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Your Monthly Board Agenda Update Video Links from NASB

<https://members.nasbonline.org/news-resources/video-library>



14th Annual Nebraska Child Health & Education Summit - December 13 - Omaha



The 2024 Legislative Session will begin Wednesday, January 3

School Board Member Week in Nebraska - January 21-28

Legislative Issues Conference - January 21-22 - Lincoln

Board Presidents Retreat - January 28-29 - Norfolk

New Board Member Webinar - January 31



Board Presidents Retreat - February 4-5 - Kearney



NAEP State Convention - March 27-28 - Kearney

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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THANK YOU! Another incredible week in Omaha with 1,100 of our closest friends, learning, networking, engaging and working together! This event does not happen without YOU! Takeaways from this year's Conference include:

- Two engaging Pre-Conference sessions on educator workforce, and engaging parents and community.
- **50 breakout sessions on a wide variety of topics.**
- Millard North Show Choir was DYNAMITE to kick things off Thursday morning.
- **Princess Sarah Culberson showed us we are better together.**
- Richard Hight, with daughter Averie, shared his words and artistic talents and that there's a masterpiece in all of us.
- **We learned from our new leaders as we closed the week with Governor Jim Pillen & Commissioner Brian Maher.**
- Students from districts across the state participated in the Student Voices breakout and in Friday's Classroom Showcase.
- **The annual NASB Delegate Assembly set the legislative and leadership initiatives for the Association and its members for 2024, while also updating NASB's governance structure starting next November. We saw outgoing President Kim Burry of Bayard passed the gavel to incoming President Sandy Noffsinger of Dundy County Stratton.**
- Andy Rikli of Papillion La Vista Community Schools was recognized as this year's Superintendent of the Year.
- **Allison Welch of Conestoga Public Schools was honored as this year's Ann Mactier School Board Member of the Year.**

Visit NASB's Twitter Page at <https://twitter.com/NASBOnline> to look back on everyone's posts, pictures, and more from last week! 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 2024 State Education Conference. November 20-22, 2024, at the CHI Health Center - downtown Omaha!



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"From districts with 40,000 students, to mine with 400, no matter the size, we all have one very important thing in common. Making sure that we strive to give the students in our districts the best educational experience possible. For them to come home inspired and engaged. Every day!"

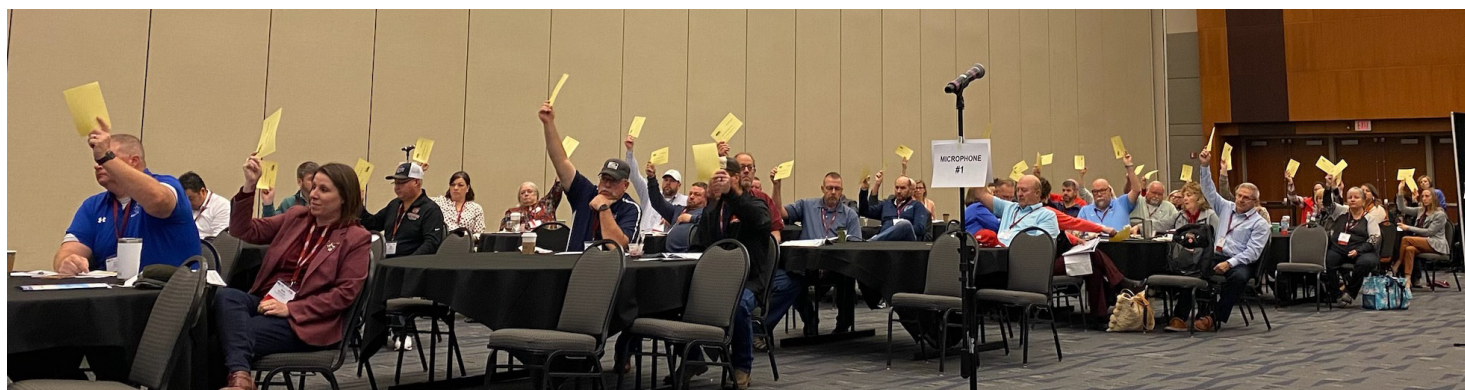
The annual Delegate Assembly saw the passing of the Presidential gavel from Kim Burry of Bayard to Sandy Noffsinger of Dundy County Stratton.

"I've been on my local board for 17 years and seen my fair share of good days and bad. Opportunities and challenges. What I have valued in all of those circumstances is the feeling that I have a voice. A voice on my local board, a voice for my community, a voice to best serve the specific needs of my area of this state. That's local control. That's what makes public education in Nebraska great."

"That said, I know my voice locally is stronger by the networking and relationships I have made with those outside my district, my community, and sometimes even my comfort zone. I cannot express enough my appreciation to those school board members across the state who are willing to learn more about the issues in other districts and work together to reach common ground and share best practices. It is why you're here today, and we are all better for it."

Joining Sandy in Omaha was her husband Monte, son Derek, daughters Hailey and Courtney, and granddaughter AddiLee.

In addition to Noffsinger taking over as President, Brad Wilkins was elected to serve as NASB's Vice President for 2024, with Burry moving to Past President, and Stacy Jolley of Millard will move from Vice President to President-Elect.



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BOARD CALENDAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR YOUR MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

View the full calendar at: <https://members.nasbonline.org/board-leadership/resources>

DECEMBER BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

In addition to routine agenda items, time sensitive topics include:

ADVOCACY - Review the 2024 Legislative Session Calendar

STUDENT ACCOUNTABILITY - Review the NDE State of Schools Report

DISTRICT/ESU RESOURCES [BUDGET] - ESU Annual Financial Report On or before January 31, the ESU Administrator of each ESU will submit to the Commissioner of Education an Annual Financial Report. § 79-1229

BOARD ELECTIONS - Notify the County Clerk/Election Commissioner. On or before February 1, the board must notify the County Clerk of Election Commissioner of the member seats open for the upcoming election.

***Review the full December Agenda in the 2023 NASB Board Meeting Guide & Annual Board Calendar.*

BOARD SELF-ASSESSMENT

Following the board's evaluation of the superintendent or ESU Administrator, consider administering a Board Self-Assessment. This provides an opportunity for board members to self-reflect and collectively consider the effectiveness of the board's governance leadership and working relationship with the superintendent or ESU Administrator. Schedule a board retreat with Marcia or Stacie to review the results and participate in discussion of goals to address the board's identified areas of growth. Please contact Katie Corfield or Marcia Herring at 402-817-0296 to schedule a time to administer the board self-assessment.

BOARD RETREAT

As the new year is fast approaching, it is a perfect time to schedule a board retreat to set goals, discuss the board role and responsibilities, develop board protocols, or customize the retreat to meet the board-superintendent/ESU Administrator vision or needs. Please contact Marcia Herring at 402-817-0296 to schedule for the board's next retreat.

UPCOMING NASB BOARD LEADERSHIP EVENTS

NASB President Retreat

January 28-29, 2023/Norfolk & February 4-5, 2023/Kearney

Join the NASB Board Leadership Team in Norfolk and Kearney for the opportunity to engage with fellow or other leadership teams including the board president, aspiring presidents, and superintendents. The agenda will include a leadership activity on Sunday with a social and dinner, and a full agenda on Monday addressing board meeting protocols, Open Meetings Law, policy, committee work, scenarios, goal planning, superintendent evaluation, and more. Stay tuned for more information regarding the registration details.

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SAFESCHOOLS AWARD WINNER
BENNINGTON PUBLIC 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!



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

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Similar to this Summer's referendum on LB 753 - Adopt the Opportunity Scholarships Act and provide tax credits, there will be a petition to amend the State Constitution on the proposed EPIC Tax, and there will again be some items we would like to make sure you are all aware of and focus on, no matter the topic.

As a locally elected official serving your district on the school board, here are some guidelines on the use of public resources for political campaigns and ballot initiatives, both as an individual, and a full board, provided by the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission.

- *Individually, taking a position on a ballot question as an elected leader is a personal choice. Should you choose to engage in the political process of a ballot initiative, for or against, it is unlawful to use public resources, and make sure anything done is using personal email, supplies, time, etc.*

USE OF PUBLIC RESOURCES; POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS

A public official or public employee shall not use or authorize the use of personnel, property, resources or funds for the purpose of:

1. Campaigning for or against the nomination or election of a candidate; or
2. Campaigning for or against the qualification, passage or defeat of a ballot question. [§49-14,101.02]

Exceptions:

1. Public facilities may be made available for campaign purposes if the identity of the candidate or the support or opposition to the ballot question is not a factor in making the government facility available or a factor in determining the cost or conditions of use.
2. ***A governing body may discuss and vote upon a resolution supporting or opposing a ballot question.***
3. A public official may respond to specific inquiries from the press or the public regarding his or her opinion of a ballot question. A public official may provide information in response to a request for information.
4. A public employee may engage in campaign activities except during his or her government work time or when otherwise engaged in his or her official duties.



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Prior to her election to the State Board of Education in November 2020, Patti Gubbels served on the Norfolk Board of Education, and was a member of the NASB Board of Directors, and the NASB Legislation Committee since 2016.

In the 1950s, John McCarthy, the father of artificial intelligence, defined AI as “the science and engineering of making intelligent machines.” McCarthy innovated programming language for internet-based robots and Cloud computing services and tried to better understand how the human brain works and how people make decisions.

A surge in the development of artificial intelligence is occurring because of access to infinite amounts of data and to the evolution of technology that processes and manipulates data better and faster than is possible by humans. Artificial intelligence can now do all intelligence-related tasks we humans can do, from playing chess to vacuuming the floor to diagnosing illnesses.



Only recently has the education community become aware of the technological and adaptive challenges that AI presents in learning environments. One technological challenge is that education tends to change in a more deliberate way than technology. The development and evolution of AI programs is occurring so rapidly it is difficult to keep up. Every day individuals are creating new bots to complete a myriad of education-related tasks such as providing lesson plans, grading student work, automating attendance tracking, and developing personalized student learning plans.

There are adaptive challenges with AI as well. Some school districts have not considered the potential impact AI has on education. Other schools have banned AI from student devices and school networks because of the concern that these kinds of AI programs inspire cheating and negatively impact student learning. For example, in January 2023, New York City Schools approved a policy that banned the use of AI ChatGPT on student devices and the school network which they later rescinded. New York City Schools now encourages students and educators to explore AI as a tool to improve teaching and learning, administrative tasks, and communication. Other schools are wrestling with how to incorporate AI in education.

Innovative teachers across America are using AI to enhance specific lessons and improve learning. A math teacher might use an AI math tutoring program for students struggling with specific math concepts. A journalism teacher might show students how journalists are using AI to detect doctored photographs. Teachers employing AI to personalize student learning or to demonstrate how professions apply it are appropriate uses of the technology as instructional tools. However, education systems need to address how AI will become an integral part of education.

As schools adapt to AI in education, the following questions may serve as a guide for decision making: **WHAT** AI literacy standards need to be part of computer science requirements for all students? Hadi Partovi, Co-founder of code.org suggests that elementary-level children need to develop a basic understanding of coding and algorithms. AI standards need to provide learning that enables all students to understand the “why” of AI. **HOW** will AI transform what and how students learn? Consider how technology has already changed learning. Google is a go to source for information. I no longer memorize phone numbers that I want to remember. I just put them in my phone contacts. Students use technologies available to them such as ChatGPT or Google Socratic to compose essays or solve problems. Instead of considering the use of AI programs as cheating, educators could incorporate AI as a strategy to help students think critically about what and how they are learning. For example, students might prompt AI to draft an essay on a specific topic and then, during class brainstorm with a partner about how the AI provided essay could be improved and verify its accuracy. **WHAT** belief statements, principles, and policies do the Federal Government, state education boards, and local school boards need to put in place to protect student privacy, keep data safe, and provide guidance on how AI is used in schools?

On October 30, 2023, the President issued an executive order on the development and use of artificial intelligence. The order

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includes eight general principles and priorities. The U.S. Department of Education will refer to the order to provide AI education-specific resources, policies, and advice for schools within the next year. Two State Departments of Education have already provided official AI guidance to local schools. Eleven other states, including Nebraska, according to Education Week, in an article published recently, are in the process of developing recommendations for local school districts.

AI in education presents both substantial challenges and extraordinary opportunities. Education systems need to be proactive in developing AI belief statements, principles, policies, and student and educator literacy to minimize the challenges and maximize the education benefits.

Disclaimer: The opinions from Dr. Patti S. Gubbels are hers and do not represent the Nebraska State Board of Education.

Patti was also on hand at this year's State Education Conference to introduce the 2023 Ann Mactier School Board Member of the Year, Allison Welch of Conestoga Public Schools!

Allison Welch has dedicated over two decades of her life to the betterment of Conestoga Public Schools, and is a driving force behind numerous initiatives that have left an indelible mark on the school community. She is not only a pillar of her school community but also an active member of the PTO, a devoted supporter of the Booster Club, and a dedicated mentor in the Teammates program. Allison's remarkable leadership and tireless efforts have yielded positive, transformative changes, including the successful development and implementation of a beautiful outdoor classroom. This innovative project has not only enhanced students' learning experiences but has also showcased her passion for providing the very best educational opportunities possible. Allison's enduring legacy of service, dedication, and passion for the betterment of her school and its community makes her an incredible candidate for this annual award. Congratulations!



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... EDUCATION LEADERSHIP SEARCH

For districts/ESU's facing a vacancy, we offer a free proposal to outline the steps of a search process. We are also available to answer questions on best practice. If you are an applicant, click the link to view openings or create a profile <https://members.nasbonline.org/elss>

Contact Shari at sbecker@NASBonline.org

... POLICY

Possibly the biggest news involving changes in Federally mandated policies this fall is the non-appearance of new regulations for Title IX. The last major update in 2020 was scheduled to be overhauled by new regulations due for release last month. They have not appeared and have also not arrived at the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) in the Office of Management and Budget. There is generally a 5 or 6 month delay once they reach OIRA before receiving approval for final release, a schedule that would place it very close to the middle of next year's election campaigns. We policy writers have our fingers crossed for a further reprieve.

Contact Jim to learn more!

... ENERGY PURCHASING

One big reason for higher futures prices in the natural gas markets is the rapid construction of U.S. liquid natural gas (LNG) export terminals. In 2016 there were none. Today there are 7, with 2 more nearing completion plus a major expansion of an existing plant, all due to be operational by 2026. At that time, these export terminals will have the capacity to ship nearly 20% of our natural gas overseas. There are another 8 export terminals besides these in the planning stages. It will be more important than ever for NJUMP and CJUMP to continually monitor gas markets for short-lived purchasing opportunities.

Contact Jim to learn more!

... ADVOCACY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

The 2024 Session starts Wednesday, January 3 ... Now is a great time to engage your lawmaker while they are in the district. Reach out if NASB can help you make a connection.

Advocacy starts at home!

Stay up to speed with this year's interim hearings, next year's schedule, and more at the GR page of the NASB website!

Call Colby & Matt with questions any time!

... GALLUP STRENGTHS

FOCUS is the focus this month. Set specific goals with timelines to motivate yourself. At the end of meetings, take responsibility for summarizing what was decided and setting timeframes for the decisions to be acted on.

Contact Shari at sbecker@NASBonline.org

... ALICAP & INSURANCE

Thanks to everyone who attended the ALICAP Annual Membership Meeting last week.

The ALICAP team is thankful for another successful year! Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving all!

Thanks, Megan!

... BOARD LEADERSHIP

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

Marcia, Kari, Katie, Caden, Stacie & Ben

... MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

It was great to spend time with so many of you at State Conference! Our staff is already working on plans for 2024. See you there! - Sharon

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... DATA ANALYTICS

As you discuss your school district's needs with your State Senator for this upcoming Legislative session, picture having a set of bar graphs available that show at a glance how your school's costs per pupil, tax levies, enrollment trends, poverty indicators and student achievement compare to surrounding districts or districts of a similar size. Being armed with data gives you credibility and backs up your narrative when you describe the challenges your district faces. Contact Jim Luebbe if you are interested in creating one of these summaries for your own school.

Contact Jim to learn more!

... TECHNOLOGY

Great seeing so many of you in Omaha last week!

As you start to settle and certify your negotiated agreements, please remember to load them into the Contract Settlement Form or send them to Darion!

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