

# IT'S A TOUGH JOB:

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER  
SURVIVAL SKILLS ENCLOSED**

## **The 2010 NASB Area Membership Meetings**

Aug. 24 in Valentine  
Aug. 25 in Gering  
Aug. 26 in North Platte

Sept. 1 in York  
Sept. 8 in Kearney  
Sept. 15 in Auburn

Sept. 22 in Norfolk  
Sept. 29 in Fremont

*Register online at [www.nasbonline.org](http://www.nasbonline.org)*

# The Schedule...

<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting Locations</u>	<u>Once We're All On-Site</u>
August 24	<b>Meeting: Valentine Rural H.S.</b> Dinner: Niobrara Lodge, 803 W. Hwy. 20	4:45 p.m. <b>Registration</b>
August 25	<b>Gering Civic Center, 1050 M Street</b>	5 to 5:25 p.m. <b>Opening Session</b>
August 26	<b>North Platte Quality Inn &amp; Suites</b> <i>(Register for first three meetings by August 17)</i>	NASB President Suzan DeCamp and region directors will discuss the Association's strategic planning process and the role our members play in setting the direction for the Association. Discussion will also center on ways NASB can be of assistance to your leadership team.
September 1	<b>Meeting: York Middle School</b> <i>(Register by August 26)</i>	
September 8	<b>Kearney Holiday Inn, 110 2nd Avenue</b> <i>(Register by September 2)</i>	
September 15	<b>Meeting: Auburn High School</b> Dinner: Wheeler's Steak House, 1905 J Street <i>(Register by September 9)</i>	5:30 p.m. <b>Skill-Building Session I</b>
September 22	<b>Norfolk Lifelong Learning Ctr.</b> 801 East Benjamin Ave. <i>(Register by September 16)</i>	6:20 p.m. <b>Skill-Building Session II</b>
September 29	<b>Meeting: Fremont Middle School</b> Dinner: Fremont Golf Club, 2710 Somers Ave. <i>(Register by September 23)</i>	7:10 to 8:15 p.m. <b>Dinner and Awards Presentation</b> The after-dinner program will feature an awards presentation and information about the NASB region elections.

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The School Board Member's "Back to School" Meeting!**

**Connect with your colleagues — Register Now!**

A new school year is starting, and while your staff is preparing and planning for the challenges a new year brings, so too should your school board be connecting with colleagues from throughout the region to discuss issues that will impact your school and your board.

NASB is hosting this kick-off to the school year with an array of topics full of take-away ideas for your school's leadership team, including: Handling community and staff complaints, doing the right thing with a tight budget, school policy, the potential actions of the Legislature, and conducting your meetings electronically.

There will be ample opportunities for networking from the beginning of registration until we adjourn from the dinner program not later than 8:15 p.m.

The fee for the 2010 NASB Area Membership Meetings is \$50, which includes dinner. The fee also includes all break refreshments and cookies, and workshop materials.

The major cost of this workshop is the meal, so we must ask that cancellations be made as soon as possible if a conflict is realized. Cancellations will be subject to a \$20 processing fee. No refunds for cancellations after the deadlines. See the next page for deadline dates.

# The Curriculum...

## **It's Easier Being Green with eMeetings** — *Craig Caples*

In this high tech world we live in, streamlining our work is the norm, especially during tight budget times when we are expected to do more with less. Advances in technology have made it possible to substantially reduce, or even eliminate, paper copies. During this session, you will see a demonstration of NASB's eMeeting program and hear from the board members and administrators who currently use the program. *(Session I only)*.

## **How to Handle Community/Staff Complaints** — *Burma Kroger, Marcia Herring, John Spatz*

Do you receive complaints from parents who are upset about a coach or teacher? Do you have community members attend board meetings demanding that something be done about a staff member? Do you find yourself secretly agreeing with community members wondering what you can do about the problem? This session will help board members deal with a community/staff complaint within your capacity as a board member. *(Repeated)*

## **School Budget Roundtables** — *Shawn Traudt*

Hearing how others face and think about potentially significant changes to their budgets fosters provocative discussion of ideas. Over the course of this session, scenarios will be

openly discussed in small groups, with outcomes shared with the group as a whole. The environment will encourage participants to share information, past successes and implementation experiences to develop dramatically improved solutions to traditional budgeting constraints. This session is designed to empower board members to develop action-oriented plans related to finance. *(Repeated)*

## **Help Your Policies Get Religion** — *Jim Luebbe*

Many court cases in recent years have affected the issue of religion in the schools – from discussions in the classroom to the hosting of religious organizations and the distribution of religious materials. This will be a discussion of policy language intended to keep your district from the pitfalls of an ever-changing topic. *(Repeated)*

## **Legislative Outlook 2011**— *John Bonaiuto/Brian Hale*

Federal stimulus money is running out and the state is still short on revenue. We will discuss the changing face of finance, and a wide range of other issues sure to come before the 2010 Legislature. We will also review the NASB legislative positions being forwarded by the Legislation Committee. *(Session II only)*

# 2010 Area Membership Meetings Registration Form

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School District/ESU <hr style="border: none; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 5px 0;"/> Registrants' Full Name \$50/registrant (meal included)	Position: Supt., Admin., Brd. Mem., Spouse, Other-(Specify)	Valentine Aug. 24	Gering Aug. 25	No. Platte Aug. 26	York Sept. 1	Kearney Sept. 8	Auburn Sept. 15	Norfolk Sept. 22	Fremont Sept. 29	
<b>Spouses Names \$35 (meal only)</b>							<b>Grand Total</b>			

*(If you have questions, contact the NASB Office at 800/422-4572)*



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