



IASB Update for AEA Superintendent Meetings— May 2026

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What’s Coming Up for You and Your Board?

Plan ahead and stay informed—register now or save the date for these upcoming learning opportunities:

- [**Summit on Student Success**](#)—**June 9, 2026**: Join us for a first-hand look at how a shared vision at the board table turns today’s decisions into tomorrow’s student success.

Summit Features

- **Featured workshops** brought to you by IASB staff experts.
- **In-depth breakout sessions** exploring innovative and actionable steps that Iowa school boards are making for improved student outcomes.
- **Time to connect and collaborate** with fellow board members.
- Explore what success for all students looks like with **hands-on practice** governing.

Don’t miss the chance to explore the positive impact of your governance through a lens for student learning! [**Learn more and register now.**](#)

Huge thank you to [Frontline Education](#) for sponsoring this year's Summit on Student Success!

- [Financial Planning Analytics Lite](#)—**May 4, 2026—Via Zoom:** Financial Planning Analytics Lite is a tool that uses district Certified Annual Budget (CAR) data to support financial planning and projections. In this session, Frontline will provide an overview of the tool, including how districts can use their existing data to generate projection models and access reporting outputs. [Register now](#).
- [Legislative Recap Webinar](#)—**May 20, 2026—Via Zoom:** Join IASB's government relations staff for a full rundown of bills that made it through the 2026 legislative session that will have an impact on public education in Iowa. [Register now](#).
- **Post-Session Sample Policy Updates Webinar—Tuesday, June 30—Via Zoom:** The 2026 Legislative Updates Policy Primer will be released in mid-June. Policy Reference Manual subscribers are invited to join IASB staff for a webinar to learn about updates to IASB sample policies resulting from the 2026 Iowa legislative session. Registration opens soon!

If you have questions, please contact Emily Miller at emiller@ia-sb.org.

IASB BoardCon 2026

Nov. 18–20, 2026

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

OPEN NOW! Now is your chance to make your mark on [IASB BoardCon 2026](#)! Share your knowledge and experience with school board members by presenting an education session. The deadline to submit your proposal is **June 9, 2026**. Check out the [presentation criteria](#) and [submit your proposal today](#).

CALL FOR STUDENT TALENT

OPEN NOW! Does your district have some talented performers? What better place to showcase that talent than the Opening General Session at [IASB BoardCon](#)! IASB is seeking a group to perform the National Anthem and 3–4 additional songs for school leaders from across the state. The deadline for application is **June 19, 2026**. [Learn more](#) and [submit today](#)!

If you have questions, please contact Emily Miller at emiller@ia-sb.org.

Report Your Tentative Agreements

As you complete teacher negotiations for FY 2027, please share your data with IASB and ISEA. This information is compiled into a summary report to support districts during negotiations. Please download the [FY 2027 TA Reporting Form](#), to input your data and email the completed form to

both [Marte Brightman](#) at IASB and [Jason Enke](#) at ISEA. Make sure to **follow the instructions included in the instructions tab** of the reporting form to ensure accurate reporting. Prompt reporting helps provide accurate data to districts still undergoing negotiations. [Learn more!](#)

If you have questions, please contact Marte Brightman at mbrightman@ia-sb.org.

School Board Recognition Month 2026

Each May, IASB recognizes the volunteer board members serving Iowa's 325 local school boards, nine AEA boards, and 15 community college boards. The 2026 [School Board Recognition Month](#) theme is **"Because of You."**



Personalized certificates and posters have been mailed to board secretaries. We encourage you to use our [toolkit resources](#), which include an [activities & tip sheet](#), [sample social media content](#), a [school board member fact sheet](#), and more to recognize your board members throughout the month of May.

If you have questions, please contact Jen Woodley at jwoodley@ia-sb.org.

Iowa Association of School Personnel Administrators (IASPA) Formally Recognized as IASB Committee

IASB is pleased to announce that the Iowa Association of School Personnel Administrators (IASPA) has been formally recognized as an IASB Committee. [Learn more!](#)

IASPA supports Iowa school leaders in human resources, personnel administration, and labor relations by providing professional learning, networking, and practical resources to strengthen HR practices across public schools and AEAs.

Interested in joining IASPA? Contact IASB Executive Director D.T. Magee at dmagee@ia-sb.org. Your local public school district or AEA must be an IASB member to join IASPA.

Annual Board Award Program

Nearly six months into the ABA year (Nov. 1–Oct. 31, annually) is a great time to look at where your board-superintendent team stands for your ABA credits, and to plan your learning opportunities. Find more information on the program and track individual and team progress [here](#) or reach out to us at BoardDev@ia-sb.org.

Timely Tools & Resources

ADVOCACY IN ACTION & UPDATED BILL SUMMARIES

We have officially made it past the second funnel deadline, meaning only bills that passed through one chamber and a committee in the opposite chamber remain alive (not including Appropriations or Ways & Means bills). Make sure you're in the know on all Capitol happenings and bookmark our [Advocacy in Action page](#) where you'll find bills on the move, our weekly Under the Golden Dome video with IASB Lobbyist Emily Piper, and the Advocacy Action of the Week. Plus, peruse our [2026 Bill Summaries](#) to keep track of which bills died, survived, or are on their way to the governor's desk.

If you have questions, please contact Michelle Johnson at mjohnson@ia-sb.org.

APRIL DATA DASHBOARD

NOW AVAILABLE! The Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) has many data tools that provide you, your board, and your district or AEA with specific data and the ability to compare to other districts or AEAs. View the [April Data Dashboard](#) for updated AEA and financial focus data tools, updated school finance data, and more.

If you have questions, please contact Mike Guanci at mguanci@ia-sb.org.

DATA BOOST— INTEREST FROM DEPOSITS & INVESTMENTS FROM ALL SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDS

The data boost published on April 24, 2026, features a new [interactive dashboard](#) that explores interest income earned by school districts—designed to help you quickly compare trends, identify patterns, and better understand how interest earnings impact your district finances by fund types. [Read more.](#)

If you have questions, please contact Mike Guanci at mguanci@ia-sb.org.

THE BOARD'S ROLE IN HIRING

The board's roles and responsibilities in hiring are guided by federal and state laws, policies, and best practices. A clear understanding of these roles helps ensure hiring processes are effective, legally sound, and aligned with district or AEA goals. Strong hiring practices are essential to building and maintaining a high-quality education program. Learn more about the five common roles boards play in hiring. Click [here](#) to learn more about the five common roles the board plays in hiring.

If you have questions, please contact David Hoth at dhoth@ia-sb.org.

Upcoming Events

May 20, 2026: [Legislative Recap Webinar](#)

June 9, 2026: [Summit on Student Success](#)

June 30, 2026: **Post-Session Sample Policy Updates Webinar**

Nov. 18–20, 2026: [IASB BoardCon 2026](#)

For a complete listing, visit www.ia-sb.org/learninghub.