What does AASB do for me?

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You (We) Are

A non-profit organization representing all school boards in Alaska.

Over 330 school board members & their superintendents.
Governance

- 15-member **Board of Directors** elected by membership (you).

- **Resolutions** passed by membership (you).
Turn to an elbow partner you don’t know and tell them...

- Who you are
- What district
- How long on the board
- Why you ran to be on the board
- Your most surprising realization since being elected
Where did you learn to be an effective board member?
An effective board?

High school?
College?
At work?
Civic service?
Non-profit organization?
Most likely you knew very little.

Isn’t the board in charge of everything?

Can’t the board do what it wants?
With your new acquaintance, list what you know about being a board member.

What are things you think you might need to know?
Did your list include?

Roles and responsibilities
Board Standards
Meeting conduct
Parliamentary procedure
School Law
Negotiations
School Finance
Open Meetings Act
Advocacy
Supervision and evaluation
Curriculum & Instruction
Strategic Planning
Superintendent
Policy
Student Assessments
Community Engagement
Social Emotional Learning (SEL)
Trauma Informed Practices
Poverty
Culturally Responsive Teaching

Personalized Learning

Cultural Safety

Equity vs. Equivalent

Special Education

Intensive Needs
Literacy
Proficiency
Standards
Brain Science
Career and Technical Education
Intervention
School Improvement
Vision & Mission

Goals

Transparency

Constituents & Stakeholders

Graduation rate vs. Drop-out

Student Achievement & Success!
WOW!

AND THAT IS JUST THE BEGINNING!
This is what AASB is about and it is what we do.

We serve you so you can serve your students and stakeholders well.
AASB’s Mission

Advocate for children and youth by assisting school boards in providing quality public education, focused on student achievement, through effective local governance.
What AASB can do for YOU, your BOARD and your DISTRICT...

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WHO ARE WE?

The mission of AASB is to advocate for children and youth by assisting school boards in providing quality public education, focused on student achievement, through effective local governance.

AASB helps school board members advocate on behalf of youth by promoting family, community and social service commitment to the shared responsibility of educating all children and youth.

The Association of Alaska School Boards is a non-profit organization representing membership from among Alaska’s school boards.

AASB’s SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

POLICY SERVICES
Legally vetted sample policies, as well as expert consultation when Boards need to review or revise their current manual.

POLICY AUCD:
Monitoring of local policy manual for missing or outdated policies with suggestions for a course of action for correction.

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH SERVICES
Expert facilitation of the entire search process, including identifying the needs of the district, recruiting candidates and facilitating interviews.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT WORKSHOPS

STRATEGIC PLANNING & MISSION
AASB facilitates workshops to help Boards establish a mission and vision for the district and develop specific action plans that benefit student learning in meaningful ways.

SALARY & BONUSES REPORTS
AASB is the only source for comparative information on teacher classified and administrator salaries and benefits.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
Engage community members, tribes, families and more in supporting youth success, while adults in building assets, engage community organizations in actively supporting youth, build family and community support for schools and student success.

PAPERLESS MEETINGS (BOARDBOOK)
A web-based paperless meeting service developed by the Texas School Boards Association. Easy to use, flexible, intuitive, and very affordable.

SCHOOL CLIMATE & CONNECTEDNESS SURVEY (SSCS)
Useful tool to collect and use school climate data for students, staff, and families to improve and strengthen school environments, relationships and connections between students & staff. SCCS survey platform makes survey administration, reporting and analysis intuitive and user-friendly.

YOUTH ADVOCACY INSTITUTE (YAI)
This event takes place in February alongside the AASB’s Fly-In in Juneau. Students work with school board members, legislators, and peers to build advocacy and leadership skills. Students practice and use these skills with legislators, increasing student understanding of the legislative process.

For more information about these services and activities, visit www.aasb.org or contact Timi Tullis at 907-468-1660 or e-mail her at ttullis@aasb.org.
BOARDSMANSHIP ACADEMIES

Held three times a year- Fall, Winter, and Spring. Topics include:

- School Law,
- School Finance,
- Policy Development and
- Curriculum & Instruction
- issues affecting schools in Alaska.
Boardsmanship Academies
Board Development

Annual Conference in Anchorage

Every November:

- Largest gathering of education leaders and School Board members from ins the state.
- Conference programs feature renowned speakers and educational experts from around the globe and Alaska
- Education and Governance sectionals
- Delegate Assembly and a resolution process that gives the Association its direction.
Board Development

Customized In-district Board Workshops

Topics such as:

- Robert’s Rules,
- Board/Superintendent Relations,
- School Board Self-Evaluation,
- Goal Setting,
- Budgeting,
- Policy,
- Roles & responsibilities
Board Development

ADVISORY & CHARTER SCHOOL TRAININGS

- Local school advisory board training
- Academic Policy Committee (APC) training for Charter Schools governance and principals
Initiative for Community Engagement (Alaska ICE)

Community Engagement

- Build family and community support for schools & students

CRESEL (Culturally Responsive Embedded Social Emotional Learning)

- A responsive, social emotional framework for working with all students
Initiative for Community Engagement (Alaska ICE)

**Cultural Safety in Education (RWJ Grant)**

- Developing policies and practices to implement a cultural safety framework

**Trauma Informed Schools**

- Research, strategies and facilitated implementation of trauma informed practices in school systems
Initiative for Community Engagement (Alaska ICE)

Youth Leadership Institute (YLI) – Nov.

In November alongside the AASB’s Annual Conference in Anchorage. Up to 80 students attend annually.

- student leadership skills
- leadership style,
- communication and advocacy skills
- awareness of issues
Initiative for Community Engagement (Alaska ICE)

Youth Advocacy Institute (YAI) – Feb.

This event takes place in February alongside the AASB’s Fly-in in Juneau. Students work with school board members, legislators, and peers to:

- build advocacy and leadership skills.
- Practice and use skills with legislators
- Increase understanding of the legislative process.
- Participate in the legislative process
Initiative for Community Engagement (Alaska ICE)

School Climate and Connectedness Survey (SCCS)

Measures school climate data for students, staff, and families,
Use to improve and strengthen school environments, relationships and connections between students & staff.
New survey platform makes survey administration, reporting and analysis interactive and user-friendly.
Example of a page from the new report platform.
AASB Services

Policy & Policy Audits
Expert consultation, online board policy & legally vetted policy updates

Superintendent Searches
Expert facilitation of the entire search process,
- Identifying district needs
- Recruiting candidates
- Facilitating interviews

Strategic Planning
Facilitated workshops to establish a mission and vision and action plans that benefit student learning in measurable ways.
AASB Services

Legislative Advocacy

• 2 each Legislative Fly-ins (February & April)
• AASB Executive Director is a registered lobbyist working for all districts of the Association
• Daily legislative session monitoring & interaction
• Weekly digital report - The Session
The Session
Your Weekly Legislative Briefing

February 5-11, 2018

What Happened

The Legislative pace is picking up, which is much different from the last few years.

The House Majority has alluded to their desire for a 90-day adjournment in their Majority press conferences. Might it happen?

On the House side, the Finance subcommittees are regularly meeting to bring recommendations to the Finance Committee.
AASB Services

BoardBook™ – Paperless meetings
Web-based paperless meeting service developed by the Texas School Boards Association.

Consortium for Digital Learning (CDL)
full menu of services to school districts supporting the needed critical factors of digital learning

Superintendent Facilitated Evaluations (New)
Facilitated superintendent evaluation process

Salary & Benefits Survey
Comparative information on teacher, classified and administrator salaries and benefits
AASB’s monthly newsletter is your access to inside information about what’s happening in education across Alaska.  

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Election Got You Down? Vote Anyway! This election has created incredible confusion within the voting public of Alaska. But even more disturbing have been recent election results.

What constitutes an excused absence? State statute does not specify what qualifies as an excused or unexcused absence and simply leaves it to local boards to define. Here are:

8 Tips to Improve Your Conference Experience! Each year our conference speakers and presenters inspire, enlighten, and educate attendees. We hope you enjoyed:

Norm Wooten, AASB Executive Director

Timi Tullis, AASB Associate Executive Director
WHEW!!!

AASB CAN DO A LOT ... TRAINING, INFORMATION, ADVOCACY, AND ON & ON!
MOST IMPORTANTLY

WE ARE THERE FOR YOU!

ALL 16 OF US!

AASB STAFF