

BOARD NOTES

A monthly publication from the Nebraska Association of School Boards

JULY 2018

Upcoming Events

Area Membership Meetings
August 27 | Valentine
August 28 | Gering
August 29 | Kearney
September 12 | Nebraska City
September 19 | York
September 26 | North Platte
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Labor Relations Conference September 5-6 | Lincoln

Early Childhood Conference September 17 & 18 | Kearney

Facilities & Construction Workshop October 30 | Kearney

100th Annual State Education Conference November 14-16 | La Vista



STEP 2 IS IN THE BOOKS! YOUR LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETS TO CRAFT A VISION FOR DELEGATE ASSEMBLY, JANUARY & BEYOND

Step 1: Receive legislative proposals from you, our members. Check.

Step 2: A meeting of NASB's Legislation Committee to go over those proposals, as well as look back on last year's legislative agenda, while formulating the plan for the upcoming session. Check.

Next up will be Step 3 in August, which is when NASB Board of Directors will review and approve or make recommendations to the actions from the Legislation Committee. This is followed by Step 4 (and this is where you come in!), getting feedback on our standing positions, legislative resolutions, and overall legislative agenda from you, our members, at the annual Delegate Assembly, held Friday morning of the State Education Conference in La Vista.

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA/KEY DATES:

Legislative proposals/ideas are submitted to NASB from the membership by JULY 1.

Proposals are reviewed by NASB's Legislation Committee each JULY; Approved proposals are forwarded to Board of Directors where they are reviewed/approved at the AUGUST Board meeting.

The full membership finalizes approval through their votes on the adopted proposals at the annual Delegate Assembly in NOVEMBER, held in conjunction with the State Education Conference. Delegate Assembly is open to all members, with one vote per district.

Approved proposals then become a Standing Position or Legislative Resolution. Standing Positions are more general and remain in effect until removed by Delegate Assembly. Legislative Resolutions become NASB's agenda for pursued legislation, and are in effect for one year.

This past Saturday's meeting centered on a number of topics, including an update on Vision 20/20; a 2018 session review where we looked at specific bills that were a primary focus for NASB and our members; and then dove into the review and formalizing of all new and current standing positions and legislative resolutions, specifically making sure our standing position on the State Funding System was as up to date as possible in today's landscape.

Thank you to all of the board members who provided feedback through the 1WQ - One Weekly Question on this very topic in the weeks leading up to our meeting. With your feedback, the NASB Legislation Committee had a powerful conversation about state funding of public education, displaying courage and commitment in openly discussing a very difficult issue. Members spoke to the priorities of our state's diverse school districts - large and small, rural and urban to find consensus and compromised to create a standing position that will work for our association and our entire state.

Look for all of the new and revised language on this and all Legislative Resolutions and Standing Positions in NASB's Action Book, which will be sent out for your review this fall as we build up towards final approval at the Delegate Assembly. Learn more about this process, and more, at the Area Membership Meetings this fall.



NASB Legislation Committee Members

The NASB Board of Directors has approved the election and appointment of members of the Legislation Committee.

Each member is elected for a three-year term. Legislation Committee seats are organized by grouping like-sized districts by student enrollment numbers. Per the NASB Bylaws, the Legislation Committee shall be composed of not less than 21 and not more than 26 members, with the Chair of the Committee being NASB's current Vice President. Four members shall be members of a NASB member school board or ESU board appointed annually by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors.

The Legislation Committee shall receive, consider, and act upon legislative resolution and position statement proposals submitted by member boards, staff, officers, and directors.



This year's Committee is as follows:

- Stacie Higgins, Chair | NASB Vice President | Nebraska City
- Lanny Boswell | NASB President | Lincoln
- Steve Blocher | NASB President-Elect | West Point
- Member 1 | Lou Ann Goding | Omaha
- Member 2 | Ben Perlman | Omaha
- Member 3 | Lacey Merica | Omaha
- Member 4 | Connie Duncan | Lincoln
- Member 5 | Kathy Danek | Lincoln
- Member 6 | Linda Poole | Millard
- Member 7 | Sarah Centineo | Bellevue
- Member 8 | Beth Morrissette | Westside
- Member 9 | VACANT
- Member 10 | Patti Gubbels | Norfolk
- Member 11 | Laura Schneider | Hastings

- Member 12 | Larry Grosshans | Norris
- 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 | VACANT
- Appointed Member | Skip Altig | North Platte
- Appointed Member | Linda Richards | Ralston
- Appointed Member | Stephanie Summers | David City
- Appointed Member | Brad Wilkins | Ainsworth
- Amanda Ryan | Alternate #1, #2, #3 | Omaha
- Don Mayhew | Alternate #4 and #5 | Lincoln

Seeking Nominations for the NASB Board of Directors

Nomination forms for seats on the NASB Board of Directors will be emailed to you shortly. This year, Regions 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18 will be contested. NASB region directors are called from 19 geographically based regions, determined every decade based on the results of the Legislature's redistricting process. Once all nomination forms are received by the August 24th deadline, ballots will be mailed to all districts with two or more nominations for their Regional seat on the board. The new directors will assume their seats after the 2018 Delegate Assembly in November. The following is a list of the seats that are up for election (or appointment*), as well as the incumbent.

- Region 3 | Ricky Smith, Omaha*
- Region 6 | Lacey Merica, Omaha*
- Region 9 | Alan Moore | ESU 3
- Region 12 | Laura Schneider | Hastings
- Region 15 | Brad Wilkins | Ainsworth
- Region 18 | Kim Burry | Bayard

This is a great opportunity to expand your leadership horizons by serving on a statewide board committed to providing resources to school and ESU board members. The director positions are elected to three-year terms and require attendance at five NASB Board of Director meetings each year, along with other responsibilities.

Please visit http://members.nasbonline.org/bod/SitePages/Regions.aspx for specifics regarding the region in which your district or ESU resides. Any additional questions may be emailed to Sallie Svatora at ssvatora@NASBonline.org.

Scottsbluff Construction/Renovation Now Complete



Three years ago, in the July 2015 edition of *Board Notes*, we highlighted Scottsbluff Public Schools, who were just in the planning stages for a full construction/renovation project that was going to include the implementation of career academies, largely funded by a voter approved \$29.2M bond issue passed in November 2014. That project is now complete!



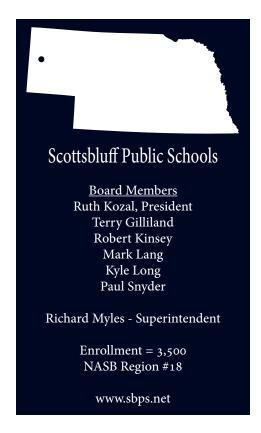


Construction began in October of 2015. Phase I, completed in March 2017, was the addition of the Career Academy to offer multiple programs of study, or pathways including Business, Marketing, and Management; Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources; Skilled and Technical Sciences; Health Sciences; Human Sciences and Public Service; and Communication and Information Systems. The pathways are tied to dual credit opportunities, certification, and work learning opportunities, making the high school post-secondary transition easier while aiding students in finding a direction to help them meet their goals.

Phase II proves to be just as exciting as Phase I and includes a new Library/Media Center, Freshmen Academy, Ag and Construction Trades classrooms, Athletic Facilities and Air Force Jr. ROTC classrooms.

- The library, which now serves as a central gathering place in the building, has
 been redesigned to allow for flexible student spaces to work on projects as well
 as to support 1:1 Chromebook technology with dedicated Chromebook support
 space.
- The Freshmen Academy will support a team based learning approach for 9th graders with the flexibility to allow Freshmen to enjoy and take part in all that SHS has to offer.
- The newly constructed Agriscience and Construction trades facility bring these classes back to the main campus and nearly double the size of existing facilities. A live animal bay, greenhouse and outdoor classroom and courtyard area are just a few highlights of an area designed for hands on learning and collaboration.
- A new auxiliary gym, weight room and wrestling room will be enjoyed by physical education classes, athletic teams, and student and community activity groups alike.

This will complete the SHS expansion and renovation, a project which began almost four years ago leading up the voter approved bond in the 2014 general election. Students will now occupy a high school that is 80 percent new construction at an affordable cost to the Scottsbluff taxpayers.





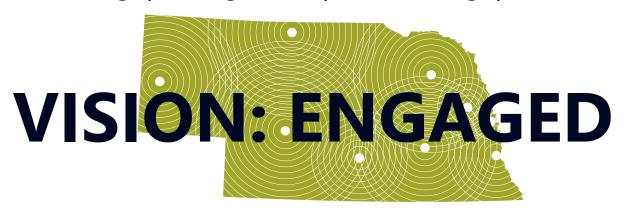






Area Membership Meetings Are Fast Approaching

Training | Recognition | Networking | Vision



REGISTER NOW FOR THE MEETING NEAREST YOU AT WWW.NASBONLINE.ORG

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AGENDA

REGISTRATION, NETWORKING & EXHIBITORS | 4:30 PM

VISION SESSION | 5:00 TO 5:45 PM

TRAINING SESSIONS #1 | 6:00 TO 6:35 PM

Gallup: Turning Talents into Strengths

Protecting Our Precious Assets from Bell to Bell

I Don't Know, What I Don't Know!

TRAINING SESSIONS #2 | 6:45 TO 7:20 PM

Rolling Down the Road Towards Delegate Assembly

Organizing the Chaos: Superintendent Evaluation and Board Self-Assessment

Cool Tools for School Boards in Developing Resilient Students

NETWORKING DINNER & AWARDS/RECOGNITION | 7:25 PM



School Foundations Fall Forum: Register Now!



SEPTEMBER 13 | KEARNEY

Join education philanthropy leaders from across the state at the Nebraska Association of Public School Foundations (NAPSF) 2018 Fall Forum, which will take place Thursday, September 13, from 11:00 AM to 4:30 PM in Kearney at the Nebraska Student Union - Ponderosa Room on the University of Nebraska at Kearney campus.

REGISTER NOW:

https://napsf.org/news-events/napsf-fall-forum.html/event-form/2018-fall-forum-registration/30556/tickets



Early Bird Registration is now through August 30, with the NAPSF Member Rate of \$40, Non-members: \$55 so don't delay. Deepen relationships with your colleagues and network to create new connections. You'll enjoy the University of Nebraska-Kearney campus while hearing from fundraising experts in the fields of Staff Campaigns and Alumni Connections. Forum topics include: Partnering Organizations and Member Benefits; Employee Staff Campaigns; and Connecting with your Alumni.

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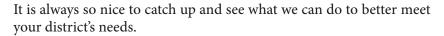






Although we weren't necessarily totin' a pack along the dusty Winnemucca road like Johnny Cash, the NASB staff has been all across Nebraska this past month.

We traveled to Gering, Kearney, Lincoln and Norfolk for the NAEP Workshops; held Candidate Forums in Auburn, Scottsbluff, Kearney, Wayne and La Vista; Membership Engagement visits with Shelton, Kenesaw, Amherst, Elm Creek, Loomis, Holdrege, Alma, Red Cloud, Cozad, Brady, Stapleton, McPherson County, Callaway and Hampton; as well as additional stops and meetings, events and outings in Bellevue, Pleasanton, Boone Central and more.



The August calendar is looking to be just as full, and we close the month touring the state as we start our annual Area Membership Meetings. And dare I say it the State Education Conference in November will be here before we know it!













Training, Networking, Engagement & Events



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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Recognizing Our Roots & Reaching Beyond

Delegate Assembly | November 16 | La Vista

New Board Member Workshops

November 27 | Gering November 28 | North Platte November 29 | Grand Island

December 4 | Norfolk December 5 | La Vista

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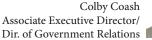


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Member Reflections from the NAEP Workshops



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INNOVATION

The NAEP Annual Workshops were held this July in Gering, Kearney, Lincoln & Norfolk.

These daylong workshops consisted of the annual Business Meeting, Table Talk Timeouts, Hot Topics, and more. Here are just a few of the comments from those in attendance:

> "Great connections and conversations during the Table Talk Discussion."

"Really enjoyed the presentation by EHA on Fitness at Your Desk"

"Informative session/tips on Cyber Security."

"Excited and motivated by the goal session!"

"Opportunity to engage with others about ESSA Coding"

"Enjoy troubleshooting with my peers."









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