

# NASB BOARD NOTES

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# LEGISLATIVE LUNCHES & COFFEE WITH CANDIDATES

With the dust of the May Primary Election settled, we know a little bit more of what to expect in November, and then 2023. Now is the time to build relationships and share the story of your district and community with those potential local, state and federal leaders. NASB has been working to set up for meet and greets to get you, the locally elected community leaders, in front of some of these candidates, as well as working to build relationships in more of a one-on-one setting over coffee and lunch. Check out who we've met with, who's scheduled in the future, and be sure to mark your calendars and join us when we are in your area of the state!



NASB Member Meet & Greet with newly appointed Senator & District 42 Candidate Mike Jacobson in North Platte this past April.

NASB Member Meet & Greet with District 44 Legislative Candidate Teresa Ibach in Lexington earlier this month.



NASB Member Meet & Greet with Congressman Bacon Papillion La Vista - July 7

NASB Member Meet & Greet with District 34 Legislative Candidate Loren Lippincott Central City - July 27

NASB Member Meet & Greet with District 24 Legislative Candidate Jana Hughes York - August 17

NASB Member Meet & Greet with District 48 Legislative Candidates Brian Hardin & Don Lease II Gering - August 28

NASB Member Meet & Greet with District 40 Legislative Candidate Barry DeKay Plainview - August 31

NASB Member Meet & Greet with District 36 Legislative Candidate Rick Holdcroft TBD













### NASB IS LOOKING FOR A BOARD LEADERSHIP ASSOCIATE!

THIS PERSON WILL PARTNER WITH THE DIRECTOR TO MANAGE SERVICES FOR SCHOOL BOARDS.

RESPONSIBILITIES WILL INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO: THE FACILITATION OF STRATEGIC PLANNING,
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, DATA ANALYSIS, CODING, DESIGN OF REPORTS, AND MEMBER ENGAGEMENT
SUPPORT. BELOW YOU WILL FIND THE FULL JOB DESCRIPTION AND REQUIREMENTS.

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS INTERESTED, LEARN MORE & APPLY AT <a href="http://members.nasbonline.org/index.php/about-us">http://members.nasbonline.org/index.php/about-us</a>

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### http://members.nasbonline.org/index.php/events

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



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NASB CALL FOR LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS - DUE JULY 1

NASB CANDIDATE WEBINAR - JULY 13 - 7:00 TO 8:30 PM CT

NASB'S NEW SUPERINTENDENT ORIENTATION - JULY 20 - LINCOLN

NASB LEGISLATIVE LUNCH - MEET & GREET W/ LEG CANDIDATE LIPPINCOTT - JULY 27 - CENTRAL CITY

**AUGUST** 

NASB LEGISLATIVE LUNCH - MEET & GREET W/ LEG CANDIDATE HUGHES - AUGUST 17 - YORK

AREA MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS - AUGUST THROUGH SEPTEMBER (SEE PAGE 6)

NASB LEGISLATIVE LUNCH - MEET & GREET W/ LEG CANDIDATES HARDIN & LEASE - AUGUST 28 - GERING

NASB LEGISLATIVE LUNCH - MEET & GREET W/ LEG CANDIDATE DEKAY - AUGUST 31 - PLAINVIEW

**SEPTEMBER** 

NASB CANDIDATE WEBINAR - SEPTEMBER 14 - 7:00 TO 8:30 PM CT

ANNUAL SPARQ DATA SOLUTIONS TAILGATE PARTY - SEPTEMBER 17 - LINCOLN

FACILITIES & CONSTRUCTION - SEPTEMBER 22 - KEARNEY

**OCTOBER** 

NASB CANDIDATE WEBINAR - OCTOBER 5 - 12:00 TO 1:00 PM CT

LABOR RELATIONS - OCTOBER 5-6 - LINCOLN

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION - NOVEMBER 8

STATE EDUCATION CONFERENCE - NOVEMBER 16-18 - OMAHA

NEW BOARD MEMBER WORKSHOPS - DECEMBER - GERING, NORTH PLATTE, KEARNEY, YORK, LA VISTA, NORFOLK

# SCHOOL LEADERS & LAW, GOLF & THE ARCH NASB

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Thanks to everyone who join us this week in Kearney for the annual golf outing, Archway tour and the School Leaders & Law Conference!



































































Did you know that the NASB is providing a series of Board Candidate Webinars to provide an overview of the board's role and responsibilities? There are three webinars currently scheduled for July, September, and October, with the plan to add two more during September and October. We will alert Superintendents, ESU Administrators, and board presidents as soon as the dates are confirmed.

Tips for engaging with the Board Candidates (Non-Incumbents)

- 1. Download and share policy:
  - a. Board Code of Conduct (or Code of Ethics)
     This policy provides a job description to support the role of the board.
  - b. Superintendent Job Description

    This policy provides a general understanding of the superintendent/ESU Administrator

#### THE SUPERINTENDENT'S JOB DESCRIPTION

Policy #???? The administration of the school system in all aspects is the responsibility of the Superintendent, whose functions shall be conducted in accordance with the policies of the Board.

#### BOARD - SUPERINTENDENT RELATIONSHIP

Policy B-1050: "The establishment of policies is the responsibility of the Board, and the execution of those policies is a function of the Superintendent."

#### Guidelines to Remember:

- Effective board members are professional in their behavior and conduct.
- Effective boards engage in deliberation, work to find common ground, listen without judgment, and realize if they are dysfunctional, it will impact staff and students.
- Board-Superintendent leadership teams must work together toward a common vision and goals.
- Regular communication between the board members and the superintendent is essential.

#### **DUTIES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD & SUPERINTENDENT**

The superintendent functions as the administrative manager of the district and is, throughout his or her exercise of responsibilities, accountable to the board. The chart to the right defines some of the significant differences in the roles of these officials.



| Administration  |  |
|---|--|
| The board hires a superintendent and delegates responsibility for administrative functions. | The superintendent is responsible for providing administrative leadership and managing the district's day-to-day operations. |

| Policymaking   |   |
|--|---|
| School Board   | Superintendent  |
| The board establishes policy for the governance of the | The superintendent is responsible for designing and   |
| school system after considering the superintendent's   | implementing procedures to effect the requirements of |
| recommendations.                                       | policy.   |

| Hiring & Evaluating Personnel                          |   |
|--|---|
| School Board   | Superintendent  |
| The board employs one-employee, the superintendent. A  | The superintendent recommends personnel to be hired; is |
| first-year superintendent must be evaluated twice the  | responsible for performance evaluations; and makes      |
| first year of employment and once annually thereafter. | recommendations for renewal, non-renewal, and           |
|  | dismissal of personnel as provided by policy            |

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| School Board   | Superintendent   |
| The board ensures district resources are allocated and<br>aligned to the priorities of the district goals and monitors<br>how funds are expended and managed following the | The superintendent prepares a budget, recommends<br>budget expenditures to the board, provides timely and<br>consistent updates on the status of the budget. |
| adoption of the budget.  |  |

| Community Relations                                 |   |
|---|---|
| School Board  | Superintendent                                      |
| The board engages the community at large and remain | The superintendent keeps the community informed     |
| mindful of community expectations.                  | about district performance, policies, programs, and |
|   | procedures.   |



View the full, detailed calendar at: <a href="http://members.nasbonline.org/index.php/resources">http://members.nasbonline.org/index.php/resources</a>

#### MISSION, VISION & GOALS

Strategic Plan Update; District Goals Update

#### **POLICY GOVERNANCE**

Student Fees Policy. On or before August 1, every school board is required to hold a public hearing proposing a student fee policy. In the meeting, the board shall review the amount of money collected from student fees (per policy) the prior year. They shall then propose and adopt the upcoming school year policy and publish in the student handbook. The written Meal Charge Policy and guidelines shall be in place and ready to be communicated to staff and households. § 79-2,134: Student Conduct. On or before August 1, each year, all school boards shall annually review in collaboration with the county attorney of the county in which the principal office of the school district is located the rules and standards concerning student conduct adopted by the school board. § 79-262

#### **ACCOUNTABILITY & STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

Review Summer School Program [Content of report: staff, # students served, purpose and value, etc.]: Review the Alternative Education Program [Content of report: staff, # students served, curriculum, etc.]: Review Multi-Cultural Education Program: Apply for Distance Education Incentives. On or before August 1, School districts and educational service units shall apply for Distance Education Incentives (through 2020) § 79-1337: Students receiving instruction in another district; contracts authorized. On or before August 15, if the school district is contracting with a neighboring district(s) for instruction of all or any part of pupils residing in the district, written contracts shall be filed in the office of the superintendent of the primary high school district. § 79-598

#### **ADVOCACY**

Deadline for District Legislative Proposals to NASB is July 1, 2022

#### DISTRICT/ESU RESOURCES (BUDGET)

Conduct a Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget Statement. §13-506 The hearing shall be held separately from any regularly scheduled meeting and shall not be limited by time. \*Please reference the statute to review the complete text and requirements: Budget Authority and Allowable Reserve Percentage Certification §79-1023

### BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT RELATIONS

Superintendent Pay Transparency Act. On or before August 1, file with NDE a copy of approved contracts or any amendments, for superintendent/ESU administrator services. § 79-2403

#### **REPORTS**

Board Committees; Superintendent; Administrators.

#### **BOARD LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

Review and discuss Board Governance Standard V. Advocacy: NASB Board Member Candidate Webinar (\*Election year.): NASB New Member Orientation (New Superintendents, Board President, District Administrative Assistant): NASB Legislation Committee Meeting: Review NASB Board Awards of Achievement Points (July 31st deadline for updating points earned.)



## LEADERSHIP AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

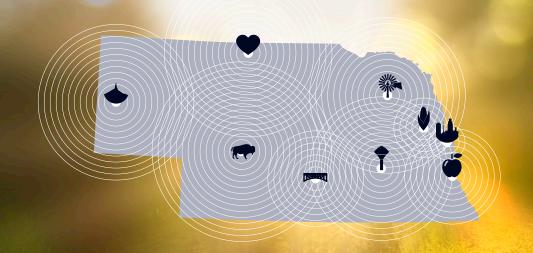


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# 2022 AREA MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Training - Recognition - Networking - Engagement

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



AUGUST 23 - NEBRASKA CITY AUGUST 24 - FREMONT

AUGUST 29 - GERING

AUGUST 30 - VALENTINE AUGUST 31 - NORFOLK

SEPTEMBER 1 - LA VISTA

SEPTEMBER 7 - YORK SEPTEMBER 20 - NORTH PLATTE

SEPTEMBER 21 - KEARNEY

### LEADERSHIP AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

THE BOARD'S ROLE IN THE EMPLOYEE SHORTAGE WHAT PASSED, COULDN'T LAST, & IS CHANGING FAST: A LEGISLATIVE UPDATE PARENT ENGAGEMENT - INVOLVEMENT IN THEIR CHILD(REN)'S EDUCATION SOCIAL MEDIA FOR BOARD MEMBERS ALL THINGS ALICAP AND LOSS CONTROL PREPARING FOR BOARD AND DISTRICT/ESU LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

# NASB COMMUNICATING WITH SEN. FISCHER RE: USDASBAGGERIO

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In May, the USDA issued a release regarding the USDA's enforcement of provisions in the Food and Nutrition Services programs.

NASB has been in regular communication with Senator Fischer's office to gain clarification on the implications to a school district and what exactly you as locally elected school board members may be forced to do in order to keep access to the programs affected.

The Senator and her office have sent a letter to the USDA asking for clarification about Food and Nutrition Services' enforcement of this new interpretation, including what actions it is requiring schools to take, how it intends to enforce the policy, and whether it would under any circumstance restrict funding to school nutrition programs. Senator Fischer has agreed to share the results of this communication with NASB and we will be sure to keep you updated as we await a response from the USDA.



https://www.fns.usda.gov/news-item/usda-o100.22?fbclid=IwAR1-D -ZWlS Hs2g-4 UhckEXJfcNkWbnqTTiry37P5s490fJWAe9fCLtUE







With the 2022 Legislative Session complete, now is the time for you and your board to think of items you might like addressed in 2023.

Submit your legislative proposals now at:

http://www.nasbonline.org/registrations/ProposedResolution.aspx

10 Award points will be granted, per resolution, to the entire board that proposes a legislative change and/or new legislation.





# CONGRATS TO THE CLASS OF 2022!

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"FOR ME, PRESENTING DIPLOMAS IS LIKE BUILDING THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY. OUR GRADUATES ARE THE FUTURE AND THE WORK WE DO IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THAT FUTURE."

- BRAD WILKINS - NASB PRESIDENT, AINSWORTH BOE







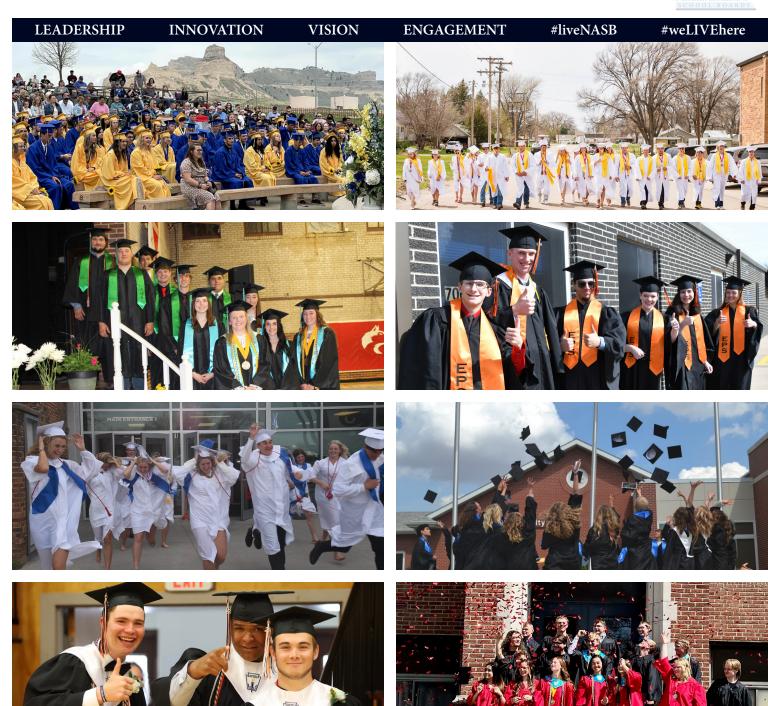






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## ... MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

It has been great to see so many of you at our events and in your districts! We have been on the road and recently visited: Cozad, Eustis-Farnam, Hastings, High Plains, Leigh, Ogallala, Red Cloud, & Shelby-Rising City.

Sharon



## ... ADVOCACY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

CALL FOR LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS DUE JULY 1 <a href="http://www.nasbonline.org/registrations/ProposedResolution.aspx">http://www.nasbonline.org/registrations/ProposedResolution.aspx</a>

Stay engaged with NASB's Legislative efforts in the "off-season" at: <a href="http://members.nasbonline.org/index.php/government-relations">http://members.nasbonline.org/index.php/government-relations</a>

Join us for Meet & Greets when we come to your part of the state!

Call Colby & Matt with any questions!
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## ... POLICY

LB 83 passed by the Legislature last year allows the board at its meetings to require persons providing public comment to state their name, address, and organizational affiliation. The board, if necessary to protect the security of the individual, may waive the requirement of the speaker to provide an address. Your district's board policy on public comment should include these changes.

Contact Iim to learn more!

## ... ALICAP & INSURANCE

ALICAP hosted 3 Summer Workshops earlier in the month of June, in Gering, Kearney and Lincoln. Many thanks to all of the ALICAP members who were able to attend. If any Superintendent or IT director has Cyber Security questions, he or she is welcome to reach out.

Thanks, Megan!

## ... TECHNOLOGY

SAVE THE DATE: Sparq Tailgate - Saturday, September 17 OTHER KEY DATES: Sparq Open House - November 15 Welcome new Sparq Meetings Subscribers: City of Madison, & Village of Malcolm

New Superintendents ... Congratulations on your role at your new district! If you have any questions about Sparq Meetings or Sparq Negotiations or would like training, please don't hesitate to reach out to us and we'd be happy assist you on the system.

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# ... SEARCH, STRENGTHS & AWARDS

#### EDUCATION LEADERSHIP SEARCH SERVICE

Contact us with questions on best practice for superintendent searches or for a proposal to fill your superintendent vacancy. It is not too early to do a proposal if you have a superintendent retiring in June of 2023. We are also filling Interim vacancies this time of year. Let us know if you would like to be considered.

#### AWARDS OF ACHIEVEMENT

The points year ends in July.

Double check your points to ensure accuracy.

# GALLUP STRENGTHSFINDER This month we are featuring the theme of Arranger.

Those with Arranger as a dominant theme bring flexibility and interactivity. They work effectively and efficiently through others. Contact us for a code to take the Gallup CliftonStrengths Assessment.

Email <u>sbecker@NASBonline.org</u> for these programs/services.

- Shari -

## ... BOARD LEADERSHIP

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

Marcia, Kari, Katie & Caden

## ... ENERGY PURCHASING

Natural gas prices for next winter have trended lower lately after huge increases since March. A weakening economy and the closure of one of the nation's few liquid natural gas export terminals due to a fire are credited for this. Our market consultants will be monitoring the changes closely this summer to catch any opportunities for locking in additional supplies for the 2022-2023 winter.

Contact Jim to learn more!

## ... DATA ANALYTICS

The Nebraska Board of Education will be creating financial literacy curriculum standards in coming months. How about upgrading your own Board's School District financial literacy regarding levies, valuations, valuations per student, and costs per student compared to nearby districts or similar-sized districts? NASB can provide data to improve your board's ability to put your district finances in perspective when speaking to your patrons.

Contact Jim to learn more!



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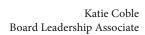
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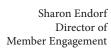








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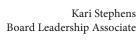


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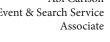




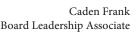


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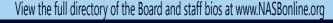
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