

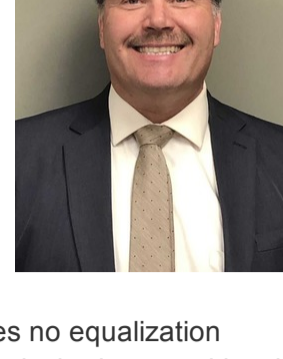


# NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATIONS



## NAPSF News June 2021

This month we chose to re-print an article from the August 2020 NAPSF newsletter because it contains relevant information on strengthening the relationship between education foundations and their school districts that many of our members, new and old, can utilize. Enjoy!



### Strengthen the Partnership with Your District

Mark Lenihan, Wayne Community Schools

School district budgets have become very tight over the past several years, and many rural schools are influenced by a lack of state funding. At Wayne Community Schools, 83% of the revenue the district generates to support a \$12 million-dollar general fund budget is collected through local tax receipts. Our district, like most rural districts in Nebraska, receives no equalization funding from the state aid formula. This puts a large burden on school district budgets and local tax payers who expect a high-quality educational experience for the students. The latest COVID-19 pandemic has put even more pressure on school districts to maintain a safe and equitable teaching and learning environment for students and staff.

School Foundations play a very important role in partnering with school districts to support initiatives that go beyond regular general fund expenditures. A positive partnership and relationship a school district has with the school foundation is critical to the success of both the school district and school foundation. The Wayne Community Schools Foundation has been in existence since the 1980's. Beginning in 2012, the school district committed funds to establish the first paid executive director of the foundation on a three-year probationary status. The Wayne Community Schools Board of Education committed the funds to support the position because they understood the importance of the support a school foundation can provide to enhance educational opportunities for the students. As the position evolved, the foundation board has been able to include the executive director position in operating costs, with a \$20,000 fee from the school district. A very valuable component to the success of this endeavor is the relationship between the school district superintendent, and the foundation executive director and board. Some ideas for school administrators and foundation directors that can nurture and enhance that relationship are listed below.

- **The superintendent serves as a non-voting member of the foundation board and attends all meetings.**
- **The executive director of the school foundation attends all meetings of the school board, and provides monthly updates.**
- **The executive director serves on the school district management team, and is part of all meetings on a regular basis.**
- **The foundation board and superintendent work collaboratively on goal setting and evaluating the executive director.**
- **The superintendent works closely with the executive director and foundation board to establish goals for fundraising and scholarships.**
- **The superintendent and foundation director work closely to plan activities that support the mission of the foundation and school district.**

The relationship between the school district and school foundation are maintained and nurtured by the superintendent and executive director. It is critical that both understand their role in supporting the work of the school board and foundation board. Having a positive relationship provides support that is seamless and benefits the students at Wayne Community Schools.

## Webinar: Strengthening the Education Foundation Industry

**When: July 22, 2021**

**Time: 1 p.m. CST**

**Registration is Free!**

### About the Webinar:

In 2005, the state organization for the Iowa Public Schools Foundation became the National School Foundation Association, Inc. [NSFA]. Over the 16-year existence of NSFA, we tried to be "all things to all people", without the solid infrastructure or the full resources of time, talent, and funds. On April 13, 2021, we incorporated the National Association of Education Foundations, Inc.

On July 22, Traci Skalberg and Mike Taylor, founding Board Members of the National Association of Education Foundations will introduce you to this new membership organization and explain the motivation from NSFA and transition plan as we launch our bold new initiative.

Hear from our leaders, ask questions and chat with your colleagues. We hope you will join us!

[Registration](#)



### NAPSF Coffee Talk

These sessions continue to be a hit with members! If you haven't attended one yet, come see what it's all about - Networking, advice, ideas and lots of laughs. Connect with other Nebraska school foundations and find a support system.

Join us for Coffee Talk on **July 1, 9am - 10am.**

[Coffee Talk Zoom Link](#)

## Submit Breakout Session Proposals for NAPSF 2021 Conference

We want to hear from you! What would you like to see at this year's NAPSF conference? Click the button below to fill out the form with your proposal. Submit as many suggestions as you like.

[Submit Breakout Session Proposals](#)

**Save the Date! NAPSF 2021 Annual Conference**  
Monday, November 8, 2021  
Career Pathways Institute, Grand Island

Email [info@napsf.org](mailto:info@napsf.org) to be added to the Planning Committee. Volunteers are needed!

# NAPSF Membership Benefits

## NAPSF Website - We Want to Hear From You

Does your foundation have an inspiring success story? Has your foundation been in the news? Do you have information or insight your peers would benefit from?

Submit your foundation stories, news, or articles [here](#) to be featured in upcoming NAPSF newsletters.

## NSFA Membership

All members of NAPSF receive a NSFA membership. This includes free NSFA Webinars and discounts for NSFA conferences.



**We are currently 32 members strong at the Nebraska Association of Public School Foundations. A list of our membership is below.**

- Anselmo-Merna Public Schools Foundation
- Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools Foundation
- Aurora Public Schools Foundation
- Beatrice Educational Foundation
- Bellevue Public Schools Foundation
- Bennington Public Schools Foundation
- Cardinal Education Foundation (South Sioux City)
- Central High School Foundation (Omaha)
- Columbus Public Schools Foundation, Inc.
- Cozad Public Schools Foundation
- Creek Valley School Educational Foundation
- DC West Schools Foundation
- Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation
- Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools
- Gering Public Schools Foundation
- Grand Island Public Schools Foundation
- Hastings Public Schools Foundation
- Kearney Public Schools Foundation
- Millard Schools Education Foundation, Inc.
- Minden Schools Foundation
- Norfolk Public Schools Foundation
- North Platte Public Schools Foundation
- Northwest Education Foundation
- Ogallala Public Schools Foundation
- Omaha Public Schools Foundation
- Papillion La Vista Schools Foundation
- Pioneer Fund Foundation
- Ralston Community Schools Foundation
- School District 145 Foundation for Education (Waverly/Eagle)
- Scottsbluff Schools Foundation
- Wayne Community Schools Foundation
- Westside Community Schools Foundation, Inc.

## Haven't Become a NAPSF Member Yet?

The Nebraska Association of Public School Foundations is a state affiliate of the National School Foundation Association. This means that as a member of the Nebraska Association of Public School Foundations, you will get the discounted conference rate and all other full benefits of membership to the national organization as well as Nebraska. You pay one rate to Nebraska and get two memberships Statewide and National! What a deal!

[Learn more about NAPSF membership benefits](#)

# NAPSF Event Calendar

## NAPSF Coffee Talk

**When:** Thursday, July 1, 2021, 9:00am - 10:00am CST

**Location:** Zoom Meeting - [Coffee Talk Zoom Link](#)

## NAPSF 2021 Annual Conference

**When:** Monday, November 8, 2021

**Location:** Career Pathways Institute, Grand Island

More information coming soon!

Questions or Comments? Contact NAPSF [Here](#).



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