

2009 NASB New School Board Member 24-Hour Orientation—February 20-21, 2009 PROGRAM

Friday, February 20, 2009

4:00

Welcome and Introductions

What does NASB provide to Nevada's school board members?
How can NASB help you serve as an effective school board member?

Irene Chachas, NASB President, and the Executive Committee



5:00-6:00

Dinner (included in registration fee)
Special Guests include Assemblywoman Bonnie Parnell,
Chairwoman of the Assembly Committee on Education, and Dr.
Keith Rheault, Superintendent of Public Instruction

6:00-7:00

Legislative Session and Advocacy 101:

What is happening in Carson City?
How to work effectively with legislators and advocate for K-12?
*Joyce Haldeman, Assistant Superintendent, Government and
Community Relations, Clark County School District*



See chapter 17, "Politics and the Political Process," in BECOMING A BETTER BOARD MEMBER, pages 286-295.

7:00-9:00

School Board Work 101:

What do school boards do?
What do school boards not do?
What is their Key Work? What are the eight essential key actions
areas that focus and guide school boards in their efforts to improve
student achievement?
*Anne Golden, School Board Member, Walla Walla Public Schools,
and Former President, Washington State School Directors
Association*



See chapters 1 and 2, "Getting on Board" and "Learning Board Service," in BECOMING A BETTER BOARD MEMBER, pages 1-41.

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Saturday, February 21, 2009

730am Breakfast Buffet (included in registration fee)

8:30-10:00

Nevada Law 101:



What are the legal rights and responsibilities of Nevada school board members?
What are the five most frequent ways that school boards run afoul of Nevada's Open Meeting Law?
How to avoid them?
What about evaluating the superintendent in an open meeting and negotiating the superintendent's contract?
How to do that?

Bill Hoffman, Esq., General Counsel, Clark County School District

★ See chapter 8, "Evaluating the Superintendent," in *BECOMING A BETTER BOARD MEMBER*, pages 152-161.

10:00-10:15 Short break for morning beverages

10:15-11:45

Collective Bargaining 101:



What is the role of the board in negotiations?
What does the board need to know about the process of collective bargaining?
How does the board prepare for negotiations, ground rules, proposals, and requests for information?
What is "ability to pay"? How can the board provide policy parameters that set the stage for collective bargaining and negotiations?

What is the board's role in closing the deal, with impasse procedures, and during mediation and interest arbitration?
Charlie Cockerill, Esq., Law Office of Charles P. Cockerill

★ See chapter 11, "School Boards and Collective Bargaining," in *BECOMING A BETTER BOARD MEMBER*, pages 183-201.

11:45-Noon Break for check out

Noon-12:30 Lunch (included in registration fee)

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12:30-1:45



School Board Governance 101:

What are the governance options for your board to consider as it works week to week, month to month, and year to year?

What about board self-evaluation?

Why should the board conduct its self-evaluation?

Ruth Johnson and Mary Beth Scow, former school board members, Clark County School District



See chapters 4 and 5, "Exercising Board Leadership" and "The Board as Decision Maker," in *BECOMING A BETTER BOARD MEMBER*, pages 64-108.



1:45-2:00

Afternoon Break

2:00-3:30

School Finance 101:

How are Nevada schools funded?

What are the basics of school financing and what is the Distributive School Account?

What are some big picture considerations for school board members during times of revenue shortfalls and budget cuts?

Bob Anderson, Director of Fiscal Services, Carson City School District



See chapter 12, "Fundamentals of School Finance," in *BECOMING A BETTER BOARD MEMBER*, pages 202-219.

3:30

Winding things up, submitting evaluation forms, questions, mentoring opportunities, future professional development opportunities, adjournment

4:00

Out the door

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November 19-22, 2009
Airport Plaza Hotel & Conference Center
Reno, Nevada**