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## BRINGING THE GOOD LIFE TO THE GREAT WALL

BY STEPHANIE SUMMERS

DAVID CITY SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT, NASB LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Earlier this summer, six individuals from across the United States with varying backgrounds and interests were given the opportunity to experience China's culture, economy, and government through a partnership between the non-profit organization American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) and China's All-China Youth Federation (ACYF).

Our two week exchange marked the 40 year anniversary of United States (ACYPL), and China (ACYF) exchanges, as well as the 40 year anniversary of normalized US-China diplomatic relations.

This life changing experience exposed us to four cities throughout China where we toured Chinese businesses related to the fields of smart technology, renewable energy, global economy, and agriculture.

We were given tours of Chinese-American partnerships in business and education, such as Cummins Inc., a leader in state of the art diesel and natural gas powered engines, and University of Dayton-Suzhou, a Masters Degree program where American students experience Chinese culture and earn credits toward their declared specialty.

We were also given ample opportunities to explore Chinese culture through tours of museums, exhibits, cultural and historical sites, and food ... lots and lots of food. If I wasn't a pro with chop sticks before my trip, I most certainly am now!



JULY 2019

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### NASB ORIENTATION

July 24 | Lincoln

#### AREA MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

August 20 | Valentine

August 21 | Fremont

August 22 | La Vista

August 26 | Gering

August 27 | North Platte

August 28 | Kearney

September 4 | York

September 18 | Nebraska City

September 25 | Norfolk

#### STATE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OPENS SEPTEMBER 11TH

#### LABOR RELATIONS CONFERENCE

September 11-12 | Lincoln

#### SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Nominations Due September 27

#### 4TH ANNUAL SPARQ DATA SOLUTIONS TAILGATE PARTY

September 28 | Lincoln

#### FACILITIES & CONSTRUCTION WORKSHOP

October 10 | Kearney

#### 2019 STATE EDUCATION CONFERENCE

'Taking It To The Streets'

November 20-22

CHI Health Center Downtown Omaha

#### NASB DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

November 22

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My discussions with local Chinese community leaders and parents centered around the differences in curriculum and educational processes between the Chinese and American systems of education.

While we as educators hear often the comparison of American students with students from countries around the world, what we may not be aware of is the desire by some in other countries to implement the American way of educating the whole child.

Curriculum centered around social and emotional skills as well as academics is highly regarded as a way to produce productive, creative citizens able to communicate and contribute on a global scale.

In addition, the current trend in the United States centered around Career and Technical Education was a topic I discussed with university students majoring in education as well as Chinese business leaders and one they would like to focus on and expand in their country as well. With only 70% of Chinese middle school students accepted into high schools and 30% of Chinese high school graduates accepted into Universities, there is a growing awareness of the need

for additional pathways for students not attending traditional higher education. While there are vast differences in our education systems to be sure, my discussions taught me there are more commonalities than we might initially think.

It's quite possible for me to write paragraphs upon paragraphs about this unbelievable opportunity, but one commonality among all the tours, translations, meetings, and meals was the people. The relationships I built with the five Americans and dozens of Chinese leaders who guided me through a personal evolution will be cherished forever.

*As mentioned in the June edition of Board Notes, Stephanie did an amazing job of capturing her trip on her social media account when she was able to. You can recap any of those photos and posts at:*

<https://twitter.com/meteachmath>  
<https://www.facebook.com/steph.summers>

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# NASB FROM SCHOOL BOARD TO THE STATE CAPITOL

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Did you know ... 10 of the current 49 Senators first sat in your chair as a school board member?

This is the second installment where we sit down with a former school board member now serving as a state senator to learn a little bit more about the transition, how their experience on the school board has helped them inside the Capitol, and get their thoughts on some of the key items regarding public education in Nebraska.

Next up is Senator Tim Gragert. Senator Gragert was elected to the Nebraska State Legislature for his first term last November to represent District 40, which includes Boyd, Cedar, Dixon, Holt, Knox, and Rock Counties. Prior to being elected to the Legislature, Senator Gragert served in the military from 1977 to 2017 and worked at the Natural Resources Conservation Service. In the military, Senator Gragert served in the U.S. Air Force, the Nebraska Air National Guard, and most recently as a helicopter pilot for the Nebraska Army National Guard. He is a graduate from Creighton Community Schools and the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. He served on Creighton Community Schools' Board of Education for three years. Senator Gragert is an avid fisherman, and he can most likely be found spending time with wife, Donna, and his bloodhound, Maggie. Now, on to the questions ...



*Starting off, which is more fun school board or state legislature?*

I'm not sure that "fun" is the right word for either situation. I have found the state legislature more of a challenge than the school board because we deal with such a wide range of issues, not just educational issues.

*How did your experience as a school board member help you this past year?*

I believe my experience on the school board gave me a better understanding of how a school operates and the importance of providing adequate funding to school districts.

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*What have you learned as a Senator that you wish you would have known when you served as a school board member?*

I have learned that it is much more complicated to work on school finance issues that must address the needs of all school districts rather than just one school district. While one school district may have many students from low income families, another may have a high number of students needing special education services, and another may be dealing with a high rate of growth in their student enrollment. The school finance formula should recognize all these different issues and try to address them fairly. In order to accomplish this, each school district has to assess their needs, based on what is best for their students, and communicate this with their senator.



*What do current school board members need to know about interacting with senators?*

School board members need to stay in contact with their senator and work with them. It is important to relay their needs to their senator with suggestions for solutions to specific situations. A personalized email or telephone call are the best ways to communicate with senators.

*How has your perspective of school finance changed as a result of your new role?*

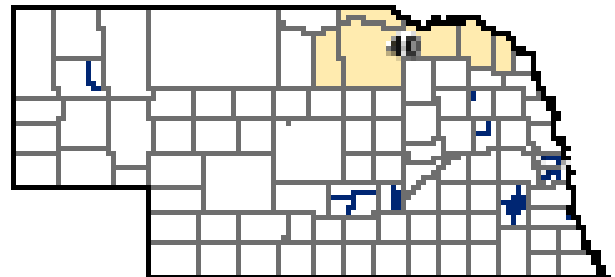
My perspective on school finance has not changed. I believe that the formula needs to change, as approximately only one-third of the districts currently receive equalization aid. By adding a per pupil foundation aid factor, it would lower the burden on property taxpayers. However, if the state does take on a bigger part in financing K-12 education, we can expect to see a change in accountability requirements from each school district. School boards will have to evaluate the best direction to go for their specific district and may have to justify current per pupil cost.

*When you were a school board member, what priority issue(s) did you want the Legislature to address?*

When I was a school board member, I wanted fair state aid/equalization for all school districts.

*What are your priorities as it relates to education?*

My priority is that all students get an opportunity for a good education, no matter where they live.



*How can a current school board member support you in advancing areas of mutual importance?*

I encourage school board members to keep me informed of their specific situations and to provide me with alternatives to solving their specific issues. Every district is different and there will have to be give and take. Each district will have to continually evaluate their operations.

*Final thoughts ...*

School board members have a tough job. They have to stay focused on what is best for the students and balance all other factors in operating as efficiently and effectively as possible. Some rural schools may have an extra difficult job in determining when the time has come to look at options including consolidation with other schools, in an effort to do what is best for their students.



## 2019 AREA MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Training | Recognition | Networking | Vision

Valentine | Fremont | La Vista | Gering | North Platte | Kearney | York | Nebraska City | Norfolk

## CHANGING THE NARRATIVE

**A 2019 Legislative Recap & How Your Engagement Impacted the Process**

**Board Policy: What Boards Want Vs. What Others Want**

**Strategic Planning: Leadership Accountability**

**Cohesive Leadership is More Than a Catchphrase!**

**Let's Talk About It: Networking & Open Dialogue with Peers on Key Topics**

**The Do's and Don'ts of School Safety, School Insurance and School Claims**

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**Tuesday, August 20 | Valentine**

**Wednesday, August 21 | Fremont**

**Thursday, August 22 | La Vista**

**Monday, August 26 | Gering**

**Tuesday, August 27 | North Platte**

**Wednesday, August 28 | Kearney**

**Wednesday, September 4 | York**

**Wednesday, September 18 | Nebraska City**

**Wednesday, September 25 | Norfolk**

### **AGENDA**

**Registration, Networking & Exhibitors | 4:30 PM**

**Vision Session | 5:00 to 5:45 PM**

**Break | 5:45 to 6:00 PM**

**Training Sessions #1 | 6:00 to 6:35 PM**

**Break | 6:35 to 6:45 PM**

**Training Sessions #2 | 6:45 to 7:20 PM**

**Networking Dinner & Awards/Recognition | 7:25 PM**

**15 awards of achievement points will be earned for attending**



# A SUMMER ROAD TRIP WITH THE NASB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT SUMMER IN NEBRASKA?



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President  
West Point

**GOLF**



Stacie Higgins  
President-Elect  
Nebraska City

**THE SMELL OF CORN GROWING & THE  
SOUNDS OF LOCUSTS IN THE EVENING**



Brad Wilkins  
Vice President  
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**HOMEMADE  
ICE CREAM**



Lanny Boswell  
Past President  
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**SPENDING EXTRA TIME WITH MY  
KIDS HOME FROM SCHOOL**



Region 1  
Neal Kanel  
HTRS

**EVENINGS WITH FRIENDS**



Region 2  
Sarah Centineo  
Bellevue

**NO RUSH IN THE A.M. TO GET  
THE KIDS OFF TO SCHOOL**



Regions 3, 6 & 7  
Shavonna Holman  
Omaha

**VISITING FREMONT WATER  
STATION WITH MY DAUGHTER**



Regions 3, 6 & 7  
Ricky Smith  
Omaha

**LOOKING FORWARD TO  
FOOTBALL SEASON**



Regions 3, 6 & 7  
Nancy Kratky  
Omaha

**FAMILY VACATIONS, SPENDING  
TIME WITH ONE ANOTHER**



Regions 4 & 5  
Bob Rauner  
Lincoln

**BIKING NEBRASKA'S TRAILS**



Regions 4 & 5  
Kathy Danek  
Lincoln

**LONG WALKS IN THE PARK**



Region 8  
Jay Irwin  
Ralston

**A BEVERAGE IN A POOL**



Region 9  
Alan Moore  
ESU 3

**DRIVING THE STATE SEEING  
NEW & DIFFERENT THINGS**



Region 10  
Paul Brune  
Heartland

**ANY OUTSIDE ACTIVITY**



Region 11  
Jim Vlach  
Lyons-Decatur Northeast

**NOTHING, TOO HOT!**



Region 12  
Lisa Wagner  
Central City

**GOLF, LAKES & POOLS**



Region 13  
Marilyn Bohn  
Ravenna

**BBQ'S W/ FAMILY/FRIENDS &  
TOASTING MARSHMALLOWS**



Region 14  
Sandy Noffsinger  
Dundy County Stratton

**RIDING MY MOTORCYCLE**



Region 15  
Barb Svoboda  
Mullen

**SWEET CORN &  
SANDHILLS SUNSETS**



Region 16  
Patti Gubbels  
Norfolk

**BIRDS CHIRPING, FLOWERS  
BLOOMING, & STEAKS GRILLING**



Region 17  
Richard Dohma  
Ponca

**GRILLING &  
FAMILY VACATIONS**



Region 18  
Kim Burry  
Bayard

**ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY  
HOG ROAST**



Region 19  
Stacy Jolley  
Millard

**SWIMMING AT THE  
PUBLIC POOL**



# IS THIS YEAR'S BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR ON YOUR BOARD?

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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 Friday, September 27, 2019. For further details you may visit [www.NASBOnline.org](http://www.NASBOnline.org), or contact Marcia Herring at 800-422-4572. Previous winners include:

2018 | KATHY DANEK, LINCOLN

2017 | BONNIE HINKLE, GRAND ISLAND

2016 | TERRI HAYNES, CHADRON

2015 | LINDA RICHARDS, RALSTON

2014 | BRAD KRIVOHAVEK, NORFOLK

2013 | PATTY BENTZINGER, NORRIS

2012 | KATHY BARTEK, FALLS CITY

2011 | JULIE AGARD, KEARNEY

2010 | KIM FASSE, ELKHORN

2009 | RON PEARSON, ESU #3

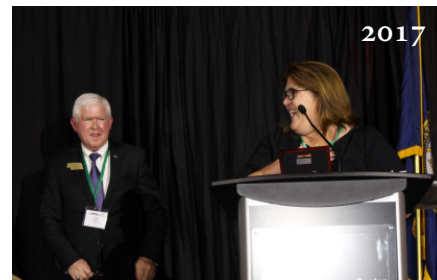
2008 | SANDRA JENSEN, OMAHA

2007 | JOHN HANSEN, BELLEVUE

2006 | FRED TAFOYA, PAPILLION LA VISTA

2005 | WAYNE ERICKSON, WISNER-PILGER

2004 | ANN MACTIER, OMAHA





**4th ANNUAL  
TAILGATE  
PARTY**

**NE vs OHIO STATE**

Saturday, September 28th, 2019  
Haymarket Park  
North Parking Lot  
403 Line Drive Circle



**Free  
FOOD**  
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**PRIZES**  
Gifts, cash, prizes, and more

**GAMES**



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## ... WHOLE CHILD

There is a strong connection between the phrasing and language used and the capacity to be successful in the school environment. A very small, albeit powerful, method to change the paradigm of correction into a positive teachable opportunity instead of negative commands. For example, instead of saying, "you did this wrong," replace it with a positive request, "could there be another way to go about doing this?"

Contact Kori for all things  
WCP

## ... POLICY

Recent changes made by the Legislature now allow boards to contract for the provision of utility services, refuse disposal, transportation services, maintenance services, financial services, insurance, security services, and instructional materials, supplies, and equipment for periods not to exceed seven years. (Previously four.)

Contact Jim to learn more!

## ... ALICAP & INSURANCE

ALICAP's Board of Trustees meet this month to finalize the budget for the 19-20 year. Members should receive their ALICAP billing statements August 1st.

Thanks, Megan!

## ... BOARD LEADERSHIP

*"Strategy without process is little more than a wish list." – Robert Filek*

The Board Leadership department has had process on the brain more than usual this month as the work of our own NASB strategic plan takes shape. The creation of this plan has led to many discussions as a team of comparing and contrasting the processes and development of our own strategic plan to those we create for school districts across the state.

As with the many school districts we have worked with in creating their three to five-year strategic plans, the creation of a strategic plan is a multi-step process that succinctly builds off of each step.

We are often asked how we avoid the very common and understandable fear in strategic planning that the expansive and beautiful document will die on paper. The board leadership department has discerned the best way to combat this fear is two-fold: create a transparent and cooperative process of stakeholder engagement (staff, community, board members, etc.) to really listen, coordinate, and align all involved in the creation of the plan; and to build in actionable objectives so measurable progress is recognized and celebrated along the way.

Just as with any organization, association, and school district, strategic planning turns into the job of strategic management, which is where "the rubber meets the road." Strategic management asks for a two-dimensional plan to become three-dimensional strategic actions of evolution and growth that rationalize and focus the work and the people. Here at NASB we are looking forward to embarking on living our new strategic plan and as one of our valuable stakeholders we look forward to walking alongside you out on that road too.

Marcia, Kori, Melissa & Karla



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### ... ADVOCACY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

*Summer is a GREAT time to reach out to Senators! Invite them to first day of school events, etc. Don't forget that advocacy happens all year.*

Your Legislation Committee is meeting this weekend to map out the plan for 2020!

#### LEGISLATIVE "LUNCHES"

Fremont | August 6th @ 11:30 AM  
Wayne | August 6th @ 6:30 PM  
O'Neill | August 7th @ 12:00 PM

#### Interim Studies to keep an eye on ...

LR63 - Examine ESUs

LR151 - Examine the financing of public ed, develop ways to improve school funding

LR152 - Examine issues under the jurisdiction of the Ed Committee

LR153 - Examine the administrative costs of local school systems and school districts

LR157 - Conduct a review of the financing of the public elementary and secondary schools

LR208 - Examine policies that relate to maintaining a safe & positive learning environment

LR214 - Examine issues that engage, attract, and retain youth in Nebraska

LR242 - Examine replacing Native American mascots in Nebraska at nontribal schools

- Call Colby with any questions! -  
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### ... SEARCH, STRENGTHS & AWARDS

#### AWARDS OF ACHIEVEMENT

Watch for the list of all award recipients to be sent out soon.

Awards recipients will be recognized at your local Area Membership Meeting  
Register for your local Area Membership Meeting now at [www.NASBOnline.org](http://www.NASBOnline.org)

#### GALLUP STRENGTHSFINDER

"Your greatest chance to succeed at work or anywhere else lies in strengthening what you naturally do best."

"An Achiever should team up with Discipline or Focus to be as efficient as possible!"

#### FIVE MOST COMMON STRENGTHS:

Achiever, Responsibility, Learner, Relator, Strategic

#### FIVE LEAST COMMON STRENGTHS:

Command, Self-Assurance, Significance, Discipline, Context

- Shari -

### ... ENERGY PURCHASING

NJUMP and CJUMP schools have their natural gas supplies hedged at what are historically very competitive prices for the coming winter months. The information provided by our marketing experts and the ability to price our supplies when the market provides opportunities rather than during a fixed annual period allows a great deal of flexibility in getting great utility values for our districts and ESUs.

Contact Jim to learn more!

### ... TECHNOLOGY

Food! Prizes! Games! Join us for the 4th Annual Sparq Tailgate, Saturday, September 28, as Nebraska takes on Ohio State! RSVP to [nkobus@sparqdata.com](mailto:nkobus@sparqdata.com)

### ... MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

July visits have included: Creek Valley, Deshler, Hemingford, Kimball, Mullen, Superior & Thedford ... Looking forward to more the rest of this month, into August, and then seeing everyone during our nine Area Membership Meetings!

- Sharon -

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## Area Membership Meetings | August & September

AUGUST 20   VALENTINE	AUGUST 21   FREMONT	AUGUST 22   LA VISTA
AUGUST 26   GERING	AUGUST 27   NORTH PLATTE	AUGUST 28   KEARNEY
SEPTEMBER 4   YORK	SEPTEMBER 18   NEBRASKA CITY	SEPTEMBER 25   NORFOLK



Mark Your Calendar: State Conference Registration Opens September 11

Labor Relations Conference | September 11-12 | Lincoln

Thriving Children, Families, and Communities Conference | September 16 | Kearney

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School Board Member of the Year Nominations - Due September 27

<http://members.nasbonline.org/index.php/ann-mactier-school-board-member-of-the-year-award>

4th Annual Sparq Data Solutions Tailgate Party | Saturday, September 28 | Lincoln

Facilities & Construction Workshop | October 10 | Kearney

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