargent – Byron Olsen*

*Sioux County – Liz Baker*

*Summerland – Molly Aschoff*

*Sutherland – Ted Classen*

*Sutton – Brad Best*

*Tri County – Randy Schlueter*

*Twin River – Chris Lecher*

*Walthill – Seth Sackman*

*Wilber-Clatonia – Justin Petersen*

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## SPECIAL SESSION ...

Well ... that was interesting. Seventeen working days over four weeks, 105 bills and measures introduced. So what actually happened?

The Legislature started with debate on LB 1, introduced by Senator Linehan on the Governor's behalf. Quickly dubbed "The Pillen Plan," the bill would raise well over one billion dollars in new and increased sales taxes. The bill represented an enormous erosion of local control as it included intent language to completely remove general fund levy authority without any "backstop" language allowing for levy return if the State fails its funding obligations. LB 1 hit a dead end quickly, primarily because of resistance from groups opposing new and raised taxes. NASB testified in opposition to this bill.

Next came LB 9 from Senator Hughes. This bill reduced levies from \$1.05 to \$0.25 gradually over 10 years, included backstop language, long advocated by the education community. NASB testified in a neutral capacity, as we liked much of this bill but needed more discussion and modeling to see its full impact. LB 9 lasted just over a day before being discarded.

With the quick demise of LB 9, LB 34 became the committee's primary vehicle for reform. It paired down revenue raises through tax increases and immediately dropped max levies to \$0.45. There was no "backstop," and initial modeling showed a negative funding impact, particularly to rural schools. NASB along with the entire education coalition opposed LB 34 as amended.

This led to LB 34, 2.0 as further amendments were explored. No revenue raises, but the bill moved "1107 dollars" to the front end for those not claiming them, utilized cash sweeps, and decreased appropriations through LB 2 & LB 3 to increase dollars into the fund. Schools were left out of any spending or revenue cap decisions; however, cities and counties were not so lucky and were left with a zero percent or CPI-like growth factor.



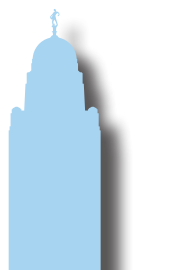
**After several weeks, education was left right where we were before the Special Session began. However, there is still a lot of work to do. The narrative remains that spending is the problem and reducing spending at the local level is the solution. Said one Senator on the floor, "Spending controls are the ONLY way we can reduce property taxes in the long run."**

Come hear about the Special and Regular Session at Area Membership Meetings and look for strategies for the upcoming 2025 session from your Advocacy Team.

## INTERIM HEARINGS ...

A few of the interim hearings NASB is following this Fall have been scheduled.

- LR 384 (Linehan) - Examine nonprofit organizations, their nonprofit status, the way they use their nontaxable income, and the ways they use their nontaxable income for political purposes (Thursday, September 5 and Friday, September 6 at 1:30 PM in Revenue)
- LR 349 (Linehan) - Examine the funding sources, including tax incentives & other methods, used for early childhood education programs in Nebraska (Friday, September 13 at 1:30 PM in Revenue)
- LR 367 (Day) - Examine mechanisms to slow the rise of property tax valuations during periods of rapid property value increases (Friday, September 20 at 1:30 PM in Revenue)
- LR 418 (Dover) - Examine the current property tax valuation process (Friday, September 20 at 1:30 PM in Revenue)



# HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR BOARD'S POLICIES?

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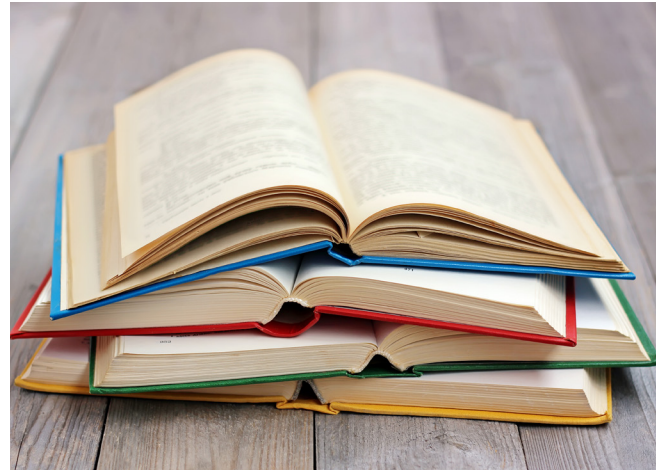
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Your Board Policy Manual holds the collective decisions of your School Board, providing expectations and direction to your district when the Board is not in session. It serves as the continuing plan by which you govern your district and move it toward 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](mailto:jluebbe@NASBOnline.org)

## From the Office of the Attorney General

Dear School Board Members:

As another school year is approaching, let me again thank you for your enduring dedication to educating and nurturing the next generation of Nebraskans. Our Team hopes as you help prepare for this year, you will share our Know Modern Day Slavery video series with professionals in your buildings. This video series provides an understanding of the signs of trafficking to aid in identifying and reporting human trafficking. The series and supplemental materials are available at this link:

<https://negov.sharefile.com/d-s33060a2208fb49ec8ac46ffff7fbc797>

This year, we have expanded our resources to include content designed for students. In the link above, you will find folders with content designated for both educators and high school students. We hope that by educating students on the risk factors and signs of human trafficking, we will be able to help prevent this crime.

Thank you for your service to our state. Your commitment to helping end human trafficking in Nebraska is to be commended.

Sincerely,  
Mike Hilgers  
Nebraska Attorney General

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We look forward to seeing you at the State Education Conference, November 20-22, at the CHI Health Conference Center in Omaha.

There will be two Pre-Conference Sessions on Wednesday, November 20 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Topics are "Navigating Board Conflict and the Hidden Costs of Dysfunction" and "Harnessing the Power of AI."

We will have three general sessions and 58 breakout sessions over the course of the Conference. There will be something for everyone!

General session titles include:

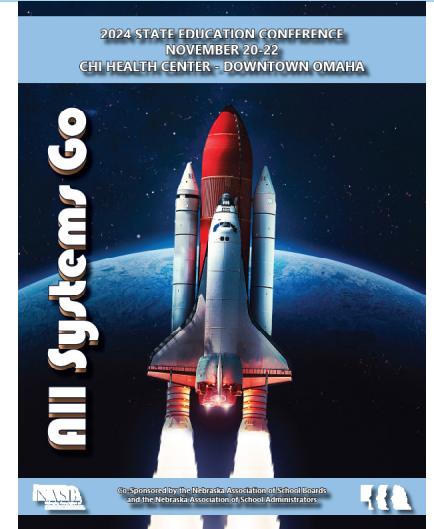
- Inspiring Hope Through the Power of Commitment and Positivity Beyond the Game: Applying "ALL IN" to Life - Gian Paul Gonzalez
- Running Toward Chaos - Dr. Natalie Stavas
- What's on the Horizon at the Nebraska Department of Education? - Brian Maher

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 11. 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 25. 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 20, 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 November 8, or until full.

You will receive an email with specific registration instructions right before registration opens. Call NASB at 402-423-4951 or email [sendorf@NASBonline.org](mailto:sendorf@NASBonline.org) with questions.

We look forward to seeing you in November!





# SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS DUE

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<https://members.nasbonline.org/board-leadership/ann-mactier-school-board-member-of-the-year-award>

NASB and the State Board of Education are now seeking nominations for the annual Ann Mactier Award, recognizing one local school board member for their policy leadership and contributions to curriculum and instruction in Nebraska public schools.

Please consider nominating a deserving board member for this honor. Application deadline for deserving candidates is September 20, 2024. For further details contact Marcia Herring at 402-423-4951.



Previous winners include:

- |  |                                   |   |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| 2023 - Allison Welch - Conestoga           | 2016 - Terri Haynes - Chadron     | 2009 - Ron Pearson - ESU #3             |
| 2022 - Marcia Mahon - South Sioux City     | 2015 - Linda Richards - Ralston   | 2008 - Sandra Jensen - Omaha            |
| 2021 - Steve Koch - Hershey                | 2014 - Brad Krivohlavek - Norfolk | 2007 - John Hansen - Bellevue           |
| 2020 - Marian Holstein - Winnebago         | 2013 - Patty Bentzinger - Norris  | 2006 - Fred Tafoya - Papillion La Vista |
| 2019 - Valerie Fisher - Papillion La Vista | 2012 - Kathy Bartek - Falls City  | 2005 - Wayne Erickson - Wisner-Pilger   |
| 2018 - Kathy Danek - Lincoln               | 2011 - Julie Agard - Kearney      | 2004 - Ann Mactier - Omaha              |
| 2017 - Bonnie Hinkle - Grand Island        | 2010 - Kim Fasse - Elkhorn        |   |

## 2024 LABOR RELATIONS - OCTOBER 2-3

### Wednesday, October 2

Preconference Workshop: The ABCs of Negotiations with The Perry Law Firm

The single biggest part of a school district's budget is personnel costs. Salaries and benefits alone usually represent around 90% of a district's total expenses. Therefore, it is absolutely essential that a district understand the negotiation process and legal requirements in order to ensure that these expenses are a reasonable and good use of taxpayer dollars. In this session, we will walk through the negotiation process and offer practical suggestions, including specific items to consider heading into the 2025-26 negotiations timeline.

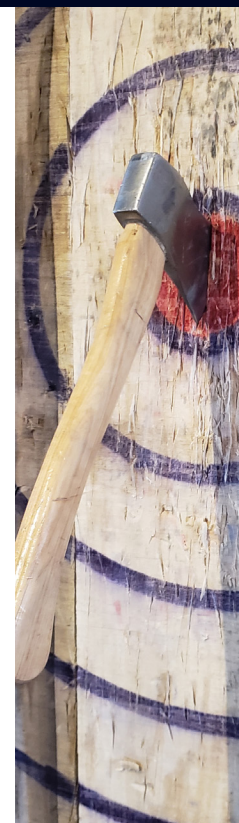
Social: After the Preconference, head down a few blocks into the Haymarket to Tomahawks Axe Throwing for some thrilling, safe, and social entertainment.

### Thursday, October 3

Keynote: From Chaos to Clarity: How to be your best when things are at their worst with Marianne Renner Today's new world is bringing more chaos and uncertainty than ever before. New challenges and constant change can take a toll on performance. How do you show up and bring your very best even during the most trying times? Get inspired and learn tools to get the best out of yourself and those around you.

Concurrent Session Topics Include: Wages and Payment Collection; Negotiations and Arrays; Retirement; EHA Health Care Member Support; HR Hot Topics; Legal Updates; Workers Comp; FLSA; Federal Labor Case Law; Superintendent Role in Board Relations; And More!

For more information and to register go to <https://members.nasbonline.org/events/labor-relations-conference>



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## ... ALICAP & INSURANCE

ALICAP's Annual Billing Statements have been mailed out, and payments are due back by September 30th. If any member district/ESU needs an electronic copy, please email Megan Boldt at [mboldt@NASBonline.org](mailto:mboldt@NASBonline.org)

ALICAP continues to grow in members. Welcome to our newest school districts: Maywood, Crofton, Exeter-Milligan, Syracuse-Dunbar-Avooca, Red Cloud, and Conestoga!

We are happy to have you all in the pool!

Thanks, Megan!

## ... POLICY

Statutes regarding excessive absenteeism have created some unnecessary problems in the past when a student missed several weeks of school due to illness but was able to keep up with coursework from home. LB1029, passed this year, specifically exempts mental or physical illness from those reasons for unexcused absences that may be considered as excessive. Also approved was LB1329 which strengthens the option of conducting an educational evaluation of the reason for absences.

Contact Jim to learn more!

## ... EDUCATION LEADERSHIP SEARCH

Is your district or ESU in need of a proposal for a search process?

Do you have a question about a specific vacancy or the number of searches the state may see this year?

Catch up with us at your local Area Membership meeting.

Contact Shari Becker with questions [sbecker@NASBonline.org](mailto:sbecker@NASBonline.org)

## ... FOUNDATION

The Nebraska Public Leadership Foundation (NPLF) has created a scholarship program for high school seniors who are pursuing higher education to become a teacher in a Nebraska public school system.

In thousands of classrooms across Nebraska, teachers lead our students to discover new and important facts and ideas, the steppingstones that shape their future. NPLF supports the students who want to give to the overall mission of success for every student in Nebraska. Please consider helping today's student leaders become tomorrow's education leaders by donating to the NPLF Student Scholarship Program at [www.nepublicleadership.org](http://www.nepublicleadership.org)

## ... BOARD LEADERSHIP

Check out "At the Board Table" on page 4.

Marcia, Katie, Caden, Stacie, Ben, Stephanie & McKenna

## ... AWARDS OF ACHIEVEMENT

We will be recognizing board members for achieving new levels of success at their local Area Membership Meeting. We will also recognize ESU and school district boards earning a board award for the 2023-24 points year. Visit the Events page to register for a meeting!

## ... DATA ANALYTICS

If you may be in one of the districts that needed to attend a Joint Public Meeting due to exceeding your allowable growth rate, or believe you may fall into that group next year, it's worthwhile having a good grasp of your district's financial and demographic data.

Items such as levy rates and per pupil expenditures along with their comparison to nearby districts are important to know when patrons or taxpayers ask about your budget.

We can provide useful summaries to illustrate how your district's valuation, levy, cost per pupil, and poverty indicators compare to others.

Contact Jim Luebbe if you are interested in creating one of these summaries for your own school.

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## ... ENERGY PURCHASING

With the uncertainties over economics, interest rates, and the elections, there has been a significant degree 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

Check out Page 6 for the latest on the Special Session, upcoming Interim Hearings, Candidates and more. As always, stay engaged and informed!

Call Colby & Matt with questions any time!

## ... TECHNOLOGY

Welcome Sparq Meetings  
Subscriber: Elba Public Schools  
Welcome Sparq Negotiations  
Subscribers: Bloomfield Community Schools, and Grand Island Public Schools

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## Building a Better Future with Nebraska's Public Finance Partner

D.A. Davidson & Co. has long been a leader in innovative debt financing for school districts. What we're most proud of are the relationships we've nourished and the strong community improvements that are made as a result.

Our public finance professionals take a personal interest and a hands-on approach, carrying our deals from start to finish. Because you deserve solutions tailored to fit you.

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- Tax Anticipation / Construction Notes
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- QCPUF Bonds
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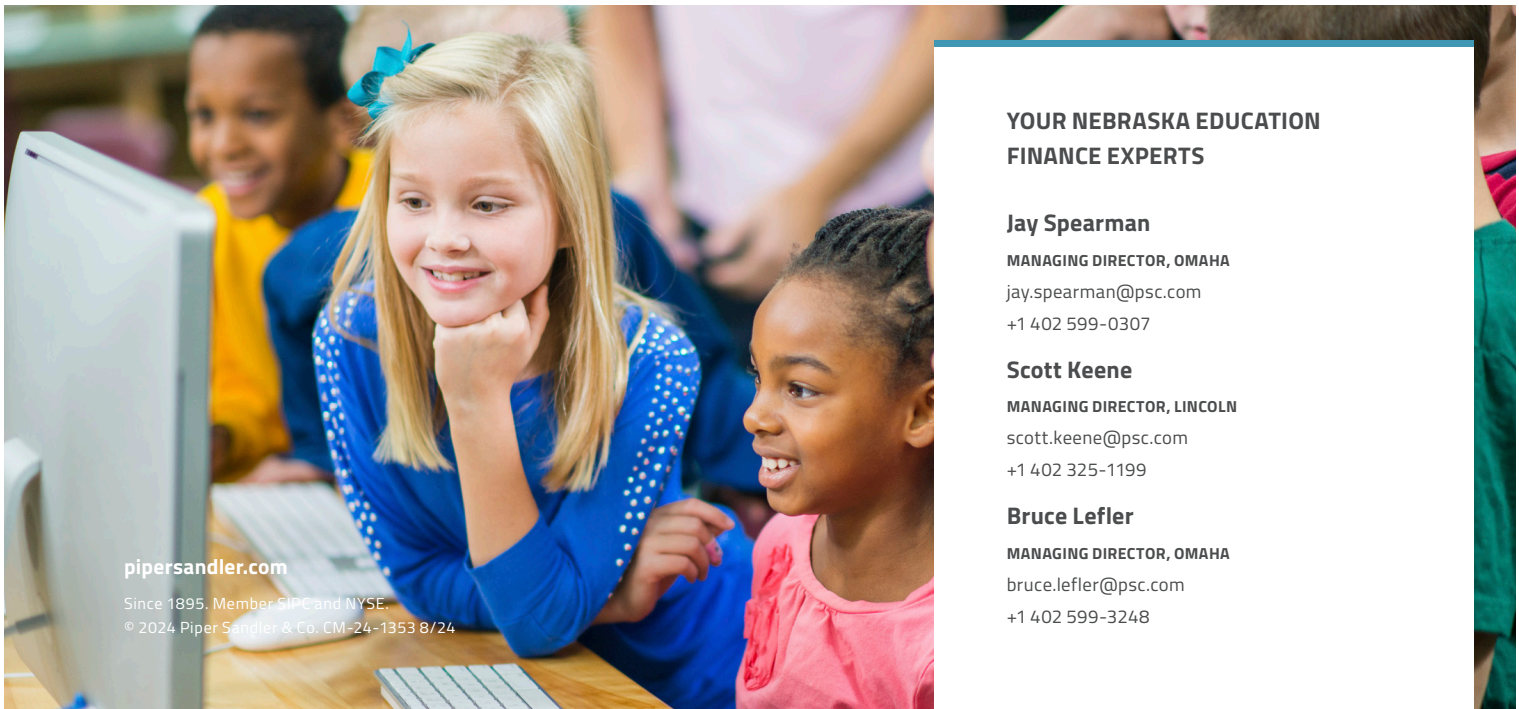
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