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ADVOCACY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS ... Continue pushing back on the narrative that high property taxes in Nebraska are primarily due to spending at the local level. We have seen and heard incredible examples of you sharing your unique, individual stories through letters to your Senators. NOTE: on Page 6 you will see the dates and topics for some key interim hearings we will be paying attention to, and would like your thoughts as well. As always, stay engaged and informed! Call Colby & Matt with questions any time!

ALICAP & INSURANCE ... ALICAP continues to add new members to the pool! Welcome to Bloomfield Public Schools! We're thrilled to have your join us! ALICAP's membership is up to 211 public schools and ESUs statewide.

BOARD LEADERSHIP ... "At the Board Table" is on page 4. This space reflects recommended regular board meeting agenda items to include in your upcoming agenda. - Marcia, Katie, Caden, Stacie, Ben, Stephanie & McKenna!

DATA ANALYTICS ... The next Legislative session is drawing nearer and many legislators will be meeting with their constituents after Election Day. Knowing 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 is useful in these discussions. Being armed with data gives you credibility and backs up your narrative when you describe the challenges your own district faces. Contact Jim Luebbe if you are interested in creating one of these summaries for your local school.

EDUCATION LEADERSHIP SEARCH SERVICE ... If you are facing 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 considering a specific position, please visit our website at https://members.nasbonline.org/elss or give Shari a call.

ENERGY PURCHASING ... Natural gas continues to trade at fairly low prices going into the colder months and our natural gas purchasing consortiums have had considerable supplies priced in since early this year. We are constantly reminded how changeable the Midwest's weather conditions can be, and our NJUMP and CJUMP programs will be there to assist your district with keeping costs down if we have a repeat of the historic cold temperatures we saw as recently as February of 2021.

THIS MONTH IN ...

A quick snapshot of the Various programs, services, support and events NASB has planned for its members in the coming month!

GALLUP STRENGTHS ... If you work with someone who has SIGNIFICANCE in their Top 5, they thrive when doing work that creates a big impact and perform best when their performance is visible. They may feel a need to be admired as credible, professional, and successful. They want to be known and appreciated for the unique contributions they make. Contact Shari to schedule a Gallup team retreat.

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT ... I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the State Education Conference in just 30+ days!

NOW HIRING ... NASB is hiring a Board Leadership Associate! If you or someone you know might be interested in this position, visit our About Us page to learn more!

POLICY ... Public records requests for schools have now become potentially more expensive. LB 43 passed during the regular session, which requires districts to supply up to 8 hours of employee time, rather than the previous requirement of 4 hours, to meet public records requests of state residents without charging for that time.

TECHNOLOGY ... New Subscribers - State Conference - EHA! Welcome to our newest Negotiations Subscribers: Sandhills Public Schools & Sargent Public Schools, and our new Meetings subscriber: Sandhills Public Schools! Please join us for our hospitality event at Beer Can Alley on Thursday, November 21, from 7 to 11 PM during the State Education Conference! Earlier that day, plan to attend our breakout session, "Unlocking Efficiency: Mastering Paperless Board Meetings & Staff Negotiations" at 3:30 PM in Room 210. Finally, 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!

TRAINING, NETWORKING, ENGAGEMENT & EVENTS



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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.



Order your 2024 Nebraska Ed Laws Books by October 28 at https:///nasb.envilseams.com/membership/ine-ed-law-book





Statewide General Election Day - November 5

Check out our Legislative Candidate Questionnaires at https://members.nasbonline.org/government-relations/candidate-guestionnaires-videos

State Education Conference - November 20-22 - Omaha

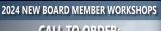


NASB Delegate Assembly - November 22 - 8:00 AM - Omaha

Download your 'Delegate Handout' for the Delegate Assembly now at https://members.nasbonline.org/government-relations









New Board Member Workshops

December 2 - Norfolk December 3 - Kearney December 4 - Gering December 5 - North Platte December 10 - York **December 11 - La Vista**





School Board Member Week in Nebraska - January 26 to February 1

President's Retreat - February 16-17 - Kearney



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BOARD AGENDA ITEMS FOR YOUR MONTHLY MEET

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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.



Please see the October 15th email from mherring@NASBonline.org and shiggins@NASBonline.org for the draft of the November 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.



NASB LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR BOARD CANDIDATES OR NEWLY APPOINTED/ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

State Conference Mentor-Mentee Session

Watch your Inbox for more information in the weeks to come.

NASB New Board Member Workshops

Full agenda and registration information posted at https://members.nasbonline.org/events/new-board-member-workshops



Monday, December 2 - Norfolk Country Club Tuesday, December 3 - Kearney Holiday Inn Wednesday, December 4 - Gering Civic Center Thursday, December 5 - North Platte - Venue 304 Register by Monday, November 25, 2024

Tuesday, December 10 - York - Holthus Center Wednesday, December 11 - La Vista Conference Center Register by Thursday, December 5, 2024

<u>Target Audience</u>

Newly elected board members, appointed board members, experienced board members, ESU board members, Superintendents, ESU Administrators

Topics to be covered

NASB Board Governance Standards, Open Meetings Act, board meetings, board-superintendent communication, public comment, closed/executive session, conflict of interest, mission, vision, and goals, policy governance, community and stakeholder engagement, community alignment, student learning, NASB Annual Board Calendar, board committees, board self-assessment, superintendent evaluation, scenarios, board professional development Awards of Achievement Points Earned: 15



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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Pre-Conference Sessions 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Exhibitor Reception 4:00 to 5:30 PM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

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 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 22

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20 - PRE-CONFERENCES

Harnessing the Power of AI: Practical Applications for School Board Members and Administrators: Have you been hearing about the buzz around AI and wondering how it will impact your district? Join us for an engaging, hands-on workshop designed specifically for school board members and administrators. We'll start by showcasing how cutting-edge AI tools, like ChatGPT, can simplify daily tasks and enhance the efficiency of board work. From there, we'll explore real-world applications where AI is already benefiting educators—saving time, reducing burnout, and improving student support. Our session will wrap up with the latest research on AI in education, including how schools are crafting policies to leverage AI for better learning outcomes and streamlined operations. You'll leave with actionable insights and practical tools to help you navigate the evolving landscape of AI and make a meaningful difference in your district and community.

Inside Out: Navigating Board Conflict and the Hidden Costs of Dysfunction: As Boards of Education evolve, long-standing teams often encounter new members with differing beliefs, styles, and agendas, which can challenge board dynamics. This session offers attendees a chance to delve into how respectful dialogue ensures diverse perspectives are heard and considered in the decision-making process. What can the board and superintendent do to prepare for change and explore strategies for managing communication and conflict when it occurs? Participants will learn to foster civility in governance and proactively address common challenges. Join us to enhance your skills in navigating board transitions and maintaining a productive, respectful environment that builds trust between the board and superintendent and ensures that decisions are made openly and with integrity.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Inspiring Hope Through the Power of Commitment and Positivity Beyond the Game: Applying "ALL IN" to Life - Gian Paul Gonzalez

18 Inches to Heart-Led Leadership - Tommy Spaulding

What's on the Horizon at the Nebraska Department of Education? - Brian Maher



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Below are some upcoming Interim Hearings we feel you as school board members and education leaders should be paying attention to. Please take a look at these and let us know your thoughts.

https://nasb.enviseams.com/legislative-bills

Friday, November 1

LR 321 (Conrad) - Interim study to determine the scope and use of student surveillance, monitoring, and tracking technology by school officials in Nebraska

LR 341 (McKinney) - Interim study to determine the scope and use by school districts of a ban and bar action, banning and barring individuals from school property

LR 439 (McKinney) - Interim study to explore whether the size of school districts has contributed to historical student underachievement within the Class V school district

LR 440 (McKinney) - Interim study to examine how to close the educational achievement gap in the Class V school district

Thursday, November 7

LR 320 (Conrad) - Interim study to examine changes to the enrollment option program to ensure students with disabilities have an increased ability to access enrollment opportunities

LR 425 (Murman) - Interim study to examine the challenges faced by families with special needs students in enrolling such students as option students in other school districts under the enrollment option program

Friday, November 8

LR 303 (Murman) - Interim study to examine the viability of adopting the Classical Learning Test as an option for meeting admissions requirements at the University of Nebraska and the Nebraska state colleges

LR 378 (Murman) - Interim study to examine the viability of selling land managed by the Board of Educational Lands and Funds

LR 385 (Linehan) - Interim study to examine state standardized testing required in elementary and secondary public schools and the (AQuESTT) system used to classify schools under the Quality Education Accountability Act

LR 419 (Hughes) - Interim study to examine school meal programs in Nebraska



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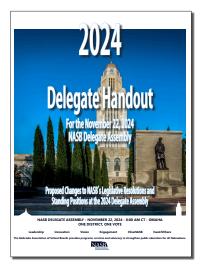
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This year's Delegate Assembly will take place Friday, November 22, at 8:00 AM, in conjunction with the State Education Conference, at the CHI Health Center - downtown Omaha.

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.

All items within the Delegate Handout will be considered by this Assembly. The NASB Delegate Handout of proposed changes to the standing positions and legislative resolutions for your review prior to the 2024 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.

2024 NASB MEMBER DELEGATE ASSEMBLY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22 - 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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School Board Member Week in Nebraska - January 26 to February 1, 2025

President's Retreat - February 16-17, 2025 - Kearney

NAEP State convention - March 19-20, 2025 - Kearney

NASB Member Golf Outing - June 11, 2025 - Kearney Country Club

School Leaders & Law Conference - June 11-12, 2025 - Kearney

ALICAP Summer Workshops / Leadership Workshops - Summer 2025

Area Membership Meetings - Fall 2025

Labor Relations Conference - October 1-2, 2025 - Lincoln

2025 State Education Conference - November 19-21, 2025 - Omaha

New Board Member Workshop - December 3, 2025 - Kearney



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