

JANUARY 22, 2013

Tuesday Pre-Convention Workshops

1 – 5 PM Pre-Registration Required Hyatt Regency Milwaukee

■ Turning High-Poverty Schools Into High-Performance Schools



Dr. William H. Parrett

Led by William H. Parrett, PhD, this session will equip school board members with an opportunity to consider an array of implications for their work as it connects with supporting the improvement of achievement and the strategies needed for helping all students to succeed. Focusing on the school board's role in successfully educating students who

live in poverty, participants will learn how to build the leadership capacity necessary to improve student learning, eliminate practices that perpetuate underachievement, and foster a safe, supportive culture of high achievement.

Dr. William H. Parrett is the Director of the Center for School Improvement & Policy Studies and Professor of Education at Boise State University.



Deb Gurke

■ Data First for Governance

Are you using education data as well as you could? Do you wish there was a checklist for making data easier to understand? In this pre-convention workshop, attendees will learn simple practices to effectively organize and present data to boards and to the public. Learn key questions to ask any time data are in front of you and do hands-on exercises to

put the principles into practice. Core concepts come from Data First for Governance, a research-based, board-tested workshop series developed by the Center for Public Education. Learn something new whether you're an experienced "data digester" or wondering where to start.

Deb Gurke is WASB director of Governance and Leadership Development (GoLD).

■ Basics of Wisconsin School and Employment Law

Attendees will receive a comprehensive review of the most significant legal questions arising in board governance. WASB staff attorneys will cover school board powers and duties, the Open Meetings Law, other meeting concerns including election of officers, parliamentary procedures and meeting minutes, public records laws, conflict of interest, employment and labor law, pupil records and pupil expulsion. Ample time will be allowed for questions.

Bob Butler, WASB associate executive director; **Barry Forbes**, WASB associate executive director; **Ben Richter**, WASB staff counsel

■ The School Finance Puzzle



In this workshop, presenters will use a hands-on approach to take the confusion out of school finance. Gain a conceptual understanding of the major components of the Wisconsin school finance system including revenue limits, equalization aid, property taxes and referendums. Learn how these components interrelate and how they impact board decision-

making. Leave the workshop with increased confidence with discussing school finance concepts and use this knowledge to help foster an environment of trust in your community.

DPI School Finance Team and Practicing School Business Officials

■ Pre-Delegate Assembly Discussion

Tuesday, January 22, 7-8 pm | Hilton Milwaukee City Center

This discussion session gives delegates an opportunity to seek any needed clarifications of the resolutions forwarded to the Delegate Assembly by the WASB Policy and Resolutions Committee. This will be an informational session only. Members are encouraged to ask questions, but no action will be taken and no debate will be allowed. This session also serves as the opportunity for delegates to propose emergency resolutions to the Policy and Resolutions Committee. A review of parliamentary procedure for delegate assemblies will also be covered.

