

# NASB BOARD NOTES

A monthly publication from the Nebraska Association of School Boards





JANUARY 2021

### **UPCOMING INFO & EVENTS**

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER WEEK
January 31 to February 6

### LEGISLATIVE ISSUES CONFERENCE

February 1 | Virtual Register now at https://nasb.enviseams.com/

# NEW BOARD MEMBER WORKSHOPS

MODULE 4 RESUMES FEBRUARY 1 5:50 to 8:30 PM CT Board Leadership - February 1, 2, 3 & 4

### NSBA 2021 ONLINE EXPERIENCE

The Conference for Public Education Leaders April 8-10 Register Now at <a href="https://www.nsba.org/NSBA2021">www.nsba.org/NSBA2021</a>

NASB WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS TO YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGIONS 5 Annie Mumgaard - Lincoln



REGION 10 Ed Swotek - Malcolm



REGION 15 Joel Carlson - Cozad



REGION 16 Stephanie Summers - David City



REGION 17 Michelle Reikofski - Osmond



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# OPERATION: ENGAGE ... #WeLIVEHERE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS ADVOCATE FOR OUR SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES

With the 2021 Legislative Session officially underway, here are some of the ways in which you, the locally elected school board member, representing your district, your community and Nebraska as a whole, to be heard.

Obviously, social distancing and the pandemic has altered some of how we are able to interact and engage with Senators on key issues, but here are some ways in which we can still make an impact.

You can still email and call your Senator at their office. With additional COVID measures in place for committee hearings, written testimony is even more valuable to Senators. We encourage everyone to write their Senators about particular bills of interest. When you write them, be sure to include the following statement: "I would like this letter to be entered into the public record with regard to LB XX".

We appreciate the time, effort and willingness it takes to share your story. We encourage you all to stay engaged in the bills NASB is following, and reach out to us on all of the ways in which you can be heard.

### **KEY RESOURCES**

www.NASBonline.org

**ADVOCACY** 

http://members.nasbonline.org/index.php/government-relations

BILLS

https://nasb.enviseams.com/legislative-bills

SOCIAL MEDIA

www.facebook.com/NASBonline www.twitter.com/NASBonline

VIDEO

members.nasbonline.org/index.php/news-resources/videos

# 2021 LEGISLATIVE ISSUES CONFERENCE - WE LIVE HERE

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# FEBRUARY 1 | VIRTUAL

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2021 VIRTUAL LEGISLATIVE ISSUES CONFERENCE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1 | 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

With limitations to the number of people allowed in conference rooms, as well as the Senators themselves scaling back their in-person speaking engagements this Session, this year's Legislative Issues Conference will be a live & interactive Zoom filled with information presented by Legislative Leaders, key Committee Chairs, and NASB Leadership. Learn about the Legislature's priorities within Education and how NASB is engaging, as well as how NASB is supporting you to tell your school spending story through the #weLIVEhere campaign. School spending continues to be a hot topic and we'll need those who live in, and represent their communities to be ready to tell their unique, individual story.

### **BE SURE TO REGISTER BY THURSDAY, JANUARY 28TH**

#### **AGENDA**

9:00 AM - Welcome - Stacie Higgins, NASB President

9:05 AM - Legislation Committee Intro/Process - Brad Wilkins, NASB Legislation Committee Chair



9:10 AM - Bill Overview - Colby Coash 9:30 AM - Sen. Walz, Education Committee Chair 10:00 AM - The Spending Narrative - John Spatz 10:20 AM - Break

10:30 AM - Open Meetings Act - Sen. Flood

10:50 AM - Revenue Committee Update - Sen. Lindstrom

11:10 AM - Session Overview - Speaker Hilgers

11:20 AM - Sen. Brewer, Government, Military and Veteran Affairs Committee Chair

11:30 AM - Break

11:40 AM - Liability & School Spending - Sen. Briese, General Affairs Chair

12:00 PM - Your Spending Data #weLIVEhere - Colby Coash & Matt Belka

12:30 PM - Closing/Next Steps - Brad Wilkins & Colby Coash







# YOUR 2021 NASB LEGISLATION COMMITTEE



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While the pandemic has left no one untouched by its effects, school board members and school leaders certainly feel the responsibility to care for our communities. From Scottsbluff to South Sioux City and from Omaha to Ogallala, we are initiating positive change because WE LIVE HERE. And who knows better how to serve the needs of our communities than those who live there? With over 700 bills and items introduced this session, 80 or so NASB is focused on, your NASB Legislation Committee has been hard at work, with a number of calls and meetings to discuss not only our plan of action on specific bills, but how to best utilize you, our local community leaders throughout this Session. There will be times during the upcoming legislative session when the voices of our communities must be heard. Thank you to those who will be that voice to help elucidate this matter because WE LIVE HERE.



Brad Wilkins NASB President-Elect Ainsworth



Stacie Higgins NASB President Nebraska City



Kim Burry NASB Vice President Bayard



Member 1 Shavonna Holman Omaha



Member 2 Jane Erdenberger Omaha



Member 3 Spencer Head Omaha



Member 4 Connie Duncan Lincoln



Member 5 Kathy Danek Lincoln



Member 6 Amanda McGill Johnson Millard



Member 7 Sarah Centineo Bellevue



Member 8 Beth Morrissette Westside



Member 9 Skip Altig North Platte



Member 10 Heather Johnson Ralston



Member 11 Laura Schneider Hastings



Member 12 Ryne Seaman Seward



Member 13 Suzanne Sapp Ashland-Greenwood



Member 14 Lisa Wagner Central City



Member 15 Steve Koch Hershey



Member 16 Jim Vlach Lyons-Decatur



Member 17 Christopher Waddle Giltner



Member 18 Ron Pearson ESU 3



Appointed Member Lisa Albers Grand Island



Appointed Member Jayson Bishop Perkins County



Appointed Member Drew Blessing Kearney



Appointed Member Kyle Fisher Springfield Platteview



Appointed Member Marla Grier South Sioux City



Appointed Member Darby Paxson Stuart



Appointed Member Stephanie Summers David City



Appointed Member Annette Weise Tri County



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Sen. Julie Slama District 1 Peru



Sen. Robert Clements District 2 Elmwood



Sen. Carol Blood District 3 Bellevue



Sen. Robert Hilkemann Sen. Mike McDonnell District 4 Omaha



District 5 Omaha



Sen. Machaela Cavanaugh District 6 Omaha



Sen. Tony Vargas District 7 Omaha Former School Board Member



Sen. Megan Hunt District 8 Omaha



Sen. John Cavanaugh District 9 Omaha



Sen. Wendy DeBoer District 10 Omaha



Sen. Terrell McKinney District 11 Omaha **Education Committee** 



Sen. Steve Lathrop District 12 Omaha



Sen. Justin Wayne District 13 Omaha Former School Board Member



Sen. John Arch District 14 Papillion



Sen. Lynne Walz District 15 Fremont **Education Committee Chair** 



Sen. Ben Hansen District 16 Blair



Sen. Joni Albrecht District 17 Thurston



Sen. Brett Lindstrom District 18 Omaha



Sen. Mike Flood District 19 Norfolk



Sen. John McCollister District 20 Omaha



Sen. Mike Hilgers District 21 Lincoln



Sen. Mike Moser District 22 Columbus



District 23 Brainard



Sen. Bruce Bostelman Sen. Mark Kolterman District 24 Seward Former School Board Member



Sen. Suzanne Geist District 25 Lincoln

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Sen. Matt Hansen District 26 Lincoln



Sen. Anna Wishart District 27 Lincoln



Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks District 28 Lincoln **Education Committee** 



Sen. Eliot Bostar District 29 Lincoln



Sen. Myron Dorn District 30 Adams



Sen. Rich Pahls District 31 Omaha



Sen. Tom Brandt District 32 Plymouth



Sen. Steve Halloran District 33 Hastings



Sen. Curt Friesen District 34 Henderson



Sen. Raymond Aguilar District 35 Grand Island



Sen. Matt Williams District 36 Gothenburg



Sen. John Lowe District 37 Kearney



District 38 Glenvil Former School Board Member **Education Committee** 



Sen. Dave Murman Sen. Lou Ann Linehan District 39 Elkhorn **Education Committee** 



Sen. Tim Gragert District 40 Creighton Former School Board Member



Sen. Tom Briese District 41 Albion Former School Board Member



Sen. Mike Groene District 42 North Platte



Sen. Tom Brewer District 43 Gordon



Sen. Dan Hughes District 44 Venango Former School Board Member



Sen. Rita Sanders District 45 Bellevue **Education Committee** 



Sen. Adam Morfeld District 46 Lincoln **Education Committee** 



Sen. Steve Erdman District 47 Bayard Former School Board Member Former School Board Member



Sen. John Stinner District 48 Gering



Sen. Jen Day District 49 Gretna **Education Committee** 



Gov. Pete Ricketts



# AT THE BOARD TABLE

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### I AM A NEW BOARD MEMBER, NOW WHAT?

Welcome, new board members! I am hopeful that you have had the opportunity to join the NASB New Board Member Webinars. NASB is committed to providing the in-person workshop in 2021, please stay tuned to this space for more information when available! In the interim, here are a few quick tips from the NASB Board Leadership team:

WHAT AUTHORITY DO I HAVE AS A BOARD MEMBER? You have been elected to serve on a board; therefore, you only have authority as a collective body. You do not have authority as an individual board member.

A PATRON STOPS ME AT THE COFFEE SHOP TO SHARE THEIR CONCERNS. WHAT SHOULD I DO? Although you want to be an empathetic listener, it is very important that you encourage the patron to follow the chain of command (per policy). Immediately contact your superintendent and turn the matter over to him/her to respond to the concerns of the patron.

HOW DO I PLACE AN ITEM ON THE AGENDA? Review board policy.

HOW CAN A BOARD MEMBER EFFECT CHANGE? The board governs through policy and acts or gives a directive to the superintendent/ESU Administrator when a majority of the board acts. The board advances education and the district/ESU when collaborating with administration to establish and adopt goals.

WHAT IS THE BOARD'S ROLE IN EVALUATING PERSONNEL? The board is responsible for evaluating the superintendent and/or ESU Administrator. Each year the board must evaluate the superintendent or ESU Administrator. The board delegates the responsibility to the superintendent or ESU Administrator and holds him or her accountable for evaluating other district or ESU employees.

#### QUICK TIPS FOR ALL BOARD MEMBERS:

- 1. Listen with the intent to understand.
- 2. Devote sufficient time and thought to the responsibilities associated with this role, attend, and participate in all scheduled board meetings.
- 3. Participate in board learning opportunities to expand your knowledge and understanding of the role and educational issues.
- 4. Communicate in a respectful and professional manner with administration and other board members.
- 5. Adhere to the adopted Board Code of Conduct.
- 6. Recognize the authority of the board rests only with the board and not with individual board members.
- 7. Honor the chain of command and refer complaints appropriately and report to the superintendent.
- 8. Maintain confidentiality of all discussions and matters addressed during closed session.
- 9. Support decisions in the best interest of students and the district/ESU.
- 10. Refrain from using the position of board member for personal gain or benefit over the interest of the school district.

The NASB Board Leadership Team each month will continue to provide quick tips and support through this space. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions. Marcia, Melissa, Kori, and Karla



#### NASB FEBRUARY BOARD CALENDAR

Mission, Vision, & Goals
Strategic Plan Update; District
Goals Update;

<u>Policy Governance</u> Review, update, and adopt policy;

#### **Advocacy**

Review 2021 Legislative Calendar, discuss NASB Legislative Updates and Legislative Committee Report;

District/ESU Resources [Budget]
Collective Bargaining. On or
before March 25 (or within
25 days after certification of
amounts, whichever occurs last
in time). Negotiations, mediation,
and fact-finding shall end. If
no agreement is reached by this
date, either party may, within
fourteen days after such date, file
a petition with the commission.

§ 48-818.01 Board Finance Committee Report;

Reports
Board Committees;
Superintendent; Administrators;

Board Professional Development
NASB Legislation Committee
Meeting & Legislative Issues
Conference; NASB President's
Retreat

Learning Community
Diversity plan; limitations;
school building maximum
capacity; attendance areas;
school board; duties. The board
shall provide notice to parent
whose student is currently
attending a school outside of
the attendance area stating
what school the student shall be
allowed to attend as a continuing
student. § 79-2110

# TODAY, AND EVERY DAY ... THANK YOU SCHOOL BOARDS!!!B

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The week of January 31 to February 6, 2021 will serve as School Board Recognition Week in Nebraska.

Thanks to the 1,700 locally elected volunteers who make up the Board of Education for Nebraska's Public Schools and ESUs. Through their leadership, innovation, vision and engagement, they make Nebraska a better place to live.









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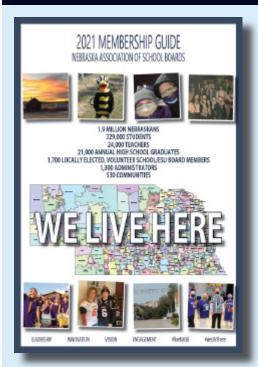
- ✓ Fast, thorough and easy to read reports.
- Real-time, original source records that give you the most up-to-date information possible.
- ✓ Premium searches are included as part of our core package. (i.e., Nationwide Federal Criminal and Global Report)
- ✓ Records provided as far back as legally possible.
- ✓ Fully FCRA and EEOC compliant.

Contact us to learn more!

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# NAYOUR 2021 MEMBERSHIP GUIDE IS ARRIVING SHORTLY!

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Forty-four pages of all NASB is and does, for you, our members, will be arriving to your district/ESU here in the upcoming weeks.

Throughout this year's Membership Guide, you will see and learn about the people, programs, services and vision that bring value to your board, your district, and your community. From the NASB staff, to the Board of Directors, to the Legislation Committee, to your fellow board members across the state.

This is a great reference to keep close throughout the year, as it includes the history of NASB and school boards in Nebraska, Why You Serve, Your NASB Leadership and Bylaws, 2021-22 State Senators, State Board of Education members, Board Member Code of Conduct & Meeting Procedures, Awards of Achievement & NASB Board Awards Criteria, Your NASB Programs, Services & Staff, Past Presidents, and more!

Thank you for making Nebraska a great place to LIVE!

# DOWNLOAD YOUR 2021 ADVOCACY HANDBOOK

#### DIRECT DOWNLOAD

https://nasb.enviseams.com/docs/default-source/advocacy/2021-advocacy-handbook.pdf?sfvrsn=2296cedc\_2

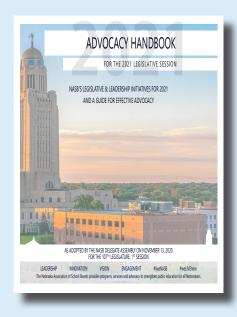
#### ADVOCACY HANDBOOK PAGE OF NASBONLINE.ORG

http://members.nasbonline.org/index.php/advocacy-handbook

With the official approvals taking place by you and your peer school board members at this year's Delegate Assembly, we are now able to post the 2021 Advocacy Handbook, to be used as a guideline during the upcoming Legislative Session which begins Wednesday, January 6th. The Advocacy Handbook includes NASB's legislative and leadership initiatives, as well as tips for effective advocacy and much more, is now available to view, download and print at the Government Relations section of the NASB website.

We look forward to working for and with you this session ... do not hesitate to reach out to NASB at anytime with questions on particular bills, initiatives, becoming more engaged, or the overall legislative process in general.

Matt, Colby, John & Vicki Your NASB Legislative Team



# NASB'S ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE COMING SOON



The success of communities is reliant upon its community leaders to build and represent the community character. As the saying goes "challenges don't build character, they reveal it."

The character of school boards, ESU boards, administrators, teachers, custodians, bus drivers, and the entire education community has been revealed during this crisis. This gives us hope. The character of Nebraskans to step-up and lead, to care for our neighbors, to support our families, to invest in our future, and lead our communities. We live here!

The NASB board and staff will be here for you in 2021. We are looking forward to getting back out in our communities to see you and others in our education community, to provide you the moneysaving programs and information-sharing services and events you need to thrive.

Membership renewal notices are going out now to your district/ESU and we look forward to working for and with you and your board again this year. If you have any questions about NASB's programs, services, advocacy efforts, or any other item, please give us a call at 800-422-4572, or email schoolboards@NASBonline.org. Once again, we are offering a 2% discount for all annual dues received prior to April 1.

Thank you for the work you are doing. Please let us know how we can be helpful as you continue to lead your communities.

### WATCH YOUR MAILBOX FOR MEMBERSHIP DRIVE INFO SOON!

Region 2 = Bellevue Public Schools & Westside Community Schools Region 3, Region 6, Region 7 = Omaha Public Schools & ESU 19 Region 4, Region 5 = Lincoln Public Schools & ESU 18 Region 8 = Papillion La Vista Community Schools & Ralston Public Schools Region 19 = Millard Public Schools

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## ... ENERGY PURCHASING

Prior to the March enrollment period for natural gas, many districts will be receiving 3-year NJUMP or CJUMP election forms for choosing their gas provider. Like many of NASB's programs, our natural gas purchasing consortiums were begun at the request of our member districts to obtain reliable and competitive natural gas rates to assist with utility cost budgeting and to ensure low rates. We will be contacting your districts to get the forms completed at the start of the enrollment period.

Contact Jim to learn more!

# ... ADVOCACY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

The 2021 Legislative Session began Wednesday, January 6th

Stay engaged with Leg Notes, NASB's Bills page, upcoming hearings, Call to Actions, your NASB Leg Committee and MORE by bookmarking the NASB Government Relations page at: http://members.nasbonline.org/index. php/government-relations

Join us on February 1st for the annual Legislative Issues Conference. https://nasb.enviseams.com/

Call Colby & Matt with any questions! #liveNASB #weLIVEhere

# ... TECHNOLOGY

Welcome New Board Members!

Below we have created a training video on Sparq Meetings that shows you how to navigate through all the features of the system. Please reach out to Nicole or Darion if you have any questions.

https://youtu.be/ztsreCUVsQE

As of the second week of January, approximately 80% of Nebraska School Districts have settled their 2021-2022 Negotiations. As you finalize your Negotiated Contract, please remember to enter your updated information into the 2021-2022 year within your Contract Settlement Form.

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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.

- · School Bond Issues
- · Tax Anticipation / Construction Notes
- · Lease-Purchase Financing
- QCPUF Bonds
- · Refinancing Bond Issues



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## ... ALICAP & INSURANCE

Mark your calendars all! Save the date! ALICAP is hosting a FREE TO ALL ALICAP SCHOOLS Summer Workshop.

Tuesday June 29th in Gering Wednesday June 30th in Kearney Thursday July 1st in Lincoln

The workshop is intended for Superintendents and IT Directors. The content will be Sexual Abuse/ Molestation and Cyber Security for Schools.

Formal registration details to be communicated soon!

Thanks, Megan!

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## ... POLICY

With several months of school remaining, this is often a good time to look at certificated employee evaluation policies and discuss how evaluations are proceeding. Board members are not permitted to see individual evaluation results due to the board's dual role as Judge and Jury in the event of a termination hearing. However, it is worth having a discussion to determine the frequency of evaluations for tenured staff and to receive a general report on this year's progress in working through them, particularly with all the disruptions of recent months. If your district is considering changes to its evaluation policy or detailed evaluation instrument due to the many changes in instructional methods and practice, that revised document must be submitted to the Nebraska Department of Education for approval.

Contact Jim to learn more!

## ... BOARD LEADERSHIP

Check out "At the Board Table" on page 6.

Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Board Leadership Events

#### NEW BOARD MEMBER WEBINAR

Module IV: February 1-4 ... Budget, Evaluation & More Registration remains open for the final webinar and the registration fee is a two for one deal! You not only may participate in the Webinar, but you are also then registered for the in-person workshop to be scheduled in 2021.

NEW BOARD MEMBER WORKSHOP - (In-Person) – TBA PRESIDENT'S RETREAT - (In-Person and Remote) – TBA

Marcia, Kori, Melissa & Karla

# ... SEARCH, STRENGTHS & AWARDS

### EDUCATION LEADERSHIP SEARCH SERVICE

Visit <u>www.nasbsuptsearch.org</u> to view the Scottsbluff Public Schools opening.

Contact Shari at
<a href="mailto:sbecker@NASBonline.org">sbecker@NASBonline.org</a> for a proposal
to facilitate a search for your next
Superintendent/ESU Administrator

Contact Anne at <u>asilknitter@NASBonline.org</u> to hear about the online application process.

#### GALLUP STRENGTHSFINDER

""When people set goals to compensate for their weaknesses, it usually leads to frustration and disappointment. When you set goals based on your strengths, you are more likely to achieve them."

Dean Jones, Gallup

Strategic describes people who think in options. Do you have this theme?

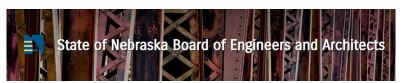
- Shari -

## ... MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

Excited to see many faces next week for the virtual Legislative Issues Conference. Districts visited in January include: Ashland-Greenwood, Bertrand, Blue Hill, Elmwood-Murdock, Gibbon, Heartland, Mead, Minden, Pender, Wilcox-Hildreth, & Wood River

Looking forward to seeing more of you soon!

Sharon



CORRECTION: The wrong phone number was listed in an article from the October edition of Board Notes titled "Ask Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects About Building and Renovating School Projects." For more information regarding the Act, please contact the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects at 402-471-2021 or visit <a href="https://ea.nebraska.gov/">https://ea.nebraska.gov/</a>

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Join NASB, as we travel the state for various workshops, meetings and events throughout the year. *To learn more, and register, visit the Events tab of www.NASBonline.org* 

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To register for an NASB event, click on the 'My Membership' link, then navigate to the 'Events' dropdown and select 'Register'. If you do not have an email and password to log in or have forgotten it, please contact NASB at 800-422-4572 for assistance.

### **FEBRUARY**

### SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER WEEK | JANUARY 31 TO FEBRUARY 6 | THANK YOU SCHOOL BOARDS!

### LEGISLATIVE ISSUES CONFERENCE | FEBRUARY 1 | 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM CT | VIRTUAL | WE LIVE HERE!

Registration is now open at <a href="https://nasb.enviseams.com/">https://nasb.enviseams.com/</a>

WITH MEETING CAPACITY LIMITATIONS, AS WELL AS THE SENATORS THEMSELVES SCALING BACK IN-PERSON SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS THIS SESSION, THE 2021 LIC WILL HELD VIRTUALLY.

THIS LIVE & INTERACTIVE CONFERENCE WILL BE FILLED WITH INFORMATION PRESENTED BY LEGISLATIVE LEADERS, KEY COMMITTEE CHAIRS, AND NASB LEADERSHIP.

LEARN ABOUT THE LEGISLATURE'S PRIORITIES WITHIN EDUCATION AND HOW NASB IS ENGAGING, AS WELL AS HOW NASB IS SUPPORTING YOU TO TELL YOUR SCHOOL SPENDING STORY THROUGH THE #WELIVEHERE CAMPAIGN. SCHOOL SPENDING CONTINUES TO BE A HOT TOPIC AND WE'LL NEED THOSE WHO LIVE IN, AND REPRESENT THEIR COMMUNITIES TO BE READY TO TELL THEIR UNIQUE, INDIVIDUAL STORY.

### NEW BOARD MEMBER WORKSHOPS | MODULE 4 RESUMES FEBRUARY 1 | 5:50 TO 8:30 PM CT

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http://members.nasbonline.org/index.php/new-board-member-workshops

(CHOOSE ONE EVENING TO ATTEND)

### APRII





# The Conference for Public Education Leaders





### AND BEYOND ..

## NASB SUMMER CONFERENCE | JUNE 2-3

ALICAP WORKSHOPS | JUNE 15-16-17

### AREA MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS | AUGUST TO SEPTEMBER

### 2021 STATE EDUCATION CONFERENCE | NOVEMBER 17-19

Board Presidents: Check your inbox each month for the monthly 'NASB Update' to include in your meeting agenda.

Please contact mbelka@NASBonline.org with any questions, or if you are not receiving them.

Access NASB's Covid-19 Resources page at <a href="http://members.nasbonline.org/index.php/news-resources/covid-19-resources">http://members.nasbonline.org/index.php/news-resources/covid-19-resources</a>

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Kim Burry Vice President Bayard



Steve Blocher Past President West Point

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Regions 4 & 5 Annie Mumgaard Lincoln



Region 12 Lisa Wagner Central City



Regions 3, 6 & 7 Shavonna Holman Omaha



Region 8 Jay Irwin Ralston



Region 13 Marilyn Bohn Ravenna

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Region 9 Alan Moore ESU<sub>3</sub>



Region 14 Sandy Noffsinger **Dundy County Stratton** 



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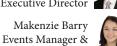
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Region 19 Stacy Jolley Millard

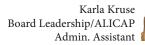


John Spatz **Executive Director** 





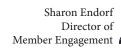
Craig Caples Director of Technology



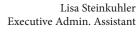




Shari Becker Director of Education Leadership Search Service









Matt Belka Director of Marketing, Communications & Advocacy



Marcia Herring Director of Board Leadership





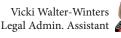


















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