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AT-LARGE POSITIONS ON THE NASB BOARD & NOMINATION COMMITTEE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: SPECIAL SESSION, TOWN HALLS & MORE INVITATION TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE SUMMIT SUMMER SAFETY WORKSHOPS HERE WE COME ... AREA MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS UPDATE THIS MONTH IN ... AND MUCH MORE!

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| | Board Candidate Workshop - July 16 - Milford |
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| | ALICAP Summer Workshop - July 11 - Kearney |
| - | ALICAP Summer Workshop - July 12 - Lincoln |





Area Membership Meetings begin August 20

North Platte, Gering, Valentine, Kearney, York, Norfolk, Nebraska City, Omaha & Fremont

Labor Relations Conference - October 2-3 - Lincoln

Statewide General Election Day - November 5

State Education Conference - November 20-22 - Omaha

New Board Member Workshops - December 2024

Norfolk, Kearney, Gering, North Platte, York & Omaha

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 402-423-4951 for assistance.

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We appreciate everyone who joined us in Lincoln earlier this month for a fantastic Leadership Workshop focusing on team building, goals, structure, and more. We also extend our gratitude to those who participated in the annual golf outing and networking reception at the School Leaders & Law Conference in Kearney!



























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NASB CALL FOR LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS DUE JULY 1





Now is the time for you and your board to think of items you might like addressed in 2025.

Submit your legislative proposals by July 1 at: https://members.nasbonline.org/government-relations/legislative-proposals





Each month, this space reflects recommended regular board meeting agenda items to include in the upcoming board meeting agenda. Please contact Marcia at <u>mherring@NASBonline.org</u> if you have questions or recommendations for improving the Board Meeting Annual Calendar.

JULY BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

Please see the June 15 email from <u>mherring@NASBonline.org</u> and <u>shiggins@NASBonline.org</u> for the draft of the July Board Meeting Agenda. If you have questions or need us to resend the email, please feel free to contact Marcia at 402-450-5152 or Stacie at 402-209-1608.

UPCOMING NASB BOARD LEADERSHIP EVENTS

2024 Board Candidate Workshops

Tuesday, July 9th 6:00 to 7:30 PM (MT) - Ogallala Library 610 W A St, Ogallala, NE Ogallala Registration Deadline: Friday, July 5th

Wednesday, July 10th 6:00 to 7:30 PM (CT) - ESU 9 5807 Osborne Dr W, Hastings, NE ESU 9 Registration Deadline: Friday, July 5th

Thursday, July 11th 6:00 to 7:30 PM (CT) - Ord High School 320 N 19th St, Ord, NE Ord Registration Deadline: Friday, July 5th

Tuesday, July 16th 6:00 to 7:30 PM (CT) - ESU 6 210 5th St, Milford, NE ESU 6 Registration Deadline: Monday, July 15th

Thursday, July 18th 6:00 to 7:30 PM (CT) - Wayne Elementary School 312 Douglas St, Wayne, NE Wayne Registration Deadline: Wednesday, July 17th

Register at: https://nasb.enviseams.com/registerguest/

Target Audience Non-incumbent board candidates, Superintendents, and experienced board members.

As of Friday, June 14, we confirmed with most all county clerks/election commissioners that there are currently 465 nonincumbents who have advanced to the General Election in November. Each non-incumbent receives a mailing from the Association including a 2024 NASB Membership Guide, a Board Leadership publication "Preparing to Serve", and an invitation to join us for the Candidate Workshop. If you have questions regarding our communications with your non-incumbents, details about the Candidate Workshop, or if we may provide resources to support you as you engage candidates, please do not hesitate to reach out at your convenience. Contact Marcia at <u>mherring@NASBonline.org</u> or 402-423-4951.

AT-LARGE POSITIONS ON THE NASB BOARD & COMMITTEES





Attention School Board Members,

During NASB's annual Delegate Assembly on November 17, 2023, the Assembly discussed and voted to make several changes to the governance structure of the Association.

With those changes now in place, we ask that you consider nominating yourself or someone on your board for one of the four at-large positions on our Board of Directors or one of the three at-large positions on our Nominating Committee. If interested, please email Sallie Horky at shorky@NASBonline.org to learn more about the duties of these seats and how to apply no later than August 1, 2024.

In August, the current Board of Directors will review the nominations for the three at-large seats on the Nominating Committee and will vote to send two at-large members to fill a 2-year term and one at-large members to fill a 1-year term to the Delegate Assembly in November 2024. In September, the current Nominating Committee will meet to review the nominations for the four at-large positions for the Board of Directors. The Committee will vote to send two names to fill a 1-year term and two names to fill a 2-year term to the Delegate Assembly in November 2024. If your district or ESU currently has a board member on our Board of Directors, you will be unable to nominate a board member per our Bylaws, Article IX – Board of Directors, subsection 1e.

The entire Delegate Assembly will vote on these at-large positions for the Board of Directors and the Nominating Committee.

Region Director positions on our Board of Directors will not change but odd numbered regions are up for election this year (see Page 13 or the above gray link). That information will be sent via email in July to each board member in the region where there will be an election. If you have any questions about these new at-large positions, please let me know.

Thank you! Sallie shorky@NASBonline.org

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SPECIAL SESSION COMING IN JULY

Look for a Special Session ... Per Governor Pillen, "To any State Senator reading this, clear your schedule from July 26 to August 15. We have the people's work to do." The Advocacy Team will be working with the Legislative Committee on a strategy for engagement and participating in the Session on behalf of school boards. There are many ideas floating around and we are already giving feedback on proposals.

https://governor.nebraska.gov/press/doing-people%E2%80%99s-work-property-tax-reform

GOVERNOR PILLEN'S PROPERTY TAX TOWN HALLS

Thanks to all of you who have not only attended one of these, but also reported back to us! We will continue to keep you posted on dates and locations as we learn of any more. So far, here is where the Governor has been since May 3: Ainsworth, Auburn, Beatrice, Bellevue, Fremont, Grand Island, Hastings, Nebraska City, Norfolk, North Platte, O'Neill, Plattsmouth, Scottsbluff, Seward, South Sioux City, Wayne, and York.

INTERIM STUDIES

There are a number of Interim Studies on topics like student-to-teacher ratio requirements; option enrollment for students with disabilities; student surveillance, monitoring, and tracking technology by school officials; bullying; boundaries; improvements to TEEOSA and potential alternative funding mechanisms; state standardized testing; school meals; early childhood; property tax valuation process; and more. Interim studies frequently turn into bills so it is important to be familiar with what the legislature is studying. We will likely see interim study hearings during the special session. https://nasb.enviseams.com/legislative-bills

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRES

Stay tuned for responses from this year's Legislative Candidates on their perspectives regarding local governance and education-related issues. These include topics such as local control, school funding, the state's role in education, the educational workforce, mandates, and more. https://members.nasbonline.org/government-relations/candidate-questionnaires-videos

Thanks! Colby, John, Matt & Lindsey

INVITATION TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE SUMMIT

Dear NHTTF Friend,

Our office is excited to announce the inaugural Nebraska Human Trafficking Task Force Summit will be held on September 18, 2024, at the Younes Center in Kearney. This collaborative event will bring together law enforcement, prosecutors, service providers, advocates, and other community members to further Nebraska's efforts to end human trafficking. As a teammate in the fight against human trafficking, we hope you can join us in making this valuable Summit a catalyst for progress in this important work. If you have questions about this Summit, please contact George Welch at 402-471-1909.

Sincerely, MIKE HILGERS

Attorney General

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Wednesday, July 10 - Gering Civic Center

Thursday, July 11 - Kearney Holiday Inn

Friday, July 12 - Lincoln Wilderness Ridge

School Administrators and central office staff are invited to attend the 2024 ALICAP Summer Safety Workshops!

ALICAP is once again hosting a FREE* Summer Safety Workshop! This workshop offers a great opportunity for school administrators and central office staff to get the latest information from: Megan Boldt, Director of ALICAP Jay Martin, Safety Director at NDE.

Registration desk opens at 9:30 AM and the workshop will adjourn by 2:30 PM. Lunch will be provided. You won't want to miss this workshop! *Each ALICAP member district receives 3 complimentary registrations. Non-member and additional registrations can be purchased for \$40. Register by Wednesday, July 3.





Check out NASB's Video Library at https://members.nasbonline.org/news-resources/video-library

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... AWARDS OF ACHIEVEMENT

We request board members and school districts check board member points for accuracy. The 2023-2024 points year will close on July 31.

Contact Kem with questions at kloecker@NASBonline.org

... ALICAP & INSURANCE

ALICAP's Summer Workshops have been scheduled and registration is open! All ALICAP member districts are requested to attend one of the following events:

Wednesday, July 10th in Gering Thursday, July 11th in Kearney Friday, July 12th in Lincoln

> Mark your calendars and register now! Thanks, Megan!

... GALLUP STRENGTHS

This month's theme is Discipline. Those with Discipline are at their best when there is a routine that allows them to tackle personal or professional goals and tasks efficiently. People with Discipline build partnerships by reducing miscommunication.

Contact Shari to setup a Gallup retreat <u>sbecker@NASBonline.org</u>

... MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

It was fantastic to see so many of your in Kearney last week for the School Leaders & Law Conference and NASB Golf Outing!

Engagement Visit this month was at Harvard Public Schools. We look forward to seeing you at the Board Candidate Workshops and ALICAP Workshops in July.

- Sharon -

... BOARD LEADERSHIP

Check out "At the Board Table" on page 5.

> Marcia, Kari, Katie, Caden, Stacie, Ben, Stephanie & McKenna

... POLICY

There has been much talk about requiring every graduating student to submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) beginning in the next school year.

Your district's graduation requirements should be amended to include the FAFSA mandate but administrators will be aware the bill allows certain situations for opting out of it.

Contact Jim to learn more!

... TECHNOLOGY

New Superintendents – Congratulations on your new role, whether it's your first year or you're joining a new district! If your district is not yet using Sparg Data for board meetings and staff negotiations, consider us a great addition for the new school year. We're here to make your school year smoother and more efficient. If you are a current subscriber and need training on either software, we're happy to help. Feel free to reach out with any questions about how Sparq Data can benefit your district!

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Check out Page 7 for the latest on the Special Session, Tax Town Halls, Candidates and more.

Stay engaged and submit any proposal ideas between now and July 1st for the 2025 Session at https://members.nasbonline.org/governmentrelations/legislative-proposals

Call Colby & Matt with questions any time!

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Natural gas prices are remaining auite strong in recent months due to warm weather and the fact that 45% of all natural gas in the summer is now used for power generation. Natural gas is increasingly seen as the source of power generation for base load to assist with wind and solar. although for the future, nuclear may play a larger role as shown by **Bill Gates' billion dollar investment** in a new nuclear generation plant in Wyoming. In these strong natural gas markets our consultants are watching natural gas prices daily to find temporary dips to buy your NJUMP and **CJUMP supplies at competitive** prices.

... DATA ANALYTICS

About 1/3 of all Nebraska counties reached their peak populations by the 1890s and another third did by the 1930s. The depopulation of rural Nebraska isn't just recent or local – it's become a worldwide phenomenon. NASB can provide a Consolidation Feasibility Study for districts to provide you with helpful, detailed information about your district's various options as student enrollments shrink. We provide information to facilitate the discussion – we never make recommendations ourselves since that decision should always be the responsibility of the Board. Contact Jim Luebbe for more information and how the process works.



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