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As NASB wraps up our annual Area Membership Meetings, we would like to take a moment to highlight this year's boards who were honored for their collective volunteer time and commitment to education. This year, 13 boards received the Board of Excellence Award. Some of the criteria for this award includes having a voting delegate participate in the annual NASB Delegate Assembly; members must each attend a minimum of two learning opportunities during the year; and board members must participate in at least one local leadership team planning retreat per year. The full criteria can be found on the "Board of Excellence Criteria" page at the link above.

Ainsworth Community Schools = Frank Beel, Bryan Doke, Scott Erthum, Mark Johnson, Jessica Pozehl, Brad Wilkins, Superintendent Dale Hafer. **David City Public Schools** = Justin Krafka, Kasey Kuhlman, Don Moravec, Aaron Rerucha, Stephanie Summers, Marcus Thoendel, Superintendent Chad Denker. **Gretna Public Schools** = Greg Beach, Mark Hauptman, Rick Hollendieck, Kyle Janssen, Dawn Stock, Blake Turpen, Superintendent Travis Lightle. **Heartland Community Schools** = Gary Braun, Lacey Gloystein, Ryan Goertzen, Jennifer Hiebner, Tyler Newton, Tammy Ott, Superintendent Jeremy Klein. **Hershey Public Schools** = Tim Berntson, Jason Bode, Steve Koch, Jodi Seamann, Yvette Troyer, Amy Wolfskill, Superintendent Jane Davis. **Norris School District 160** = Rhonda Burbach, Jim Devine, Craig Gana, Gary Kubicek, Stephanie Meese, Aaron Wubbels, Superintendent Brian Maschmann. **North Platte Public Schools** = Skip Altig, Angela Blaesi, Emily Garrick, Jo Ann Lundgreen, Cynthia O'Connor, Matthew Pederson, Superintendent Todd Rhodes. **Palmer Public Schools** = Brian Friedrichsen, Daniel Hake, Heather Shotkoski, Justin Valasek, Todd Weller, Kathy Wolfe, Superintendent Joel Bohlken. **Papillion La Vista Community Schools** = Skip Bailey, Valerie Fisher, Brittany Holtmeyer, Brian Lodes, Marcus Madler, SuAnn Witt, Superintendent Andy Rikli. **Ralston Public Schools** = Carrie Hough, Katie Krause, Elizabeth Kumru, Robin Richards, Mary Roarty, Samantha Willey, Superintendent Jason Buckingham. **St. Paul Public Schools** = Curt Dubas, Jason Meinecke, Janelle Morgan, Marty Mrkvicka, Dan Scheer, Philip Thede, Superintendent Adam Patrick. **Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca Public Schools** = Andy Burr, Barry Janssen, Justin Stark, Katie Tonkin, Brianne Wilhelm, Ed Zastera, Superintendent David Kraus. **York Public Schools** = Brien Alley, Matt Holthe, Amie Kopcho, Alison North, Pepper Papineau, Barb Skaden, Superintendent Mitch Bartholomew.



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Your Monthly Board Agenda Update Video Links from NASB

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New Board Member Workshop - November 1 - Kearney

NAPSF Fall Conference - November 6 - Kearney

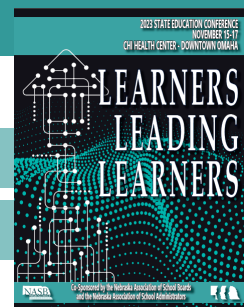
State Education Conference - November 15-17 - Omaha

Learners Leading Learners

Sparq Data Solutions Open House - November 14 - Omaha

2023 NASB Delegate Assembly - Friday, November 17 - 8:00 AM CT

View and Download the 2023 Advocacy Handout for the Delegate Assembly now at:
<https://members.nasbonline.org/government-relations/nasb-advocacy-handbook>



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

Board Presidents Retreat - February 4-5 - 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.

THE 2023 STATE EDUCATION CONFERENCE

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - PRE-CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Educator Workforce: Strategies to Attract, Develop, and Retain a High-Quality Staff

National and state educator workforce data is important to solving issues that face Nebraska. You will hear Nebraska's story through data, be introduced to the national publication "5 Shifts to Address the National Educator Shortage", and share strategies that work to alleviate workforce challenges in our schools.

Speak Out, Reach Out!

Boards are facing a sense of urgency due to the ever increasing need to engage parents and community. Boards provide a platform for parents and patrons to speak out through public comment but how does a board reach out through appropriate measures to ensure parents and patrons feel heard? Beyond the board meeting how do boards reach out and maintain a continuous dialogue with parents and community?



KEYNOTES

Better Together - Princess Sarah Culberson

Princess Sarah has an extraordinary journey that has been featured on CNN, GMA, and BBC, among numerous other media outlets. She shares the story of reuniting with her birth father in "A Princess Found: An American Family, an African Chiefdom, and the Daughter Who Connected Them All", now being adapted into a major motion picture for Disney Studios. A real-life Princess of Sierra Leone, she is a humanitarian, author, and speaker on building a culture of belonging who uses her personal story of being adopted and growing up in a bi-racial family to illustrate understanding cultural differences.

The Masterpiece In You - Richard Hight

Internationally-known artist and keynote speaker Richard Hight hails from a military family with roots deep in the red dirt of Oklahoma. Overcoming challenges faced at a young age led to valuable lessons learned about focusing on strengths and recognizing possibilities, not limitations. His artistic gift allowed him to express his ideas, and his successes built his confidence. From this his mission emerged - Vision, Focus, Grit! Richard's impressionist approach to painting equips him to successfully communicate with his audience as he wants the audience to focus on the artistic process, not the finished canvas. Some events you attend - This one, you experience!

Learning From Our New Leaders - Governor Jim Pillen & Commissioner Brian Maher

We are happy to welcome our new 2023 Nebraska leadership! Governor Jim Pillen will reflect on his first year along with vision and priorities for K-12 education moving forward. You will also have an opportunity to hear Brian Maher, Commissioner of Education, share his thoughts on education in our state and bring you up to speed on things at the Nebraska Department of Education.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Pre-Conference Sessions

1:00 to 4:00 PM

Exhibitor Reception

4:00 to 5:30 PM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Board Member/Mentor Collaboration

7:15 to 8:15 AM

Opening Keynote Speaker

8:15 to 9:30 AM

A - Breakout Sessions

9:45 to 10:45 AM

B - Breakout Sessions

11:15 AM to 12:15 PM

Thursday Luncheon Keynote Speaker

12:30 to 2:00 PM

C - Breakout Sessions

2:15 to 3:15 PM

D - Breakout Sessions

3:30 to 4:30 PM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Classroom Showcase

8:00 to 11:30 AM

NASB Delegate Assembly

8:00 to 9:30 AM

NASA Membership Meeting

8:00 to 9:30 AM

E - Breakout Sessions

9:15 to 10:15 AM

F - Breakout Sessions

10:30 to 11:30 AM

Friday Luncheon Keynote Speaker

11:45 AM to 1:15 PM

AT THE BOARD TABLE

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BOARD CALENDAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR YOUR MONTHLY MEETINGS

<https://members.nasbonline.org/board-leadership>



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>



NOVEMBER BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

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

ACCOUNTABILITY AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REVIEW - Financial Literacy – Beginning the 2023-24 school year, each district shall include financial literacy instruction [at minimum complete at least one five-credit high school course in personal finance or financial literacy prior to graduation]. On or before December 31, 2024, and on or before December 31 of each year thereafter, in order to promote and support financial literacy education, each school district shall provide an annual financial literacy status report to its school board, including, but not limited to, student progress in financial literacy courses and other district determined measures of financial literacy progress from the previous school year. §79-3004

ADVOCACY - Appoint local board Delegate Assembly Representative – notify Matt Belka @ mbelka@NASBonline.org

BUDGET - District Audit Report – Review

****Review the full November Agenda on page 36 of 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 at kcorfield@NASBonline.org or Marcia Herring at mherring@NASBonline.org or 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 mherring@NASBonline.org or 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 or Kearney for the opportunity to engage with fellow other leadership teams including the board president, aspiring presidents, and superintendents. The agenda will include a leadership activity on Sunday, social, 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.

BIG ISSUES: WHAT CAN THE BOARD DO?

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WATCH: NASB's latest quick video, Big Issues, is now posted! A look towards big issues that will come up in the 2024 Legislative Session such as parent involvement, curriculum changes, media material, transgender students, public comment, and school safety with Marcia Herring & Colby Coash. View it now on NASB's GR page at <https://members.nasbonline.org/government-relations> or within the NASB Video Library at <https://members.nasbonline.org/news-resources/video-library>

Parent Involvement & Curriculum/Media review

Parent's Bill of Rights legislation

- Ability to review curriculum, textbooks, lessons, etc.
- Prohibition on "concepts" related to race, sex,
- Requires parent review recommendation
- Requires a "portal" for parental access to learning materials
- Separate hearing on library materials

What can the board do?

- Policy
 - Curriculum Review Cycle
- Administrative Guidelines/Protocols
 - Curriculum Selection/Adoption Protocols/Procedures

Transgender Students

Sports & Spaces Act LB 575

- Prohibits participation of biological male/female in competition designated for the opposite sex
- Prohibits access of restrooms & locker rooms of biological male/female in locker/restrooms designated for the opposite sex
- Provides cause for civil action for violation of the act and empowers the AG to defend public institutions subjected to lawsuit

What you the board do?

- Initiate discussion of this topic during regular board meetings
- Study and consider policy options

Public Comment

Require public comment opportunity at every meeting (LB 637)

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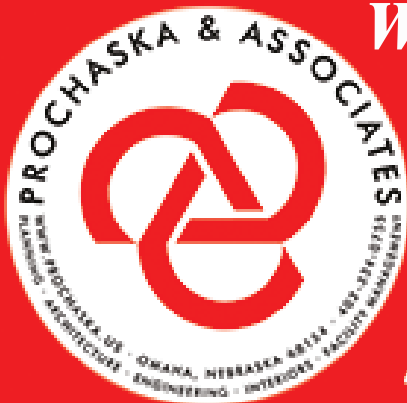
- Place Public Comment on each Regular Board Meeting Agenda as much as possible [current]
- Follow board policy consistently
- Provide a Public Comment Opening Statement
- Consider two Public Comment [1-agenda item only beginning of mtg. and 2-non agenda item end of mtg.]
- Expect the Superintendent will engage with the patrons within 24 hours to address concerns/comments



School Safety

Allow non-law enforcement school personnel to carry/access firearms on school grounds.

- Utilize your voice, educate the public
- Discussion item at board meetings to inform public
- Engage with NASB to stay up-to-date and informed



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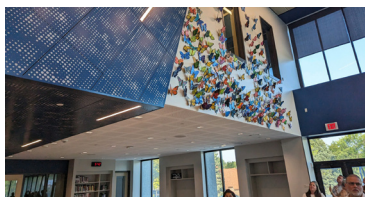
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Each September, Nebraska, along with other peer State Associations (Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Wyoming) come together for three days of work sessions, sharing best practices, and networking amongst peers. Typically, the attendees include Executive Directors and Board Leadership staff from each state association.

The site of the meeting rotates from state to state, meaning every eight years Nebraska gets to host the group. It is a great occasion to show all your state has to offer, and once again, every attendee left quite impressed with all things Nebraska. Friday evening, the group enjoyed a tour of the new school at Boys Town. They also visited the Boys Town Hall of History and had the chance to engage with the leadership of Boys Town. Saturday's work session included States sharing best practices on topics ranging from association operations, well managed classrooms, measuring member engagement, board development, governance, and more. All in all, there were excellent learning and networking opportunities, and Nebraska was pleased to host this event.



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Tuesday, November 14, 2023 7-11 p.m.

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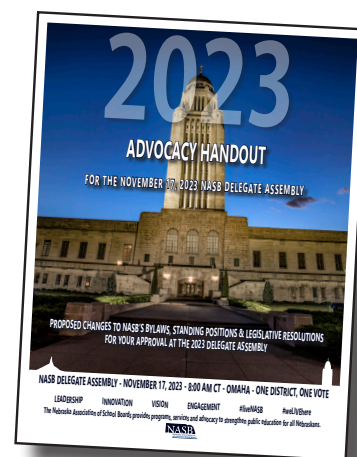
CHOOSING YOUR BOARD'S DELEGATE FOR THE 2023 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

This year's Delegate Assembly will take place Friday, November 17, at 8:00 AM, in conjunction with the State Education Conference, at the CHI Health Center - downtown Omaha. Per the NASB Bylaws, each member district and ESU board of education is allowed and encouraged to have one board member as their voting delegate. As a reminder, having a representative of your board attend Delegate Assembly is a requirement for all boards working toward either the Board of Excellence Award or the President's Board Award highlights on page 1.

All items within the Advocacy Handout will be considered by this Assembly. The NASB Advocacy Handout of proposed changes to the bylaws, standing positions, and legislative resolutions for your review prior to the 2023 Delegate Assembly is now posted at the NASB website. To better prepare you and your board's voting representative for the Delegate Assembly, please download, review, and bring this Handout with you to Omaha.

<https://members.nasbonline.org/government-relations/nasb-advocacy-handbook>

If you haven't already, each board should select one board member to represent the district or ESU as the voting delegate, although multiple members from each board may attend. As a school board member, this is YOUR chance to be heard and help craft the 2024 legislative and leadership initiatives for NASB.



2023 NASB MEMBER DELEGATE ASSEMBLY - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17 - 8:00 AM - OMAHA

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT FOR YOUR DISTRICT TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE DELEGATE ASSEMBLY?

The Delegate Assembly determines NASB's annual legislative and leadership agenda.

The Delegate Assembly is a key cog in securing laws, regulations, and a vision in Nebraska to benefit public education.

The Delegate Assembly is where your voice can be heard.

The Delegate Assembly is your governance meeting for the entire year.

The Delegate Assembly allows for equal representation. One district. One vote.



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<https://napsf.org/news-events/napsf-2023-fall-conference.html>

NAPSf 2023 Fall Conference

Monday, November 6 - 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Younes Conference Center South - Kearney

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NAPSf 2023 Fall Conference

Unleash the Power of Your Public School Foundation at the NAPSf 2023 Fall Conference! The Nebraska Association of Public School Foundations (NAPSf) warmly extends an invitation to our one-day conference in Kearney. We firmly believe that public school foundations have the potential for so much more than merely managing scholarships. Join us and embark on an exciting journey through a diverse range of topics, including: Navigating Annuities & Stocks; Crafting Compelling Communication Plans to Share Your Success Stories; Elevating Fundraising Strategies; and Engaging Roundtable Discussions from topics like Crafting a Persuasive Case for Support, Strengthening Alumni Relationships, and the Art of Grant Writing. Uncover the full potential of your public school foundation and gather invaluable insights into these vital areas. For more information about this conference or to secure your spot, please visit <https://napsf.org/news-events/napsf-2023-fall-conference.html>. This is a golden opportunity to amplify your foundation's impact and effectiveness!



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... ADVOCACY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

WHO IS YOUR DELEGATE?

While any board member is welcome to attend the Delegate Assembly, each board should select one member to represent them as the voting delegate prior to November 17.

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!

Call Colby & Matt with questions any time!

... EDUCATION LEADERSHIP SEARCH

If you have a leadership vacancy, we can prepare a proposal to outline the steps of a search process and 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

... ENERGY PURCHASING

With the record-setting heat of this summer now ended, we've been seeing natural gas prices ramp back upward going into the coming winter months. Your natural gas purchasing consortiums, NJUMP and CJUMP, have locked in prices for the majority of this winter's gas needs allowing business managers to budget their utility costs with a fair degree of certainty at competitive prices that will avoid the pain of the price spikes we saw two winters ago. If you haven't joined yet, contact NASB before next spring's sign-up period.

Contact Jim to learn more!

... POLICY

LB298 passed this year by the Legislature requires all school districts to begin reporting information by July 1 of each year about the testing of students for dyslexia. Nebraska Statute 79-11,157.01 now sets the guidelines for this testing and reporting, which addresses the continuing challenge of dyslexia. This problem affects 1 in 5 students and causes problems far beyond a student's difficulty with reading. As your district develops a policy and procedures relating to dyslexia, you'll find valuable resources from NDE at <https://www.education.ne.gov/ela/dyslexia-guide>

Contact Jim to learn more!

... FOUNDATION

The Nebraska Public Leadership Foundation (NPLF) is creating a scholarship program for high school seniors who are pursuing higher education to become a teacher in a Nebraska public school system. In thousands of classrooms across Nebraska, teachers lead our students to discover new and important facts and ideas, the steppingstones that shape their future. NPLF supports the students who want to give to the overall mission of success for every student in Nebraska. Please consider helping today's student leaders become tomorrow's education leaders by donating to the NPLF Student Scholarship Program at www.nepublicleadership.org.

... GALLUP STRENGTHS

People exceptionally talented in the Intellection theme are characterized by their intellectual activity. Descriptor words include introspective, solitary, intellectual, philosophical, reflective, thinking.

Contact Shari at sbecker@NASBOnline.org

... BOARD LEADERSHIP

Check out "At the Board Table" on page 4.

Marcia, Kari, Katie, Caden & Stacie

... MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

November is almost here! We are looking forward to seeing you at the New Board Member Workshop in Kearney on November 1, and the State Education Conference, November 15-17 in Omaha.

Contact Sharon with any questions.

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... TECHNOLOGY

Welcome to our newest Negotiations Subscribers: Callaway Public Schools, Conestoga Public Schools, Crawford Public Schools, ESUCC, Maxwell Public Schools, Shickley Public Schools, Yutan Public Schools, & Southern Valley Public Schools

New Meetings Subscribers: City of Auburn, City of Chadron, City of Wahoo, & ESU 16

Sparq Open House

Please join us at the Old Mattress Factory Bar and Grill on Tuesday, November 14, from 7 PM to 11 PM.

Updated EHA Rates – Coming Soon!

Be on the lookout for the new EHA Rates to be released soon! Once updated in the Sparq Negotiations program, your district can go into the system and generate projections with the most accurate benefits data. Watch for an email to come with more information!

State Conference Breakout Session

Plan to attend our session, *Digitizing and Streamlining Your Board Meetings & Staff Negotiations* on Thursday, November 16.

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... ALICAP & INSURANCE

ALICAP's Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15th from 4-5pm in room 210 of the CHI Center Omaha. All ALICAP Member Superintendents and School Board Members are invited to attend. We hope to see you there!

Thanks, Megan!



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... DATA ANALYTICS

As you consider meeting with your Senator before the start of next year's Session, you might want a clearer picture of how your district fares under the new state funding formula compared to those around you or others of similar size. NASB can provide you and your patrons with an accurate summary of that information with handy graphs to illustrate the challenges your particular district faces under Nebraska's system of school funding and Nebraska's widely varying demographics.

Contact Jim to learn more!

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