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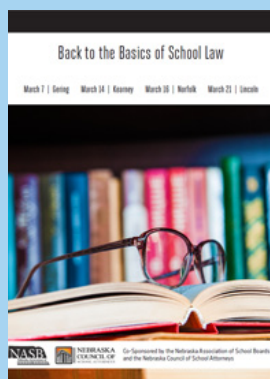
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Coach John Cook's time at Nebraska includes the following:

- 3 National Championships
- 4 Finals appearances
- 7 Final Four appearances
- 11 Conference Titles
- 15 Top-10 final rankings since 2000
- 660 career wins
- 49 All-Americans
- 19 Academic All-Americans



It also includes 105 minutes in front of school board members, administrators and education leaders from across Nebraska at the 2017 Education Forum held earlier this month in Kearney.

Coach Cook kicked off the morning on what it takes to be a champion. Whether you're dealing with an elite-level college volleyball team, or working to get the most out of your students or staff, it starts with dreaming big, dreaming like a champion.

He discussed the challenges of today's generation. Today's students lack sleep, proper hydration, problem solving, they resort to poor nutrition, and live in a visual world. As he joked, too many glasses of water are being replaced with a caramel macchiato, and all too often, person to person communication is given the back seat to a text message.

Coach Cook shared how he preaches to his teams to make great decisions all the time so you have the confidence to do it when it really matters. Great advice not only for the younger generation, but all of us as we strive to better ourselves each and every day.

He closed the morning address sharing the three items he asks himself daily ... Who needs me today? Would I be chosen again today? Would I want to be coached by me today?

Following Coach Cook, the attendees continued their learning with 25 breakout sessions on a variety of topics, as well as networking with peers and 40 exhibitors. To view more photos from the event visit www.facebook.com/NASBOnline



Beef ... It's What's For School Lunch



Do you know where the food for your last meal came from? Not “the kitchen” or “the store” ... more where did it start. For 46 schools in Nebraska, they know where the beef they’re serving their students comes from.

Hundreds descended to Hebron on a beautifully sunny February day for the first “Nebraska Beef in Schools Summit” hosted by Thayer Central Public Schools.

The summit was the idea of Thayer Central Superintendent Drew Harris, and his board to bring together all of those currently serving locally grown Nebraska beef in their schools, as well as those interested in getting a similar program up and running. The summit also included attendees and presenters from the Nebraska Department of Education, Nebraska Cattlemen, Rural Futures Institute, the USDA Farm to School program, NASB, and many more.

Harris opened the morning welcoming everyone to the summit, with the focus that anytime you can incorporate local products and producers into your schools, that is a win-win for both the school and the community.

Rob Marsh, a school board member with Thayer Central feels this program could reach over 100 schools in the next few years, and that one of the key takeaways they have seen with the program goes beyond the lunchroom itself. It is the positive community involvement that comes along with incorporating this program into your schools. It takes a team.

Sharon Davis of the Department of Education spoke to the importance of Farm to School, and how she would love to see this go beyond beef, and eventually incorporate produce, milk, and cheese.

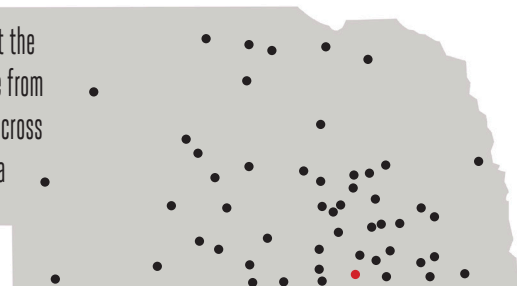
Chuck Schroeder, of the Rural Futures Institute immediately pulled out his phone as he stepped up to speak and snapped a photo of the incredible crowd, “Wow, I need to take a picture to show those in the big city that not everything happens in tall buildings!” He went on to speak on why a program like this is so important to a community. “It’s about people coming together around a big idea, no matter the situation, and making it happen. It’s about more than the nutrition. This program helps kids learn. Think about their neighbor. It supports community engagement, and the economy of our community.”

Following the opening speakers, the morning continued with breakouts on the following focus areas: Food Service Preparation; Livestock Producers; Board Member Roles; and School Administration.

Next were round table discussions on: Recognition and Kickoff Events; Here’s the Beef– How do You Attain Your Beef; Educational Component; Championing the Cause, Approaching Producers; Moving Beyond Donation; Marketing Farm to School; A Cut above—Processing, Cuts, and Packaging; Educational Resources; and Beyond Beef—Bringing Fresh Produce to the Plate.

Finally, a presentation on Farm to School from the USDA while lunch was served, and you guessed it, locally grown beef!

Attendees at the
Summit came from
districts all across
Nebraska





Thank you to all who attended the 2017 NAEP State Convention and special appreciation to the Superintendents and ESU Administrators who allowed their staff members to attend and participate in professional development tailored to their roles and responsibilities!

The Nebraska Administrative Education Professionals (NAEP) is a support service created by NASB five years ago to assist central office staff members. The second Annual NAEP State Convention is now a distant memory, but from all accounts from our attendees a great success. The day and a half convention included round table discussion, Toby Tucker as our keynote speaker, breakout sessions including Central Office Position Workflows (Google Docs), Worker's Compensation Insurance, Open Meetings Law, SPARQ Meetings, as well as, networking, vendors, giveaways, and a host of other activities to inform and entertain.



The NAEP Annual Workshops are scheduled for the month of July in Gering, Kearney, Lincoln, and Norfolk. Watch the NASB website for information to register and attend!

"The round-table discussion is amazing. I learn so much from the breakout sessions and interacting with and sharing ideas with other attendees!" ~2017 NAEP State Convention participant

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The Basics of Back to the Basics

Perhaps the most imposing demand society places on school board members is the requirement that they know and adhere to the intent and limitations of the law.

Nearly everything your board does is influenced by statutory regulations.

Every other year, NASB and the Nebraska Council of School Attorneys conduct the Back to the Basics of School Law workshops across Nebraska, to inform you and your board about just that, the basics of school law, as well as when you should be reaching out for legal services.

This workshop, taught by attorneys who work with school law on a regular basis, will get you started in the right direction by presenting basic knowledge about the law, as it directly relates to your board service.

This year's workshops will run from 5:15 to 9:00 PM, at the following locations:

MARCH 7

Gering Civic Center

Presenters Include:

Larry Baumann, Jerald Ostdiek, John L. Selzer

Registration Deadline | March 3, 2017

MARCH 14

Kearney Holiday Inn

Presenters Include:

Nicholas Lesiak, Tim Thompson, Cindy Volkmer

Registration Deadline | March 10, 2017

MARCH 16

Norfolk: Lifelong Learning Center

Presenters Include: Nicholas Lesiak, Rex Schultze

Registration Deadline | March 13, 2017

MARCH 21

Lincoln: Holiday Inn SW Lincoln

Presenters Include: Perry Law Firm Attorneys

Registration Deadline | March 17, 2017

Past years' participants have suggested this is a "must" for all people serving in a position of school leadership. The workshop focuses on the basics: the fundamental concepts of school law which locally elected school board members need to know.

Register now by visiting www.NASBOnline.org



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NASB Legislative Lunches: Come Join Us!



This past Tuesday, the NASB Legislative and Advocacy Team, along with members of NASB's Legislation Committee, Board of Directors, and others from districts across Nebraska joined us in person or by phone for this year's first Legislative Lunch.

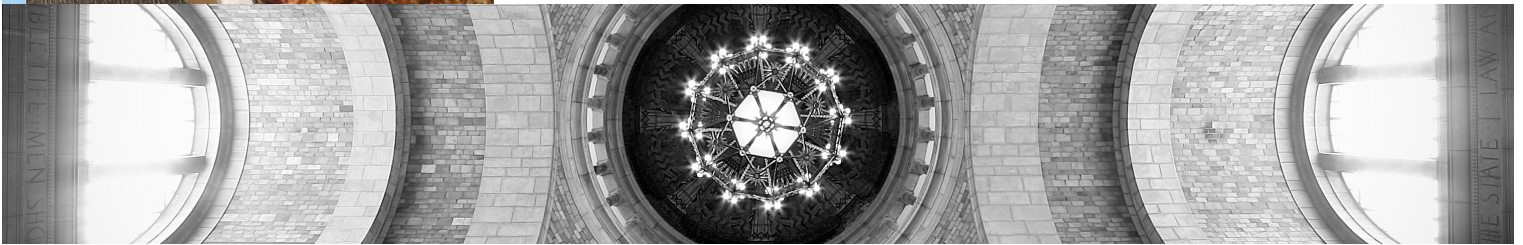
Attendees were able to engage with one another, and share thoughts from their various districts. We discussed key bills, the current schedule, coalitions that are or have the potential of forming, and other hot topics on the attendee's minds.

Join us in March for the next Legislative Lunch ... Monday, March 20th at 11:30 AM, here at NASB. Please RSVP to Matt Belka.

There are a number of key bills being heard in committee that afternoon, that you may want to stick around for, and even testify if you so choose.

Monday, March 20 @ 11:30 AM | RSVP to Matt Belka

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Bringing the Midwest to the Rockies Nebraska Reception at the NSBA Conference

Saturday, March 25 | 4:00 to 7:00 PM
Henry's 16th Street Tavern - Denver



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KC Wolf, Khan and Hayes to Headline SWEAT



Make plans now to attend the 2017 SWEAT Conference April 12 & 13 | Kearney Holiday Inn

SWEAT is a student health and wellness conference with breakouts and general sessions on physical, mental and behavioral health, and how it affects your school policies.

Wednesday evening, April 12, starting at 6:00 PM, hear from Dan Meers, a.k.a., KC Wolf. Dan is a man whose energy, humor and excitement not only entertain, but also encourage others to strive for the best in life. Dan has been KC Wolf for more than 25 years.

Kick off the day Thursday with Dr. Ali Khan. Dr. Khan's professional career has focused on health security, global health, and emerging infectious diseases. As Dean of UNMC College of Public Health, his focus is on health system and community based transformations. Dean Khan's vision is for the College to play an integral role in making Nebraska the healthiest and most equitable state in the Union as a national and global model for wellness.

Dayle Hayes will be the Lunch speaker and share how school meals improve learning environments. Enjoy 'Brain Break Exercises' led by public school students and Nebraska Volleyball Players throughout the day, as well as 12 breakout sessions on a variety of subjects.

Learn more now, and register at www.NASBonline.org



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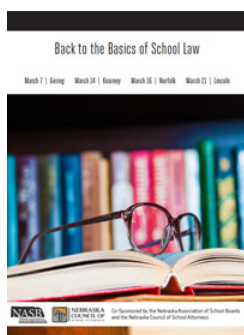
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February 26-27 | Kearney (HAPPENING TODAY!!!)

March 5-6 | Norfolk (3 spots remain!!!)

Through round-table discussion and instruction, attendees will learn about the president's leadership role at board meetings as well as developing a positive and effective working relationship with board members and the superintendent. Each location is limited to 24 attendees. RSVP by February 28 for Norfolk, to reserve your spot at 800-422-4572 or email Makenzie at mbrookhouser@NASBOnline.org.

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