

**AASB/NSBA Report  
For  
August 28-30, 2023  
NWABSD Board Meeting**

**Association of Alaska School Board**

Attended the July 12-15, 2023 AASB board of directors meeting which was held at the Chugach School District. Before leaving for the Inuit Circumpolar Council Delegates meeting the morning of the 14<sup>th</sup>, I attended the AASB board meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> and the two-day agenda included the following: *the State Education Funding with Senator Tobin & John Sedor, Board Self-Evaluation, Executive Director's annual evaluation, and the reports* which included the 2022 AASB Audit with no findings, Executive Director, and Directors reports.

The theme for the AASB 2023 Annual Conference is *Partnering for Student Success* and will be held November 9-12, 2023 at the Hilton Hotel. Registration will open the week of September 18. Dr. Troy Hutchings will be the Friday keynote speaker. He speaks in the areas of professional ethics, educator misconduct, and frameworks necessary for an ethical and legal teaching practice. Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> Kristi Swett, President of the NSBA will be the keynote. There will be Breakout and Snapshot Sessions, Experienced Board Member Academy topic will be on AI/Generative Technology. The lead presenter is an author, attorney, educational consultant, and co-founder of The Center for Cyberethics. He is an expert in the areas of cybersecurity, digital misconduct, personal privacy, and other topics.

Ready Set Govern is scheduled for November 9-10<sup>th</sup> and the Youth Leadership Institute November 9-12<sup>th</sup>. AASB board of directors next meeting will be held November 13, 2023 after the annual conference.

**National School Board Association**

Attended the NSBA Summer Leadership Seminar August 17-19<sup>th</sup> in Salt Lake City, Utah with Pete Hoepfner, Dana Mock, Lon Garrison, and Timi Tullis. The topics/presentations included the NSBA Executive Director's report which included an update on their advocacy efforts in DC. The two lobbyists gave an update on the bills pertaining to the NSBA priorities including teacher shortages, authorizing and funding Individuals with Disabilities Education Act(IDEA), Prioritizing Student Mental Health, School Nutrition, and school safety.

*Additional sessions were on Advocacy for Equity-Joining Forces to Tackle Rural and Urban Challenges, Governance & Membership, held a working session on advocacy and educational excellence, Nurturing Minds-Mental Health Needs in K-12 Schools/Perspectives from Student Learners made up of a panel of three high school students. Excellent session with open and honest sharing by the three students. Final session titled, Sounding the Alarm addressing mental health concerns. The closing keynote was Stephen M.R. Covey on Trust & Inspire.*

Friday afternoon, August 18<sup>th</sup> attended the NSBA Pacific Region Summer meeting. Reports included the finance report, preparation for the October Pacific region meeting in Bend, Oregon, and received a report on the planning for the NSBA 2023 Annual Conference & Exposition to be held April 6-8, 2024 in New Orleans, LA.

