

School Safety Seminar and Summer Leadership Institute

New this year, the WASB will be hosting a special School Safety Seminar in conjunction with the Summer Leadership Institute, July 13-14 in Green Bay.

The first day will focus on important and timely school safety and student wellbeing topics, including:

- Early Brain and Child Development
- School Emergency Response Plans
- School Mental Health
- School Security Audits
- Dealing with Digital Threats, Internet Safety, and Smart Phone Apps
- Crisis Communications
- School Safety Grants

The second day will be the traditional WASB Summer Leadership Institute with two tracks of programming for new and experienced members. Sessions include:

- Key Work of School Boards



- Financial Forecasting
- The Basics of Wisconsin School Board Laws
- Evaluating the Superintendent
- School Board Governance through Policymaking
- Basic Strategic Planning and Strategies for Plan Deployment and Monitoring
- Fundamentals of Wisconsin School Finance
- All In? Using Self-Assessment as a Process for Developing Effective School Board/Superintendent Teams
- WASB Legislative Update

In addition, on Friday evening (July

13), the WASB will be hosting a dinner featuring a keynote by Jim Draeger of the Wisconsin Historical Society. Draeger, the State Historic Preservation Officer, will join us for an entertaining look at his national award-winning book “Bottoms Up: A Toast to Wisconsin’s Historic Bars and Breweries.” Beginning with inns and saloons and tracing the rise of megabreweries and the emergence of microbreweries, the book tells the story of how Wisconsin came to dominate brewing and the place that bars — and beer — hold in our social and cultural history. ■

For more information, visit wasb.org. Event details will be released soon.

Upcoming WASB Webinars

The WASB hosts a series of webinars throughout the year on legal, policy, and other important school leadership topics. Here is a look at the upcoming webinars from the WASB.

Hiring Teachers

May 9, 1:30-2:30 pm

This presentation will inform you about the general hiring process of teachers, including state requirements. It includes information about the purpose of position descriptions, the posting of vacancy notices, application forms, the interview process, and reference checks. You will also learn about state and federal laws as they relate to employment discrimination.

Presenter: Bob Butler, Associate Executive Director and Staff Counsel

Annual and Special Meetings

June 13, 12-1 pm

This presentation will review the notice requirements for annual and special meetings, cover meeting agendas and procedures and discuss the division of powers between the annual meeting and the school board in common school districts.

Presenter: Barry Forbes, Associate Executive Director and Staff Counsel

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.

Spring Workshops

A foundation in school board governance for new and experienced school board members

To be effective leaders, school board members must be cognizant of their legal roles and responsibilities. In this workshop, an experienced WASB school attorney will take a deeper dive into the key areas of Wisconsin law, including:

- Open meetings,
- Public records,
- Conflicts of interest, and
- A board's power and duties.

Participants will gain a greater confidence in understanding the state and federal laws that directly impact service on a school board and how the implementation of those laws influences effective board governance.

The workshops will provide a foundation for new school board members to begin learning their role and serve as a helpful refresher for experienced board members.

The workshops will be held in the evening (6-8:30 pm) at the 12 CESA offices across the state. The event

Spring Workshops

- May 8 – CESA 1, Pewaukee
CESA 12, Ashland
- May 9 – CESA 3, Fennimore
CESA 11, Turtle Lake
- May 10 – CESA 6, Oshkosh
CESA 10, Chippewa Falls
- May 15 – CESA 4, West Salem
CESA 5, Portage
- May 16 – CESA 2, Whitewater
CESA 8, Gillett
- May 17 – CESA 7, Green Bay
CESA 9, Tomahawk

includes a dinner and the in-depth workshop on the “Legal Roles and Responsibilities of School Boards.” The agenda is the same in each location.

For a detailed description and to register, visit wasb.org. ■



WASB Peer Mentoring Program

Have a board member who would like more guidance and support?

The **WASB Peer Mentoring Program** is a complimentary service for school board members – new and experienced. Whether new to the board, new to being a board officer or just would like an additional resource, WASB Peer Mentors are available for advice, support and guidance.

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