

Board of Education Retreat

Wednesday, January 21, 2026 6:30 PM

Conference Room #101, 609 Whitney St, Pender, NE 68047-0629

1. **The mission of the Pender Public School District is to provide quality educational opportunities in a safe, positive learning environment that motivates and challenges all students to become productive and responsible citizens.**

2. **Call to Order, Roll Call, Establishment of a Quorum**

3. **Resignation**

4. **Status Update - 2025-2026**

5. **2026 Committee Assignments**

6. **2026-2027 District Goals**

7. **Planning for the Future**

1. Finance

2. 2026-2027 Personnel

3. Facilities/Transportation

4. Extra-Curricular Opportunities

5. Programs

6. Technology Services

8. **Executive Session**

9. **Reconvene in Open Session**

10. **Upcoming Meetings/Board Opportunities**

1. Next Regular Meeting - February 9, 2026

2. NASB Legislative Issues Conference - January 25-26, 2026 - Lincoln

3. NRCSA Legislative Forum - February 26, 2026 - Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln

11. **Adjournment**

12. **The sequence of agenda topics is subject to change at the discretion of the board. Please arrive at the beginning of the meeting.**

**Pender Public School District
Board of Education
2026**

Term	Office/Member	Name	Address	Home Phone	Work Phone	Cell Phone	E-mail	Occupation/Business
2006-2026*	President	Matt Peters	2057 14th Road			922-0802	petersmatt88@gmail.com	Farmer
2012-2028*	Vice-President	Matt Heineman	1725 I Avenue		385-2211	922-1248	matt.heineman@avejd.com	AgriVision/Farmer
2012-2028*	Secretary/Treasurer	Jason Roth	1245 V Road			922-0675	jroth1@hotmail.com	Farmer
2006-2028**	Member	Jean Karlen	PO Box 156			922-0159	jeankarlen@gmail.com	Retired
2006-2026*	Member	J.J. Maise	606 S. Carns			922-1103	jjmaise@yahoo.com	PCH Facilities Manager
2018-2026*	Member	Mandy Johnson	PO Box 142		385-6500	922-1073	marandatory@yahoo.com	Northeast NE Insurance
							mjohnsonneneinsurance@gmail.com	

*Re-elected;

**Appointed to complete Franklin Fendrick's term 1/12/07 through 12/08; elected to serve 2008-2012; 2012-2016; 2016-2020; 2020-2024; 2024-2028

2026 Committee Assignments

Policy	Johnson* Karlen Peters	Transportation/Facilities	Maise* Heineman Peters		
Curriculum / Americanism / Technology	Karlen* Johnson Roth	Administrative Assistance	Peters* Karlen Heineman		
Negotiations	Heineman* Maise Roth	Finance	Roth* Maise Johnson		

*Chair

Threading A Moving Needle



Legislative Issues Conference

January 25-26, 2026

Cornhusker Marriott Lincoln

Stay Informed

Know The Process

Engage



2026 Legislative Issues Conference

TO REGISTER:

Go to <https://nasb.envisiams.com/> and log in using your email and password. 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. You may also access the NASB Events page with the right QR. \$25 cancellation fee by the registration deadline. No refunds after the deadline.



Registration fees for each event are as follows:

- Sunday dinner and program \$80
- Conference Registration \$120
 - On-Site Registration \$150
- Monday Afternoon 101 Wrap-Up (NEW*) \$20

Registration Deadline - January 19, 2026

TO REST:

To reserve your hotel please call 888-236-2427 to book your room in the NASB block by the January 4, 2026, deadline.

TO REDEEM:

Awards of Achievement Points can be earned by attending these events

- 10 points = Sunday dinner and program
- 15 points = Legislative Issues Conference

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE:

- School Board Members, Superintendents, ESU Administrators



Threading A Moving Needle

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25 - AGENDA

In 2025, the Governor signed legislation creating the School Financing Review Commission. With several meetings behind them, goals set, and a report submitted, hear from the K-12 board members and administrators on the Commission as they update us on the goals, progress, discussion, and reports of their work. This panel will be facilitated by NASB's Colby Coash, and Brian Maher, Commissioner of Education.

- 5:30 PM Registration
6:00 PM Reception, Dinner, and Program: "Threading a Moving Needle: A panel with the K-12 representatives of the School Financing Review Commission" Shavonna Holman - Omaha; Keith Runge - Lakeview; Ann Foster - Brady; Aaron Plas - Bennington; John Schwartz - Millard; Liz Standish - Lincoln



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MONDAY, JANUARY 26 - AGENDA

Weeks into each year's Legislative Session, key committee chairs, senators, and education leaders are invited to share their respective views throughout the morning. Get a firsthand look at the bills which will have an impact on public education in Nebraska. Close the conference by networking over lunch as a majority of Senators join us to discuss key takeaways from the morning.

- 8:00 AM Registration
8:30 AM Welcome and Introductions - NASB Legislative Committee Chair
Bill Review
Speaker Arch - Session Preview
Senator von Gillern - Revenue Committee Update
Senator Bohn - Judiciary Committee/Juvenile Justice Update
Senator Hughes - School Finance Legislation Update
Senator Lonowski - Education Committee Update
Final Talking Points Prior to Your Lunch with the Senators
12:00 PM Lunch with the Senators
1:30 PM Adjournment

(IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER, SPEAKER LIST SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

1:30 to 3:00 PM - NEW*

"Everything You Wanted To Know About The Legislature, But Never Wanted To Ask"

A 101 level review of bill searches, the legislative process, engagement strategies, and more with plenty of time for Q&A. You will leave ready to advocate!



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LEGISLATIVE FORUM

2026 NRCSA LEGISLATIVE FORUM

The 2026 NRCSA Legislative Forum will be held on February 26, 2026 at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the Forum please contact Jeff Bundy at (402) 202-6028 or via e-mail at jbundy@nrdsa.net

SCHEDULE

8:20 A.M. - Welcome & Announcements

8:30 A.M. - Committee Chair or Rural Senator

9:00 A.M. - Committee Chair or Rural Senator

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10:00 A.M. - Committee Chair or Rural Senator

10:30 A.M. - Committee Chair or Rural Senator

11:00 A.M. - Committee Chair or Rural Senator

11:30 A.M. - Committee Chair or Rural Senator

12:00 P.M. - Lunch with Senators

1:10 P.M.- Jack Moles & Russ Westerhold; NRCSA Executive Director & Lobbyist

1:45 P.M.- Closing & Adjourn

Please note: The schedule is subject to change.