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## John Spatz

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## EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE STATES WELCOMES NASB'S JOHN SPATZ

Education Commission of the States is excited to welcome John Spatz as one of our newest Commissioners from the State of Nebraska! Governor Pete Ricketts appointed John to serve in this role on November 17, 2020.

Nationally, Education Commission of the States' Commissioners include 120 legislators, 65 governors and education policy advisors, 54 chief state school officers and chairs of state boards of education, 50 state higher education leaders, 17 district superintendents and educators, and 25 representatives from the business and industry sectors. As one of Nebraska's seven ECS Commissioners, John provides critical leadership for ECS and plays an active role in identifying opportunities for ECS to support the state's education agenda.

In addition to Spatz, Nebraska's other six ECS Commissioners include Commissioner Matt Blomstedt; Governor Pete Ricketts; Mike Baumgartner, Executive Director of the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education; State Senator Adam Morfeld; State Senator Rich Pahls; and State Senator Lynne Walz, Chair of the Education Committee.

Education Commission of the States serves as a trusted, nonpartisan partner to state policymakers and education leaders by providing personalized support, unbiased information and opportunities for collaboration. Through ECS' programs and services, education leaders have access to the national landscape and insights necessary to create more effective education policy.

"I'm looking forward to being a commissioner with ECS. The many tools and resources available through ECS are a great asset to the education community in Nebraska. I hope to engage with ECS in a way that will benefit all school board and ESU board members in the state." - John Spatz

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**MARCH 2021**

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June 2 | Kearney

NASB SUMMER LEGAL CONFERENCE  
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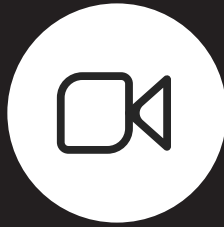
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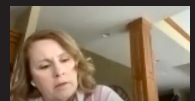
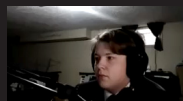
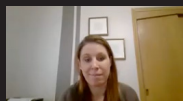
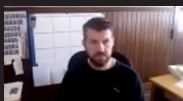
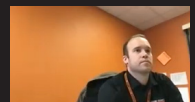
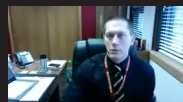
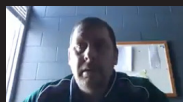
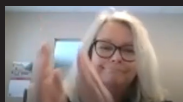
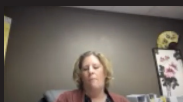
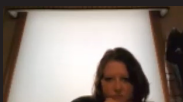
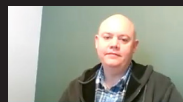
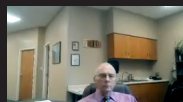
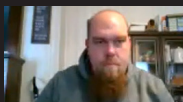
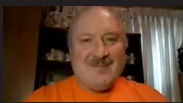
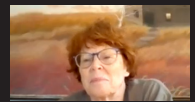
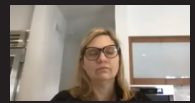
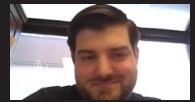
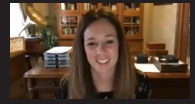
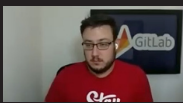
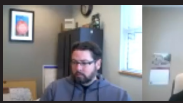
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CHECK YOUR INBOX FOR CALL LINKS PRIOR TO EACH CALL

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# NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK 2021



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## Celebrate National School Breakfast Week!



## NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK 2021

CELEBRATING ENHANCED, EQUITABLE, AND ENERGIZED LEARNING!

Schools across the nation celebrated how school breakfast helps students “score big” on March 8th-12th, 2021!

Among the many reasons to celebrate, eating school breakfast has been shown to have positive impacts on students’ grades, attendance, physical health/nutrition, mental health, social-emotional skills, and behaviors in the classroom.

Given school breakfast provides many key benefits to a student’s success in the classroom, school breakfast has been identified as a powerful way to promote equitable learning amongst students. In Nebraska 1 in 6 children do not have consistent access to food, which creates barriers for growth, development, and learning. School breakfast helps eliminate such inequities and promote equal opportunity for all students to learn in the classroom. School breakfast models that are particularly effective in minimizing inequities of food access are ones that provide breakfast after the bell (i.e. Second Chance, Grab and Go, and Breakfast in the Classroom). In these models, an average of 20% more students participate in school breakfast (Nebraska School Breakfast Report, 2019), ultimately promoting equitable learning while simultaneously reducing the stigma for students that can be associated with a traditional before-school breakfast model.



Ultimately, there are many reasons to celebrate school breakfast and in 2021 we are particularly grateful for the many ways that school nutrition staff and schools across the state promote and protect the ways students “score big” in the classroom!

Are you considering or hoping to implement a breakfast after the bell model? We are happy to support you!

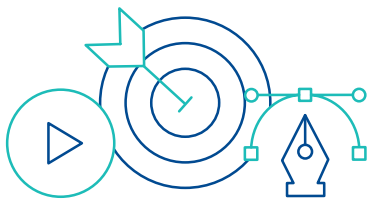
Reach out to Melissa Lusk at [mlusk@NASBonline.org](mailto:mlusk@NASBonline.org).

We are proud to be a Partner for Breakfast in the Classroom, supported by the Walmart Foundation.



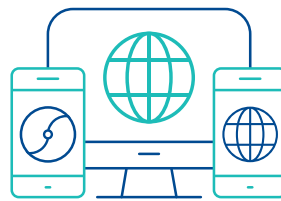
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# CALL FOR STATE EDUCATION CONFERENCE PROPOSALS

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## THE TIME HAS COME TO BEGIN PLANNING FOR THE 2021 STATE EDUCATION CONFERENCE

The Conference will be held November 17-19, at the CHI Health Center in downtown Omaha.  
We are looking forward to this opportunity to gather and grow in our role as school leaders.

You are invited to submit a proposal for a breakout session. This is an opportunity to showcase innovation in your district.  
Each breakout session must focus on topics of interest to Nebraska's public school board members and administrators.  
Student presenters are encouraged where possible.

Visit <https://nasb.envisiams.com/proposals> to submit a breakout session proposal.

DEADLINE FOR PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS IS 5:00 PM, FRIDAY, APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>

The Conference Planning Committee will meet in late April to make selections for the 2021 State Education Conference.  
Please contact Sharon Endorf at 402-423-4951 or [sendorf@NASBonline.org](mailto:sendorf@NASBonline.org) with any questions.



## 2021 BOARD PRESIDENT RETREAT

Coming off the heels of the in-person and virtual President's Retreats held March 14-16, we want to thank the ESU/school board presidents, superintendents, and others who braved the weather (and another Zoom call for our virtual attendees!) and joined us in two fantastic retreats! We look forward to continuing the conversations and supporting the incredible work happening in leading and strengthening school board leadership across the state to ensure that students receive the very best education possible.

## NDE RULE 10 AND 14 REVISIONS – FOLLOW-UP SURVEYS

The final NASB and NDE partnership Zoom presentations at all School Board and ESU Regular Board Meetings have come to an end. Thank you, school boards and administrators, for allowing this important information into your board meetings regarding the review and update to Rules 10 and 14.

Please be on the lookout for a follow-up survey to every board member and Superintendent/ESU Administrator with the opportunity to provide feedback pertaining to the proposed changes to Rules 10 and 14.

If you have questions, please contact Marcia Herring at 402-450-5152 or [mherring@NASBonline.org](mailto:mherring@NASBonline.org).

## UPCOMING NASB BOARD LEADERSHIP EVENTS

NASB New Board Member Workshop (In-Person)

Wednesday, April 14, 2021, in Kearney

Please join us and you may register for this, and all NASB events at [www.NASBonline.org](http://www.NASBonline.org)

The NASB Board Leadership Team each month will continue to provide quick tips and support through this space.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions.

Marcia, Melissa, Kori, and Karla.



## NASB APRIL BOARD CALENDAR AGENDA ITEMS

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

### Mission, Vision, & Goals

Strategic Plan Update; District Goals Update

### Policy Governance

Review Student Handbooks and relative policies; review, update, and adopt policies

### Accountability & Student Achievement

Review ELL Program

### Advocacy

Review 2021 Legislative Calendar, discuss NASB Legislative Updates and Legislative Committee Report

### District/ESU Resources [Budget]

Board Finance Committee Report; Review all Grants [Current grant status, term, purpose, value received, and proposed grant applications.]

### Reports

Remind board members to review their NASB Awards of Achievement points report. Board Committees; Superintendent; Administrators

### Staff

Certified Staff Non-Renewal, RIF, and Termination Notices; Due April 15 § 79-831

### Board Professional Development

NSBA National Conference



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## BUDGET & FINANCE WORKSHOPS

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APRIL 7 | GERING

APRIL 20 | LINCOLN

### AGENDA

5:00 PM

REGISTRATION

5:30 PM

DINNER & WORKSHOP

8:30 PM

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### TO REGISTER

Go to [www.NASBonline.org](http://www.NASBonline.org), and log in

Registration fees for each event are as follows:

Budget & Finance Workshop \$65

Cancellation Fee \$20

### SUGGESTED AUDIENCE

School Board Members; Superintendents/ESU Administrators  
15 AWARDS OF ACHIEVEMENT POINTS WILL BE EARNED FOR ATTENDING



## 2021 NEW BOARD MEMBER WORKSHOP

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Kearney Holiday Inn | 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM CT

### AGENDA

Board Role and Responsibilities; Open Meetings Law, Advocacy, Board Meeting Protocols, Board-Superintendent Relations; At the Board Table; Board Leadership

Register Now by emailing [schoolboards@NASBonline.org](mailto:schoolboards@NASBonline.org)

NASB Member: \$95/person Non-Member: \$200/person

Members who registered for the 2020 New Board Member Workshop or Webinars will only be assessed a \$25 fee for meals.

### SUGGESTED AUDIENCE

Newly elected or appointed and experienced board members, superintendents and ESU administrators

Contact Makenzie Barry at [mbarry@NASBonline.org](mailto:mbarry@NASBonline.org) or 800-422-4572 with questions.





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# RELY ON NASB'S NATURAL GAS PROGRAMS



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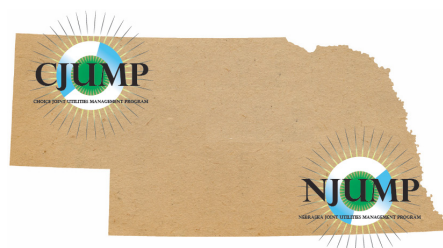
NASB's natural gas programs were created to fulfill two needs that many local districts had in dealing with utility costs – competitive prices and budget certainty. NASB has over 100 school districts and ESUs across Nebraska participating in our NJUMP and CJUMP purchasing consortiums to leverage their purchasing power and achieve lower utility bills. With this year's timely purchase of supplies at very competitive prices, we've continued to add new members for next year.

Superintendents and their business managers have their hands full with a huge range of responsibilities to oversee. Natural gas purchasing is one job your peers in these Interlocals can handle for you. Rather than pricing the entire year's gas needs on one day, the consortiums lock in fixed prices as market opportunities become available by purchasing in layers over time and in varying percentages of total projected volumes. Historically, this approach has achieved a better price for natural gas with a higher level of budget certainty than the districts could have achieved on their own.

The Nebraska Joint Utilities Management Program (NJUMP) purchases natural gas for school districts and ESUs on the Black Hills Energy natural gas pipeline in southeast Nebraska. Choice Joint Utilities Management Program (CJUMP) supplies natural gas on the Black Hills Energy (formerly SourceGas) distribution system in northern, central and western Nebraska. Both programs operate as independent Interlocal Pools created and governed by their own Board of Trustees drawn from consortium members. The trustees hold their annual meeting at the State Education Conference in Omaha each November. NJUMP works with Symmetry Energy Solutions, as its program administrator. CJUMP works with Public Alliance for Community Energy (ACE) in a similar capacity. Both companies provide a wide range of energy products and services to various users of natural gas and can provide an individual user analysis for interested school districts or ESUs.

Now is the time to sign up for membership in NJUMP or CJUMP for the 2020-2021 heating season. For more information, NASB members on the Black Hills Energy distribution system can contact Rick Pemberton of Symmetry Energy Solutions at 785-271-2814 and members on the SourceGas distribution system can contact Mandy Heermann of Public Alliance for Community Energy at 800-454-4759.

Jim Luebbe of the NASB staff can also discuss the program with you and help you enroll in this time-saving, dollar-stretching consortium.



## ... SEARCH, STRENGTHS & AWARDS

### EDUCATION LEADERSHIP SEARCH SERVICE

Contact Shari at [sbecker@NASBonline.org](mailto:sbecker@NASBonline.org) for a proposal to facilitate a search for your next Superintendent/ESU Administrator

### GALLUP STRENGTHSFINDER

Be deliberate about seeking out opportunities to use your strengths at work. The more you do, the more great days at work you will have.

Caution for those high in *Developer*. Your talents might lead you to become so invested in the growth of others that you ignore your own development. Remember that you cannot give what you do not have.

We are scheduling Gallup work sessions for Spring and Summer for board/leadership teams to understand each other's talents and create a culture for leadership success. Call Shari today to get on the calendar.

- Shari -

## ... ALICAP & INSURANCE

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

ALICAP is hosting a Summer

Workshop in 3 locations:

June 29th in Gering

June 30th in Kearney

July 1st in Lincoln

Session topics will include Cyber Security and Sexual Abuse and Molestation, with target attendees being IT directors and school administrators. Registration details will be available in April.

*Thanks, Megan!*

## ... TECHNOLOGY

Find out what's new to Sparq meetings in our latest newsletter

Reminder: If your district has settled, please enter your updated data into the Contract Settlement Form or forward a copy of the Negotiated Contract to [dmiller@nasbonline.org](mailto:dmiller@nasbonline.org).

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## ... MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

The NASB team continues to hand deliver Membership Guide packets to all districts and ESUs. If we haven't seen you yet, we'll be there soon!

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*Sharon*



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## ... ADVOCACY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Halfway done with the 2021 Session!

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### LEGISLATIVE LUNCH

Join us on April 12 at 12:00 PM CT  
*Details and Zoom Link to Follow*

All Day Floor Debate Began March 15

What's moved (Bill Status), priorities (P), positions, talking points (Summary) and more. Sort & see the latest updates to NASB's Bills Page now at:  
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Bills to keep an eye on ...  
LB 408 LB 454 LB 529

NASB's Government Relations team can do a briefing for your board, or anyone in your community.

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## ... ENERGY PURCHASING

We are now entering the enrollment period for the natural gas purchasing programs for next winter's heating season. The Trustees of our NJUMP and CJUMP programs work with market consultants year around to make sound natural gas purchasing decisions for your district.

*Contact Jim to learn more!*

## ... POLICY

One of the Board's most important roles is providing oversight of the district's capital reserve funds, typically maintained at a level of three to five months of budgetary needs. The board should receive regular reports of the amounts being held in reserve and the change in those amounts over the previous year.

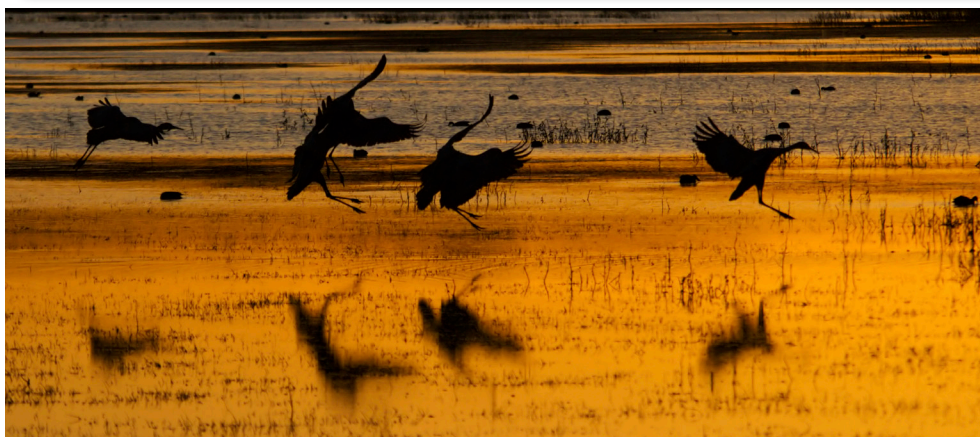
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## ... BOARD LEADERSHIP

Check out "At the Board Table" on page 6.

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*Marcia, Kori, Melissa & Karla*



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