

NJSBA WORKSHOP REPORT
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GLASSBORO BOE PRESIDENT
10/26/17



Below is a listing of classes or meeting that I attended during the NJSBA workshop. When no times are listed, I was walking the floor of the workshop. I am not claiming any reimbursement for any expenses associated with the training.

Monday, October 23 • 2:30pm - 3:30pm

A Myriad of Factors that Impact student Achievement

This session introduced participants to other factors that can influence and inhibit learning, such as inherent bias, student management practices, land use laws and more. In addition, a collaborative process that districts can use to identify specific challenges and develop actions plans will be discussed.

Monday, October 23 • 3:45pm - 4:45pm

Operating within an Effective Committee System

A 2015 NJSBA survey indicated that most boards operate through a committee system—or with a combined system of standing committees and a committee-as-a-whole. They shared best practices for standing committees in areas such as curriculum, facilities, finance, personnel and policy; as well as the role of board leadership in ensuring their effectiveness.

Tuesday, October 24 • 9:30am - 10:30am

Implicit Bias in the Classroom

This session will examined the impact of implicit bias in the classroom as it applies to both employee hiring and student discipline issues. Participants were introduced to general principles and concepts, and learn how implicit bias may be impacting the delivery of educational services to non-majority populations. School leaders learned strategies designed to reduce the potential for investigations into allegations of discrimination by the Office of Civil Rights.

Tuesday, October 24 • 11:00am - 12:00pm

The Report of the NJSBA Student Achievement Task Force

Over the past two years the NJSBA Student Achievement Task Force has researched and analyzed the barriers to student learning. Regardless of zip code, circumstance of birth, each student deserves a proper education. I presented part of this program that includes a review of the 83 recommendations that individual boards of education should consider as they develop and implement plans to facilitate learning for all.

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Tuesday, October 24 • 12:00pm – 1:00 am

Lunch with Dr. Silverstein - French & Parrello

Tuesday, October 24 • 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Implementing the Aligned ESSA and QSAC: Understanding the Supports

This presentation showcased the next steps of implementation that include supports around Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and the New Jersey Quality Assurance Continuum (NJQSAC). As the goals are realized, of aligning these systems around accountability to reduce the burden on districts, DOE shared how these systems have been aligned and clarify supports available to schools and districts. This included strategic training as well as tools and supports.

Tuesday, October 24 • 2:00pm - 3:30pm

A Conversation with Kimberly Harrington, Commissioner of Education

The Commissioner provided an overview of the strategies being initiated by the NJDOE, which focus on student achievement. She highlighted the development of a new division to streamline the processes at NJDOE.

Tuesday, October 24 • 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Dinner with Administrators and Attorney's from PARKER McCAY P.A. at Mortons

Wednesday, October 25 • 8:00am – 9:30am

NJSBA Leadership Breakfast

Participated as a member of the NJSBA Board of Directors in the NJSBA Leadership Breakfast. The breakfast recognized the BOD members, County Officers, and Committee Chairs. Kevin Ciak, President of the National School Boards Association was the keynote speaker.

Wednesday, October 25 • 9:30am - 10:30am

What School Board Members Need to Know about SEMI

This workshop, hosted by our very own Danielle Sochor and Deneen Molloy focused on providing school boards members information on all billable services that can be accounted in order to receive a surplus in revenue every year. Many districts were not aware of the ways to bill for SEMI (Special Education Medicaid Initiative) services. We also discussed the two parts of SEMI, the NJ Mac portion of claiming costs and the Easy Trac portion of logging services, and how they tie in together for maximum billable costs. They did a fantastic job!

Wednesday, October 25 • 11:00am - 12:15pm

Keynote Speaker – Dr. Maurice Elias – What Students need to be successful in 2027

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Countless studies and reports agree with the World Economic Forum, that students need outstanding social-emotional skills to be successful in school, family, community, workplace, and civic life... regardless of what new technologies emerge in the future. For students to achieve those skills, they must attend schools dedicated to promoting their social-emotional competence and character.

Wednesday, October 25 • 12:30pm – 1:00 pm

Lunch with Dr. Silverstein - Nutri-Serve

Wednesday, October 25 • 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Evaluating Your Superintendent

Roll-out of NJSBA's improved superintendent evaluation tool, developed in cooperation with NJASA. The program featured six new evaluation standards that reflect the qualities and values of leadership that are integral to student success. It increased the focus on standards and communication between the board and superintendent. Plus, it provided board members with a revised, user-friendly template to complete the summary evaluation. I didn't like the new tool.

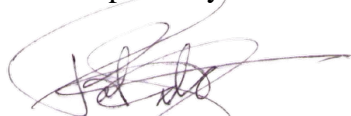
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Officer's Reception

Participated in the Officers Reception held at Harrah's. The event featured a presentation of recognition by current officers with plaques to the NJSBA Executive Director and Assistant Executive Director for being Commissioned Kentucky Colonels. The plaques were presented by current Kentucky Colonels, including myself. All NJSBA Officers, Board of Directors, County Presidents, and NJSBA staff were in attendance along with representatives from NJASA and NJDOE.

The conference included over 8,000 participants and was an excellent training and collaboration opportunity. Unfortunately only 3 BOE members from Glassboro were observed in attendance.

Respectfully,



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