

# NASB BOARD NOTES

A monthly publication from the Nebraska Association of School Boards



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### WE TOOK IT TO THE STREETS ...

Another State Education Conference is in the books. What a way to kick off our first year in downtown Omaha. This year's event saw over 1,200 school leaders networking, sharing, and learning, with some activities beginning on Tuesday and still going strong until Friday afternoon. Takeaways from the Conference include:

Two engaging Pre-Conference sessions on school culture, and the reality of drugs and schools.

50+ breakout sessions packed every room available.

Valerie Fisher of Papillion La Vista Community Schools was honored as this year's Ann Mactier Award winner, for School Board Member of the Year! Will it be YOU next year?

Beatrice Public School's 'Limited Edition' show choir opened up the conference with a little song and dance Thursday morning.

Dr. Adolph Brown vowed he is where he is today because of what people like you did for him yesterday.

Paralympian Danelle Umstead showed that it IS possible to do what some may feel is impossible.

Jim Miller closed the conference on Friday reminding us we choose to be motivated!

The annual NASB Delegate Assembly continued it's new format, and set the Legislative and Leadership initiatives for the Association and its members for 2020 with an overview of the Association also given by John Spatz and Colby Coash.

The Delegate Assembly is also where NASB's leadership changes on the Board of Directors. Outgoing President Steve Blocher of West Point passed the gavel to incoming President Stacie Higgins of Nebraska City, and Kim Burry of Bayard was elected incoming Vice President.

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### 10TH ANNUAL NEBRASKA CHILD HEALTH & EDUCATION SUMMIT

'Healthy Minds = Promising Futures'
December 3 | Lincoln

#### 2020

106TH LEGISLATURE, 2ND SESSION BEGINS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020

#### PRESIDENT'S RETREAT

January 26 - 27 | Nebraska City February 16-17 | Sidney February 16-17 | Kearney

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#### Head to the State Education Conference page of <u>www.NASBonline.org</u> now to ...

Visit the social media links from the Conference
Download session handouts
Fill out the conference evaluation
And more ....

Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend, present, serve, exhibit, and network. We always look forward to seeing you throughout the year and each November.

Mark your calendars now for the 2020 State Education Conference: Growing Greatness,
November 18-20, 2020, back at the CHI Health Center - downtown Omaha!



























# THE ANNUAL PASSING OF THE GAVEL: WHAT'S NEXT A Secretarian of the CANADA SECRETARIAN OF THE GAVEL: WHAT'S NEXT A SECRETARIAN O

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What's next? New year, new President. That's what's next!

At the annual NASB Delegate Assembly, outgoing President, Steve Blocher of West Point concluded his year as President, and passed the ceremonial gavel to Stacie Higgins of Nebraska City. Higgins has served on the Nebraska City Board of Education for 12 years, and been a member of the NASB Board of Directors since 2016.

Stacie is a proud graduate of Tri County Public Schools and was joined Friday by two former board members from Tri County. Her father Marvin Yost and sister Kay Wollenburg, who have mentored her through the many highs and lows of serving on a school board. Stacie's mother, Gladys Yost, a long time educator in the Tri County area, was also in attendance along with Stacie's two daughters Chloe and Ellie.

Stacie's favorite tv show happens to be The West Wing, a series about the daily life of a fictional White House administration. President Bartlett, played by Martin Sheen, is the lead and his most repeated line throughout the series is "What's Next?" - a question she will be focusing on during her year as your NASB President. What's next for this organization; what's next for your district; what's next for your community; what's next for public education in Nebraska?

"As an Association we are tasked with representing urban and rural districts, the new US citizen and the 5th generation rancher, the town with the recently closed factory and the community with a population boom that has resulted in a need for more classroom space. No other organization in our state represents almost every community. What's Next? It's OUR organization continuing to do what's best for public education in Nebraska."

"NASB is uniquely positioned to be the lead organization that represents all the voices. As school board members we are the best connection to every community and best positioned to be the conveyor of teamwork and collaboration across Nebraska. When we move public education forward, we move the local economy forward."

"We must continue to lead districts with the knowledge that we are community leaders in over 531 communities across this state and we must lead beyond the once a month meetings."

In addition to Higgins taking over as President, Kim Burry of Bayard was elected to serve as NASB's Vice President, to begin her four-year run as an Officer. Lanny Boswell of Lincoln, who served as NASB's President in 2018 was honored for his service to the NASB Board of Directors as both a Region Director, and an Officer for the last four. Brad Wilkins of Ainsworth will begin his second year as an Officer, moving from Vice President, to President-Elect, and will serve as President in 2021. Pictured L to R below are Lanny Boswell, Stacie Higgins, Steve Blocher, Brad Wilkins, and Kim Burry.









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#### 2018-2019 RECOGNITION PROGRAM AWARD WINNERS

LOSS RATIO AWARD WINNERS
BANCROFT/ROSALIE PUBLIC SCHOOL

EXPERIENCE MODIFIER AWARD WINNER
BENNINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SAFESCHOOLS AWARD WINNER
PLATTSMOUTH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

ALICAP WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THESE MEMBERS ON EARNING THIS YEAR'S SAFETY AWARDS.

A STRONG SAFETY PROGRAM BEGINS WITH A SUPPORTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM AND IS ACTED OUT BY EVERY STAFF MEMBER, EVERY DAY.

**KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!** 

ALICAP was formed in 1990, by the Nebraska Association of School Boards.

That first year, there were 32 members and the coverage included only Workers' Compensation.

The 2018-2019 year marks the 28th anniversary. Our membership has grown to 170 school districts and ESUs, and since 1995-1996 the coverage expanded from just Workers' Compensation to include Property, Liability, Auto, Crime and Errors and Omissions. Take a look at ALICAP's current membership and insured values.

### WE ARE PROUD TO BE ALICAP

170 NEBRASKA SCHOOLS AND ESUS

**OVER \$1 BILLION IN PAYROLL INSURED** 

**OVER \$6 BILLION IN PROPERTY VALUES INSURED** 

28,000 EMPLOYEES COVERED

3,000 VEHICLES ON SCHEDULE

1,000 CLAIMS HANDLED ANNUALLY

### **OVER \$23 MILLION GIVEN BACK IN DIVIDENDS SINCE 1990**

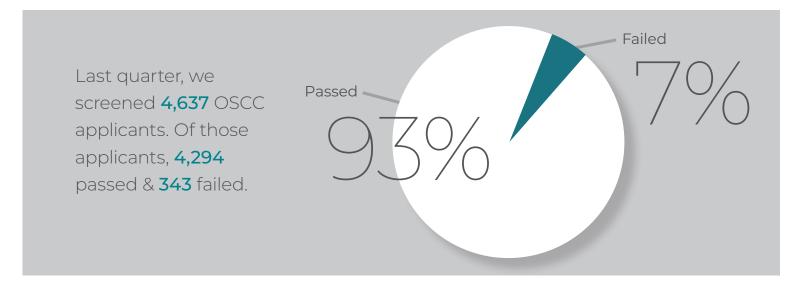


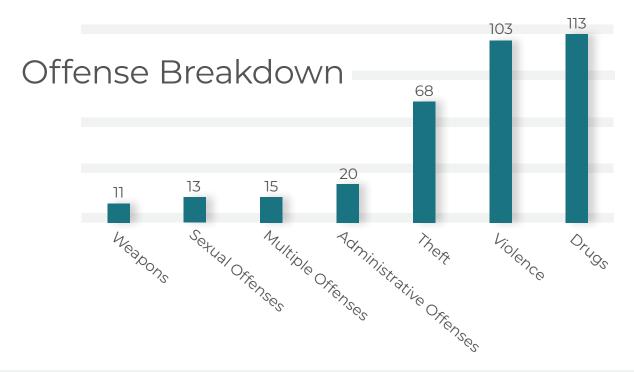
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MANY THANKS TO ALL ALICAP MEMBERS FOR THEIR TRUST, LOYALTY, AND DEDICATION.

# **OSCC Quarter 3 Report**

Assisting organizations in enhancing safety through our One Source Certified Contractors (OSCC) program.





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### NASB FROM SCHOOL BOARD TO THE STATE CAPITOL





Did you know ... 10 of the current 49 Senators first sat in your chair as a school board member? This is the sixth installment where we sit down with a former sbm now serving as a state senator to learn 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 Tom Briese.

Senator Briese was elected to the Nebraska State Legislature in 2016 to represent District 41 in northeast Nebraska. Prior to being elected to the Legislature, Senator Briese served on the Boone Central Board of Education for two terms. Now, on to the questions ...

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

I'm reluctant to describe either serving on my local school board or serving in the state legislature as "fun". However, I consider it an honor and privilege to have had the opportunity to serve on my local school board, and equally an honor and privilege to be able to serve in the Nebraska Legislature. Both are enjoyable and fulfilling experiences, although fraught with difficulties and challenges.

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

As a board member, I came to realize there really is nothing we do as a society that is more important than how we educate our children. As a board member, you strive to make a difference for our children, and as a senator, you should be equally motivated to improve educational outcomes.

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

Serving on the Revenue Committee, much of our discussion on tax policy focuses on education funding. The same is true of the discussion around several of the bills I've introduced. Although I don't claim to be an expert on TEEOSA, I've gained an appreciation for the intricacies of education funding in Nebraska that I didn't encounter when I was dealing with the issues of only one school district.

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

School board members are on the ground floor in our efforts to provide all Nebraska children with a high quality education that will prepare them for the jobs and careers of the 21st century. Because of this, board members have credibility on the issues faced at the local level. Senators want to hear from you. I've always felt the best way for folks in my district to reach out is through emails. With emails, you will reach both myself and my staff, and we can reach back out to you for more information, to follow up, or to ask you questions on a new policy idea.

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

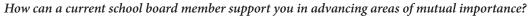
Nebraska relies far too heavily on property taxes to fund K-12 education. It seems obvious that we must alter that reliance on property taxes. However, it has become painfully apparent that the road to K-12 funding reform is a difficult one. So even though most would agree on the need for education funding reform, change will occur only when rural and urban interests come together to do what's best for all Nebraskans.



When you were a school board member, what priority issue(s) did you want the Legislature to address? Reduce our overreliance on property taxes to fund K-12 education.

What are your priorities as it relates to education?

Reduce our overreliance on property taxes to fund K-12 education.



Reach out to me with your thoughts on some of these issues, and share your concerns with other senators. Encourage board members residing in other legislative districts to reach out to the senators who represent their districts.

#### Final thoughts?

There really is nothing we do that is more important than how we educate our children. As we strive for agreement on property taxes, it is imperative that we accommodate the concerns of the education community. Failure to listen to our friends in the education community will lead to failure on the issue of property tax reform.

#### Join us for the

#### 10th Annual Nebraska Child Health & Education Summit:

**Healthy Minds = Promising Futures** 

Hosted by:





#### Tuesday, December 3, 2019

8:00am to 12:30pm Nebraska Innovation Campus 2021 Transformation Drive, Lincoln, NE 68508, Banquet Hall, 2nd Floor Registration open at 7:30am; continental breakfast provided.

#### Featuring keynote remarks by:

Audrey Soglin, Executive Director of the Illinois Education Association &

David F. Soglin, M.D., Chief Medical Officer at La Rabida Children's Hospital, Chicago, IL

To Register: www.nsea.org/nchea

# NASB BOARD MEMBER ADVOCACY & ENGAGEMENT ...

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# DID YOU KNOW?

ENGAGEMENT STATISTICS FROM NEBRASKA SBM'S AND DISTRICTS
DURING THE 2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

57

NASB took a position on 57 bills this session, and were closely following another 49.

### 12 OF 14

NASB was represented in testimony in 12 of the 14 Committees. (Appropriations, Banking, Business/Labor, Education, General Affairs, Government, HHS, Judiciary, Revenue, Retirement, Transportation, & Urban Affairs ... We did not testify in Agriculture & Natural Resources.)

### SBM'S TESTIFIED ON THE FOLLOWING BILLS\*

LB 147 – Edison Red Nest III (Alliance)

LB 149 - Lisa Albers (Grand Island)

LB 314 - Amie Kopcho (York), Dave Welsch (Milford),

Dennis Schuster (Lewiston), & Kevin Raun (Minden)

LB 346 – Stephanie Summers (David City)

LB 506 - Sarah Centineo (Bellevue)

LB 614 – Lisa Wagner (Central City), Kari Loseke (Blair)

LB 634 – Brad Wilkins (Ainsworth), Cheri Wirthele (Sterling)

LB 670 – Marque Snow (Omaha) & Don Mayhew (Lincoln)

LB 727 – Stacie Higgins (Nebraska City)

LR 3 CA – Larry Grosshans (Norris)

LR 8 CA – Lanny Boswell (Lincoln)

LB 573 – Megan Boldt (NASB)

LB 101 – John Spatz (NASB)

Colby Coash testified on 9 different bills

### 1-ON-1'S WITH THE REVENUE COMMITTEE

Patti Gubbels (Norfolk) met with Speaker Scheer
Renee Vokt and district CFO, Pam Roth (Elkhorn) met with Senator Linehan
Dan Scheer (St. Paul) met with Senator Briese
Sarah Centineo (Bellevue) met with Senator Crawford
Christopher Waddle (Giltner) met with Senator Friesen
Ryne Seaman (Seward) met with Senator Kolterman
NASB's John Spatz met with Senator Lindstrom
Stacy Jolley (Millard) met with Senator McCollister

Steve Koch (Hershey) met with Senator Groene

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### CONFERENCE CALLS W/ SEN. BREWER

There were 3 calls this session, with participation from the following schools in his district: Ainsworth, Chadron, Cody-Kilgore, Gordon Rushville, Hyannis, Mullen, & Valentine. (We are working w/ Senators Friesen, Gragert, Ben Hansen, Murman, Slama, & Stinner for a similar set-up.)

### LINCOLN LEGISLATIVE LUNCH ATTENDEES

Adams Central, Anselmo Merna, Ashland Greenwood, Auburn, Central City, Creighton, David City, Fairbury, Hershey, Lyons Decatur, Milford, Nebraska City, Norris, Omaha, Palmyra, Raymond Central, South Central Unified, Springfield Platteview, and Tri County

### FALLS CITY LEGISLATIVE LUNCH ATTENDEES

Auburn, ESU 4, Falls City, HTRS, Johnson Brock, Lewiston, Nebraska City and Sterling

### EMAILS, LETTERS, OP-ED'S, OTHER\*

Shawn Scott (Adams Central - Supt)

Kim Burry (Bayard)

Brady Rhodes (Hastings)

Drew Blessing & Kent Edwards (Kearney)

MABE - Metro Area Boards of Education

Kendall Steffensen (Pierce - Supt)

Linda Richards (Ralston)

Donald Beck (Scribner Snyder)

Josh Fields (Seward - Supt)

Dan Keyser (Sutherland - Supt)

Steve Blocher (West Point)

Dave Raabe (Wisner-Pilger)

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Colby had 1-on-1 lunches with 38 of the 49 Senators this Session.

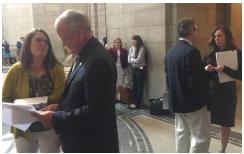
### QUICK VIDEOS

NASB produced a number of videos updating members on recent news or events that had just taken place at the Capitol. These were posted on social media. An example, taken just after all of this Session's bills had been introduced is below.

https://www.facebook.com/NASBonline/videos/287184262151430/

\*We assume we may have missed some engagement from local school board members and their individual efforts. If an individual was listed in one area, they very likely participated in some of the other categories but may not be listed again.













### THIS MONTH IN ...

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### ... POLICY

It is important for districts to periodically review their policies relating to meal charges since the Federal Lunch Program provides extensive guidelines in this area.

The district must have rules covering how the district will handle situations where children eligible for reduced price meals do not have money in their accounts to cover the cost of their meal at the time of service. The person in charge of meal lines should also be aware that a qualifying student with money to purchase a reduced price meal must be provided the meal; the district may not use that money for previously unpaid charges if the student intended to buy a meal that day.

Contact Jim to learn more!

### ... ALICAP & INSURANCE

Thank you to those ALICAP members who attended the Annual Membership Meeting in Omaha last week. We look forward to that meeting/celebration every year!

December's monthly Safety Topic is Winter Driving. Remind all staff to allow more time, and stay safe!

Happy Thanksgiving, Megan!

# ... ADVOCACY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

The 2020 Legislative Session begins Wed, January 8th ... Look for the updated NASB Advocacy Handbook with all items approved by YOU at the Delegate Assembly posted online in the upcoming weeks!

- Call Colby with any questions! -

### ... TECHNOLOGY

DID YOU KNOW?

Sparq Negotiations already accounts for the 2020-21 EHA Health Insurance Rates?

Sparq Negotiations has the ability to estimate your vertical and horizontal salary schedule movements?

#### WELCOME NEW SUBSCRIBERS!

SPARQ MEETINGS: Elkhorn Valley Schools Ainsworth Community Schools Stapleton Public Schools Lyons-Decatur Northeast Schools Crete Public Schools City of Seward Region 1 Behavioral Health Authority

> SPARQ NEGOTIATIONS: Cozad Community Schools Litchfield Public Schools Santee Community School St. Edward Public Schools Crete Public Schools



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### ... MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

Great seeing so many familiar faces in Omaha last week! Mark your calendars for 2020 events!

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- Sharon -

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### ... BOARD LEADERSHIP

### SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION INFORMATION AND KEY DATES FOR 2020

Dec 2, 2019 - First day an individual may file to be placed on the ballot as a candidate for 2020.

Jan 6 - Last day for political subdivisions [the school board] to notify the Secretary of State, County Clerks or Election Commissioners of offices to be filled, terms, vacancies, votes to cast, and filing deadlines for each office.

Feb 18 - Last day for incumbents to file.

March 2 - Last day for non-incumbents to file.

May 12 - Statewide Primary Election

June 15 - ESUs holding elections in conjunction with the statewide general election must notify the Secretary of State, County Clerks or Election Commissioners of offices to be filled, terms, vacancies, votes to cast, and filing deadlines for each office.

July 2020 - NASB Candidate Seminars – Board Leadership staff will present at six identified sites throughout the state. This free seminar provides an overview of the roles and responsibilities of board members. Watch for more information at www.NASBonline.org

July 15 - Last day for incumbents not on the Primary Ballot to file. ESUs; Class II Schools.

Aug 3 - Last day for non-incumbents to file for office. ESUs; Class II Schools.

Nov 3 - Statewide General Election

Election information varies by school district Class, to see your class specific information, please visit

members.nasbonline.org/index.php/board-member-candidate

For additional election information see the Secretary of State election division website at <a href="https://www.sos.ne.gov/elec/">www.sos.ne.gov/elec/</a>

Marcia, Kori, Melissa & Karla

### ... SEARCH, STRENGTHS & AWARDS

#### **EDUCATION LEADERSHIP SEARCH SERVICE**

Currently accepting applications for superintendent positions at Bertrand, Crawford, Elba, Nebraska City and Rock County!

View Superintendent openings through NASB or apply at <a href="https://www.nasbsuptsearch.org">www.nasbsuptsearch.org</a>

Contact Shari at <a href="mailto:sbecker@nasbonline.org">sbecker@nasbonline.org</a> with questions on any of the openings or for a proposal to facilitate a search for your next Superintendent/

ESU Administrator

#### **GALLUP STRENGTHSFINDER**

If you have *Significance*, imagine the legacy you want to leave. Picture yourself at retirement, looking back on a life that has made the world a better place.

What will you have done to get there?

If you have *Woo*, join local organizations, volunteer for boards, and find ways to get on the social lists of the influential people in your community.

- Shari

### ... ENERGY PURCHASING

Although extreme cold weather has pushed up usage of natural gas in recent weeks, the strong supply of available gas continues to help with preventing the kind of price spikes seen last November when the winter started out very cold. Our natural gas purchasing programs made significant gas purchases this past summer when this year's large supplies were building up and the low prices obtained at that time should greatly help districts keep their utility bills at a manageable level through this winter.

Contact Jim to learn more!

### ... WHOLE CHILD

The New York Times reported that in 370 English schools, students will start to practice mindfulness as part of a study to improve youth mental health. The participating schools are working with mental health experts to teach the teachers and students relaxation techniques, breathing exercises and other methods to regulate emotions. The goal of the program is to study which approaches work best for young people in a world of rapid change. The study will run until 2021, is one of the largest of its kind in the world.

Contact Kori for all things WCP

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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* 

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

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 800-422-4572 for assistance.

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Please contact mbelka@NASBonline.org with any questions, or if you are not receiving them.

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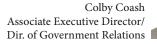
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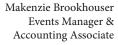


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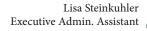




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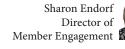


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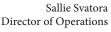




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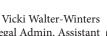




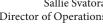
















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