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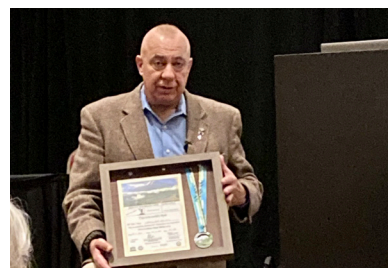
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NEW FACES, NEW VENUE AND A MOUNTAIN YOUR LEGISLATIVE ISSUES CONFERENCE WRAP-UP

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

Day 13 of the 90-day Session brought a number of school board members and education leaders to Lincoln for the annual Legislative Issues Conference where Senators took time out of their day to join their constituents to discuss education, policy, leadership, and much more.

Prior to the Conference, your NASB Legislation Committee met on Sunday to sift through all of the bills and measures NASB feels you and your board should be paying attention to this Session. Items are continually updated at <https://nasb.envisiams.com/legislative-bills>

Continue to communicate with your Senator(s) about particular bills of interest and how they could impact what is going on in your buildings. Share your story and stay engaged in all of the bills NASB is following. Reach out to us to find out all the ways you can be heard.

Share Your Story - Know Your District's Data - Understand the Data that Will Make a Difference

KEY ADVOCACY RESOURCES

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

<https://nasb.envisiams.com/legislative-bills>

www.facebook.com/NASBOnline

www.twitter.com/NASBOnline

<http://members.nasbonline.org/index.php/news-resources/videos>

<https://nebraskalegislature.gov/>



The Nebraska Association of School Boards provides programs, services and advocacy to strengthen public education for all Nebraskans. Learn more at www.NASBOnline.org

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Your Monthly Board Agenda Update Video Links from NASB

<http://members.nasbonline.org/index.php/news-resources/videos>



THIS WEEK!

School Board Member Week in Nebraska! January 22-29, 2023

NASB Board President Retreat - January 29-30 - York

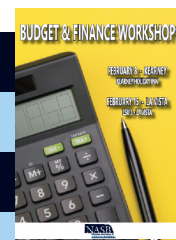


NASB Board President Retreat - February 5-6 - Ogallala

New Board Member Workshop - Virtual Webinar - February 8 - 7:00 PM CT

Budget & Finance Workshop - February 8 - Kearney

Budget & Finance Workshop - February 15 - La Vista



NAEP State Convention - March 28-29 - Grand Island



NASB Legislative Advocacy Day - April 17 - Lincoln



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.

YOUR 2023 NASB LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

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<http://members.nasbonline.org/index.php/legislation-committee-bylaws>



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For Even Number Members, Term Ends 2024. For Odd Numbered Members, Term Ends 2026. Appointed Members Serve One-Year Term

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BOARD CALENDAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR YOUR FEBRUARY MEETINGS

<http://members.nasbonline.org/index.php/board-leadership>

THE 2023 ANNUAL BOARD CALENDAR AND BOARD MEETING GUIDE IS NOW AVAILABLE. NASB STAFF HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTING COPIES AT EACH NASB EVENT AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE. YOU MAY REQUEST A FREE COPY FOR EACH BOARD MEMBER AND THE SUPERINTENDENT BY CONTACTING MARCIA AT mherring@NASBonline.org

Each month, this space reflects the recommended and required upcoming agenda items to be included in the regular board meeting agenda. If you have questions about the monthly board meeting agenda items or recommendations for improving the Annual Board Calendar, please never hesitate to contact Marcia at 800-422-4572 or mherring@NASBonline.org. View the full calendar at: <http://members.nasbonline.org/index.php/resources>

MISSION, VISION & GOALS

- Review update from administration regarding the Strategic Plan Update; District Goals Update.

POLICY GOVERNANCE

- Review, update, and adopt policy per board adopted Policy Review Process.

ACCOUNTABILITY & STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

- Accountability of school and district performance. Review each school performance score and district performance score measured by graduation rates, student growth and student improvement on the assessment instruments provided in section § 79-760.03, student discipline, and other performance indicators.
- Review the district adopted Mentor Teacher Program. Per NDE developed guidelines. § 79-761
- Review district adopted Staff On-Boarding Process.

ADVOCACY

- Review 2023 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
- Budget - Review Monthly Financial Reports and Board Finance Committee Report

REPORTS

- Board Committees; Superintendent; Administrators

BOARD LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- Review NASB Board Self-Assessment Summary
- NASB President Retreats
- NASB Budget & Finance Workshops

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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 state what school the student shall be allowed to attend as a continuing student. § 79-2110

NASB BOARD RETREATS

Schedule a board retreat to build, support, and sustain a cohesive board-superintendent working Leadership Team. Contact Marcia Herring at mherring@NASBonline.org or 800-422-4572 to learn more!

- Option I – Board Retreat: Review and discuss board- superintendent roles and responsibilities.
- Option II – Goal Planning: Facilitate the discussion of district needs and priorities, develop goals, and performance indicators to support success.
- Option III – New Board Member Orientation: A board retreat to engage newly elected or appointed board members.

NASB PRESIDENT RETREAT

This year the Board Leadership team will host the annual NASB President Retreat in at the York Holthus Center on January 29 starting at 4:00 p.m. and will adjourn by 2:30 p.m. January 30 and we will then also present the President Retreat in Ogallala the next week, February 5-6. The agenda includes time for attendees to engage in discussion with board members of like size school districts a leadership activity focused on cohesive board leadership and governance, board meeting protocols and procedures, superintendent evaluation, board self-assessment and so much more. Registration is open to the newly seated board president, vice president, those who aspire to serve in a leadership role, superintendents, and ESU Administrators.

NASB NEW BOARD MEMBER WEBINAR (LIVE)

To support our members who did not have the opportunity to participate in the New Board Member Workshops, the NASB New Board Member Webinar (Live) will be presented on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at 7 p.m. (CST). Please register at www.NASBonline.org, the registration for this event will include the Fundamentals of Board Governance binder. If you prefer in-person discussion and the opportunity for all board members to participate, consider a Board Retreat to engage with your newly elected board members to support their transition into this new role. Please contact Marcia to schedule at the convenience of the board.



It is with a heavy heart that we share the news that Patty Bentzinger, a 29 year member of the Norris School Board, has passed away.

Patty will be missed by so many, and education in Nebraska is better because of her. She was the 2013 Ann Mactier School Board Member of the Year, had been on the ALICAP board since 2001, served on NASB's Board of Directors from 2008-16, and was Norris Board President the majority of her 29 years.

The photo above is the moment she figured out the person they were talking about during the 2013 Ann Mactier build-up was in fact, her!

NASB'S ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE COMING SOON

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Leadership. Innovation. Vision. Engagement. LIVE

This phrase is the basis for all we do as an organization. It's why our hashtags are #liveNASB and #weLIVEhere.

School board and ESU board members in Nebraska have lived by these concepts over the past few years as well.

The past few years have looked a little different for all of us. There's been a little more noise inside and outside the boardroom, and throughout our state. We have seen political tension at the state and national level that has filtered down to our local boards.

But through it all, Nebraska school boards have served an important leadership role in our communities. You have learned how to stand your ground, share your stories, and pivot to incorporate good, new ideas. You are community leaders. That is leading by example.

In our experience, Nebraska School Board and ESU Members just get it. Before the political strife and divisiveness, you were talking productively with all your stakeholders. Modeling healthy relationships with teachers, parents, business leaders, and others. Working proactively with one another, as a team. Leading by example.

And we know it's not always easy, but you didn't put your name on the ballot for easy.

To the veteran board members starting year three, five, nine, etc., be there for your new board members. Remember back to your first few meetings, and the time and patience it took to be where you are now.

To those of you who are now new to the board, welcome. The time needed to be an effective board member can be taxing, but all of that simply emphasizes the importance. Stay informed. Understand the reasons public schools exist. Keep your students and their families in mind when making decisions. Collaborate and govern as a team. Prepare for the unexpected. Be tough but have fun.

The NASB board and staff will continue to be here for you in 2023.

We will travel to your town to see you and other education leaders. We will continue to provide you with money-saving programs, information-sharing services, and events you need to thrive.

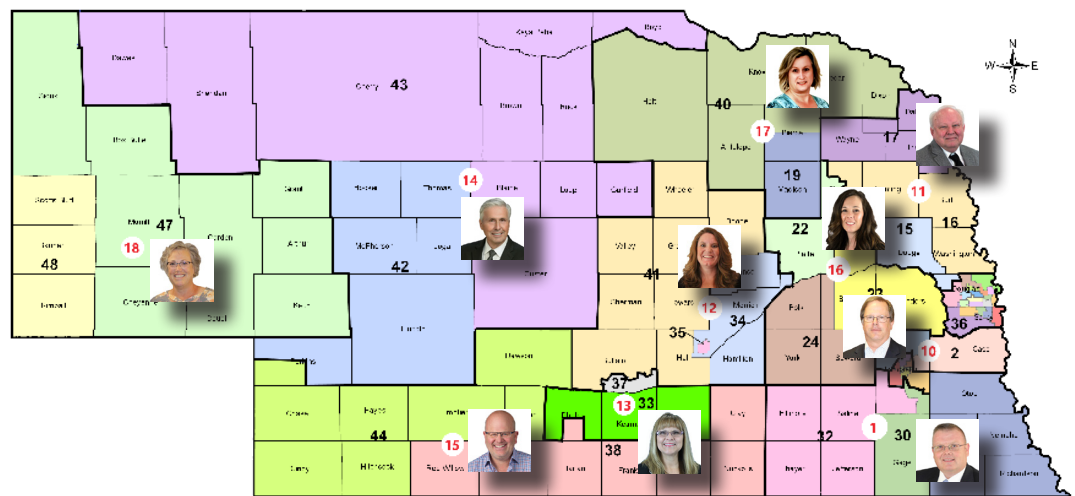
Thank you.

Thank you for being bold, remaining calm, and not losing sight of what matters to kids and to your community. Thank you for leading by example, and for giving it more than just a couple hours, one night a month.

Your district, community, and the state are a better place because of you!

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.

WATCH YOUR MAILBOX FOR MEMBERSHIP DRIVE INFO SOON!



Greater Omaha Metro Area
Regions 2, 3, 4 & 19



Omaha Public Schools
Regions 5, 6 & 7



Lincoln Public Schools
Regions 8 & 9



HISTORY 101: STATE OVERSIGHT OF EDUCATION

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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.



State oversight of education in Nebraska has a long history. As early as 1869, the Legislature created an office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction which later (1875) was written into the Nebraska Constitution. In 1952, a Nebraska constitutional amendment established the State Board of Education to have authority over the Nebraska Department of Education. In 1967, the Legislature created eight State Board of Education districts, with one board member elected per district on a non-partisan ballot. That educational governance structure exists today with each district representing an average of 245,000 citizens.

Not all states have state education governance structures like Nebraska. For example, in Washington local school board members elect five of the State Board of Education members. Board members, depending on the state, may be elected via a partisan vote, non-partisan ballot, or be appointed by the governor. Only four states do not have a State Board of Education.

State Senator Joni Albrecht has introduced Constitutional Amendment 24CA which, if passed by a vote of the people, would abolish the Nebraska State Board of Education. The amendment would call for the Governor to appoint the Commissioner of Education who would oversee the work of the State Department of Education. Based on comments in two news sources, Senator Albrecht's rationale for eliminating the State Board of Education is related to dissatisfaction with how the State Board of Education managed proposed Health Education Standards in 2021. It is important to note that the Nebraska State Board of Education took no action related to proposed Health Education standards.

Other proposals to eliminate the Nebraska State Board of Education have been introduced previously by members of the Nebraska Legislature with the most recent coming last year. That proposal did not make it out of the Legislature's Education Committee.

Nebraska's current state education governance structure includes eight members elected on a non-partisan ballot who appoint the Nebraska Commissioner of Education. That structure helps preserve important principles of our representative form of government. Because our State Board of Education members are elected by district, the board represents varied citizen voices about education. The members of the board make decisions to support quality education across the state and answer to the citizens of the district who elected them.

The Nebraska Constitution, Article VII, Section 2 states "...The State Department of Education shall have general supervision and administration of the school system of the state and of such other activities as the Legislature may direct." Article VII, Section 3 of the Nebraska Constitution states that the State Board's "duties and powers shall be prescribed by the Legislature." Our government was founded on the principle of checks and balances to assure that, while each division of the government has some control, no division of government becomes too powerful. The Department of Education is obliged to comply with state laws and to operate within the framework developed by the state Legislature. At the same time, the State Board of Education, as provided in 79-301(2) RRS, "shall be the policy forming, planning and evaluation body for the state school program" and be responsible for providing services to Nebraska schools. The NE Constitution does not give total control for education-related policymaking to either the Legislature or the Nebraska Department of Education.

Constitutional amendment 24CA would reduce representative government and disrupt the checks and balances of state educational governance. The power of citizen voices would be diminished without a Nebraska State Board of Education to represent them. A Commissioner of Education, appointed by the Nebraska Governor, would put education policymaking in political hands. Every time a new governor is elected, the potential would exist for political educational policymaking to whiplash the educational system. Effective state education governance depends on meaningful collaboration of the Nebraska State Board of Education and Commissioner with other education policy makers including the Legislature and Nebraska stakeholders.

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

CREATE A COMPLETE, CUSTOMIZED POLICY MANUAL

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<http://members.nasbonline.org/index.php/programs-services/policy-services>

This is a great time to begin a Board Policy Manual Customization to give your board and administrators a much more accurate, complete and user-friendly Policy Manual for the start of the next school year. The goal of the NASB Policy Customization Service is to create a completed, customized policy manual (in hard copies and electronic format) with legal referencing and indexing that reflects in writing how your individual district actually operates.

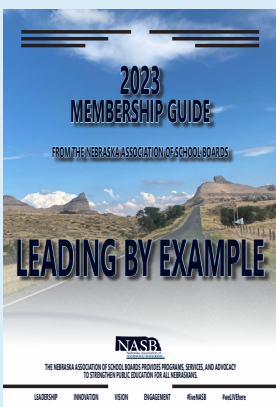
We will evaluate a district's existing board policy manual, check for consistency and provide your board with a "road map" of expectations for the governance of your district. Your district has its own unique history and, over the years, has chosen to make different operating decisions than your neighboring districts. We will rewrite your existing board policy manual, keeping the decisions of your board in place, not throwing them out to be replaced by a generic set of policies.



Through this process we will be able to highlight the areas that are presently omitted and add the policies that most experienced boards and administrators believe are necessary for setting out the basic expectations for the operation and governance of your district. When these new policies are brought into your reorganized and updated manual, they are reviewed with your administrators and board policy committee to ensure the language and intent is appropriate to your local needs.

NASB wants your policies to be clearly written and easily understood by the people using them. Many Board Policy Manuals contain policies that are overly detailed, redundant, and confusing. If your School Board is using a Policy Manual that is disorganized, poorly written and difficult to understand, our manual customization process can correct that for you. This is a time intensive process on our part, but the result is to make your manual easier to use, clearer to follow, and simpler to update in future years. For more information contact Jim Luebbe, Director of Policy Services at jluebbe@NASBonline.org or 800-422-4572.

YOUR 2023 MEMBERSHIP GUIDE IS ARRIVING SHORTLY!



Thirty-two pages of all NASB is and does, for you, our members, will be delivered to you and your district/ESU 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, all of the organizations for which NASB is responsible, advocacy, engagement, awards, your NASB programs, services and staff, School Board Member of the Year info, and more!

Thank you for making Nebraska a great place to LIVE and Leading By Example!

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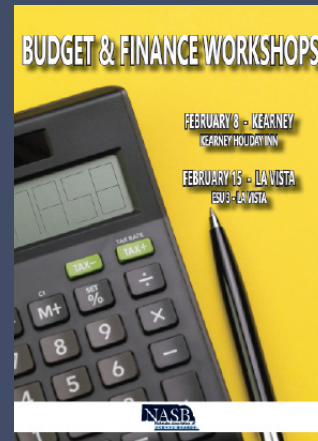
Register by January 25

FEBRUARY 5-6 - OGALLALA

Driftwood (Sunday)

Kathleen Lute Public Library (Monday)

Register by February 1



FEBRUARY 8 - KEARNEY - HOLIDAY INN

Register by February 3

FEBRUARY 15 - LA VISTA - ESU 3

Register by February 10

Both new and veteran school board members need to have a fundamental understanding of school finance. Superintendents, business managers, and bookkeepers are required to have a deep and comprehensive understanding of finance. Taxpayers and citizens are asking districts to provide more detailed information about their finances, so now is the time to learn! This evening workshop will feature Carl Dietz and Matt Fisher, two school finance experts, who will structure the presentation around all aspects of the school district finances.

NASB LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY DAY - APRIL 17 - LINCOLN

JOIN NASB FOR IT'S FIRST ADVOCACY DAY.

WITH THE REMAINING THIRD OF THE SESSION TO GO, COME SPEND THE MORNING LEARNING THE STATUS OF BILLS OF IMPORTANT TO THE BOARD ROOM AND CLASSROOM. GAIN TOOLS FOR ADVOCACY, THEN HEAD TO THE CAPITOL AFTER LUNCH TO PUT THOSE TOOLS TO USE AS WE ENGAGE WITH SENATORS AND WATCH THE FLOOR DEBATE.

LEARN MORE & REGISTER AT WWW.NASBONLINE.ORG



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... POLICY

Following a two-year decline in vaping among teens, the use of vaping devices is now returning to near pre-pandemic levels. Vape users inhale ultrafine particles along with unregistered and untested chemical flavorants, not to mention the frequent presence of heavy metals such as nickel, tin, and lead. Chest x-rays of young vape users sometimes show significant oily residues already coating their lungs. Your district's Tobacco Free Schools policy should have clear language regarding the prohibition of nicotine products, vapor products, and e-cigarettes. This language should also be included in your Student Handbook.

Contact Jim to learn more!

... ENERGY PURCHASING

We used the recent dip in natural gas prices to finish hedging the rest of this year's contracted gas volumes. The 60-day weather forecasts are currently being revised to predict a longer winter than earlier expected and the markets seem to be moving upward with it. Your natural gas purchasing programs are watching every day for opportunities to save your district valuable resources. This is a good time to request info and forms to sign up for our gas purchasing Interlocals, NJUMP and CJUMP.

Contact Jim to learn more!

... ADVOCACY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

We are a few weeks into the Session, all bills have been introduced and hearings are starting to be scheduled.

Stay up to speed and see how you can help advocate for your school, your community & Nebraska by sharing your story! Bookmark and frequent NASB's Bills Page now at <https://nasb.envisiams.com/legislative-bills> as it is continually updated!

Mark Your Calendars & Join Us
NASB's Legislative Advocacy Day
April 17 - Lincoln

Call Colby & Matt with any questions!

... DATA ANALYTICS

It can be discouraging to see student enrollment numbers at rural districts that have declined by a fourth or a third over the last decade. If this is happening in your district, your board should begin planning now to deal with the demographic changes and consider the implications for the future of your district. NASB can help with an analysis of enrollment trends, test scores, and the condition of existing facilities to assist your board in holding productive discussions about the best options for your district to deliver a quality education in a changing environment.

Contact Jim to learn more!

... SEARCH, STRENGTHS & AWARDS

EDUCATION LEADERSHIP SEARCH SERVICE

Contact us with questions on superintendent search protocol, to schedule a proposal, or inquire about a vacancy. Current vacancies include Bennington, Gordon-Rushville, Perkins County and Schuyler <https://nasb.myrevelus.com>

GALLUP STRENGTHSFINDER

Your *Belief* talents allow you to talk to the hearts of people. Develop a "purpose statement" and communicate it to your family, friends, and coworkers. Your powerful emotional appeal can give them a motivating sense of contribution.

Contact Shari at sbecker@NASBOnline.org for searches or to schedule a Gallup team session.

... TECHNOLOGY

Districts are starting to settle. Make sure you update and upload your new Negotiated Agreement into the Contract Settlement form for 2023-2024. Reach out to Darion or Nicole with any questions!

New enhancements have been made to the Sparq Meetings platform! Watch for the newsletter with more information

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... ALICAP & INSURANCE

ALICAP's January Safety Topic is Proper Footwear during these winter months. Schools are encouraged to remind staff members to pick the proper footwear, like snow boots over high heels. And furthermore, consider using Yaktrax for even extra traction, especially for maintenance and custodial staff. Better safe than sorry! These Nebraska winters aren't always friendly.

Thanks, Megan!

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JANUARY 22-29 SERVES AS SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION WEEK IN NEBRASKA

Thank you 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.

... MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

District visits this past month include Aurora, Adams Central, Humphrey, Madison, Newman Grove, St. Edward & Twin River! We look forward to seeing you at a number of upcoming events including the Board President Retreats, New Board Member Workshop Webinar, Budget & Finance Workshops, NAEP State Convention, and NASB's Legislative Advocacy Day!

Sharon

... BOARD LEADERSHIP

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

BOARD PRESIDENT RETREATS

January 29-30 - York
February 5-6 - Ogallala

NEW BOARD MEMBER WORKSHOPS

February 8 - Virtual Webinar

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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.

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- Tax Anticipation / Construction Notes
- Lease-Purchase Financing
- QCPUF Bonds
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Dundy County Stratton



Stacy Jolley - Vice President
Millard



Brad Wilkins - Past President
Ainsworth

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Lincoln



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Malcolm



Region 11 - Jim Vlach
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