

# Meetings, Seminars, Workshops, and Webinars...

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### WASB Fall Regional Meetings

Join us as we recognize school board members, hold elections for the WASB board of directors, discuss activities of the WASB and more at the Fall Regional Meetings.

This year, an in-depth legislative update will also be provided. WASB Government Relations staff will provide an update to members on the most pertinent proposals and lead a discussion on how school leaders can be advocates for their district.

In addition, the Regional Meetings take time to recognize school

board members who have reached a new level in the WASB Board Development Program. School board members earn points by attending WASB and National School Boards Association (NSBA) programs and activities.

WASB Executive Director John Ashley will wrap up the meeting with the Executive Director's Report, which will inform members about the future activities and direction of the WASB. □

- Region 1** | Oct. 11 - Ashland\*\*  
Oct. 12 - Rice Lake\*\*
- Region 2** | Oct. 10 - Minocqua
- Region 3** | Oct. 5 - Green Bay\*
- Region 4** | Oct. 24 - Eau Claire
- Region 5** | Oct. 26 - Rothschild
- Region 6** | Oct. 25 - Westby\*
- Region 7** | Sept. 26 - Neenah
- Region 8** | Sept. 27 - Kiel\*
- Region 9** | Sept. 19 - Fennimore
- Region 10** | Oct. 18 - Wis. Dells
- Region 11 & 15** | Oct. 17 - Pewaukee\*
- Region 12** | Oct. 4 - Madison\*
- Region 13** | Oct. 3 - Elkhorn
- Region 14** | TBD - Milwaukee\*

\* Denotes regions with elections for WASB Board of Directors

\*\* Denotes two options for Region 1

### 2017 Governance Workshops

**Continuous improvement of a school board** requires ongoing learning and training. Experienced WASB staff and consultants are offering four workshops this fall throughout the state focused on data, effective board operations, and community leadership to improve board governance. Each workshop will be offered in two locations. Attend with fellow board members to enhance your learning.

- **Data Dive Workshops (two parts)**  
Sept. 29 (Chippewa Falls) and Oct. 27 (Whitewater)
- **Operating Effectively as a Board Workshop**  
Sept. 12 (Tomahawk) and Oct. 12 (Fennimore)
- **Community Leadership Workshop**  
Sept. 14 (West Salem) and Oct. 17 (Suring)

### Pre-Regional Meeting Workshop

#### Implications of the 2017-19 State Budget for School Boards

Beyond its funding provisions, the 2017-19 state budget includes numerous changes to state law impacting Wisconsin public school districts. As a result, school boards may need to review their policies and make budget adjustments. At this workshop, learn more about the specifics of the major statutory changes and implications on local district policies. Make sure your district doesn't fall behind in making the appropriate and necessary changes. Presented by WASB Legal Services staff.

*Workshops will be held immediately prior to the Regional Meetings (above) from 4-6 pm at the same facility. Members are welcome to attend workshops in any region. Regional Meeting registration is not required. Registration begins at 4 pm, the workshop starts at 4:30 pm.*

### Recognize Your Business Partners

**Nominate a business for the WASB Business Honor Roll.** The WASB invites member school boards to submit the names of up to five local businesses, including newspapers or other media, that have been helpful to your school district over the past year.

Tell us who they are and what they have done for your schools, and we will help you promote your business partnerships. All nominated businesses will be posted on the WASB website. Districts will be provided a sample press release and a personalized certificate to present to the business(es). Select nominees and the stories of their successful partnerships will be featured in the *Wisconsin School News*.

To nominate your partner businesses, use the online nomination form at wasb.org. The nomination period will close Friday, Sept. 22.

## Wisconsin School Board Appreciation Week is Oct. 1-7

In recognition of the thousands of school board members throughout the state, the WASB has set Oct. 1-7, 2017, as Wisconsin School Board Appreciation Week. This week is designed to recognize the contributions made by Wisconsin's school board members who are charged with governing public education under state law. The WASB has prepared a kit, which includes a sample press release, activities, and more to help school districts recognize their school boards.

Find the kit at [WASB.org](http://WASB.org). Select "Services & Resources," "Communications" and then "School Board Appreciation Week."

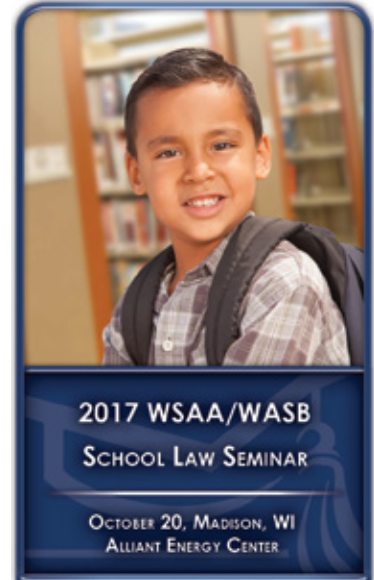
## WASB/WSAA School Law Seminar

The WSAA/WASB School Law Seminar, taking place Oct. 20 in Madison, will feature experienced school law attorneys and WASB staff presenting sessions on a variety of legal and related issues pertinent to school board members and school administrators.

Sessions will provide attendees with the latest information on important topics including: special education and disability rights, health law changes affecting schools, role of the union post-Act 10, new law update and much more.

### ■ Pre-Seminar Workshop

A special pre-seminar workshop will be offered before the WSAA/WASB School Law Seminar on Thursday, Oct. 19. This workshop will cover board-superintendent relations, examining roles and expectations as well as the process for decision-making and evaluation.



## WASB Webinars

The WASB hosts a series of webinars throughout the year on important legal topics. Here is a look at the upcoming webinars from the WASB.

### ■ Pupil Expulsion

Sept. 13, 1:30-2:30 pm

Presenter: Bob Butler, Associate Executive Director and Staff Counsel

This webinar presentation covers state and federal laws relating to pupil expulsions. The presentation will provide a roadmap for considering the expulsion of pupils and to help avoid common pitfalls when doing so. The presentation will focus on procedures for administrators as well as for boards that conduct their own expulsion hearings.

### ■ Administrator Contracts

Oct. 4, 12-1 pm

Presenter: Ben Richter, WASB Staff Counsel

This presentation covers all aspects of administrator contracts, including the drafting of contracts, contract terms, application of section 118.24 Wis. Stat. to administrator nonrenewals, and more. State and federal court decisions on administrator contracts, including the *Klaus v. Eau Claire School District* case, will be covered.

### ■ FMLA: State and Federal Requirements

Oct. 18, 12-1 pm

Presenter: Barry Forbes, Associate Executive Director and Staff Counsel

This webinar will review requirements under the Wisconsin and federal Family and Medical Leave Act, including eligibility for leave for birth or adoption, serious health conditions of employees, parents, spouses and children, and the various leaves available to military service men and women and their families. Employer notice and documentation requirements will be covered along with employer and employee rights and obligations during and after FMLA leaves.

### ■ Election Notices and Procedures

Nov. 1, 12-1 pm

Presenter: Dan Mallin, WASB Legal and Policy Staff Counsel

Wisconsin school districts must comply with numerous statutory obligations related to elections. This presentation will cover key deadlines, required notices, and post-election processes. This webinar will be of particular interest to school district clerks and to superintendents' administrative assistants (who often assist with election duties).

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*Please note: These and all previous webinars are recorded and available on demand. WASB members can purchase any webinar and watch when their schedule allows. Upcoming live and pre-recorded webinars are listed on the WASB Webinars page at [wasb.org](http://wasb.org).*