

CASB BRIEF - October 29 Vol. 12



Executive Director Newsletter

As a reminder, we changed this weekly news brief to be shorter and directed to a specific topic delivered every Tuesday for your ease and convenience:

- 1st Tuesday, Legal
- 2nd Tuesday, Policy
- 3rd Tuesday, Professional Development
- 4th Tuesday, Advocacy

When we have a 5th Tuesday in the month, I provide an Executive Director's Update. You can find all of the CASB Briefs by date and topic on the CASB website under the tab heading "News" or just click [here](#). Here are a few updates as we prepare for the election next week and the annual convention in early December.

Changes for the 2024 Annual Convention

We are looking forward to this year's annual convention starting with breakfast on Thursday, December 5th (early registration begins on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 p.m.). The overall format of the conference is the same with a general session speaker for each day of the conference. Thursday's general session features Heather Younger starting at 10 a.m. in Broadmoor Hall A. Friday's general session speaker is John K. Coyle, and the closing general session is Saturday at 9:30 a.m. featuring [Alex Boye](#), and you do not want to miss this final event of the conference which includes nearly 200 student representatives who will join the final general session.

The conference agenda has changed a little bit for this year. The Welcome Reception will be on Thursday night (rather than Friday), starting at 5:30 p.m. in the Exhibit Hall. All meals will be served in the Exhibit Hall (Bartolin Hall), so you will have easy access to more than 60 exhibitors and plenty of room to share a meal and connect with your colleagues.

The President's reception (by invitation) was moved to Wednesday evening, and we added another slate of breakout sessions to Thursday afternoon, including special extended learning opportunities requested by you. You can find the conference agenda and speaker profiles on the [CASB website](#).

CASB Academies Coming December 2024

Academies of Excellence

- GETTING THINGS DONE**
 - Roles and Responsibilities
 - Meetings
- RESOURCES**
 - School Finance Act
 - Budgets
- LEGAL**
 - Colorado Statutes
 - SBE Rules and Regulations
- GOVERNANCE**
 - Policy Development
 - Conduct and Ethics
- VISION**
 - Accountability for student success
 - Community engagement
 - Advocacy agenda

Colorado Association of School Boards

CASB is developing five academies which will provide new school board members with foundational skills and knowledge to prepare them for their first year or two of school board leadership. CASB will be introducing one of these Academies during a two-hour segment at the annual convention.

Our intent is to pilot the learning experience in early 2025 and have all five academies available for newly elected school board members in November 2025. If you are new to school board work, want to learn more, or simply want to provide feedback as we pilot this new format, please attend the special breakout session on Friday, December 6, 2024 starting at 8 a.m. in Rocky Mountain Ballroom A&B.

BoardBooks—Electronic Board Meetings Software

CASB is partnering with BoardBooks to provide a low cost, but very robust, electronic meeting format for member school districts. BoardBooks creates an online presence for your monthly board meetings which serves as a simple tool to develop monthly agendas and also serves as an exceptional archive for past meetings including all attachments and minutes.

Using an electronic meetings software saves significant staff time for board packet preparation and provides greater transparency for your community. Boardbooks also seamlessly integrates with policy updates. Please reach out to us for additional details, or click on the [link](#) at the bottom of the CASB website to learn more.

CASB Opposes Amendment 80

The Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) recognizes that Amendment 80, "School Choice in K-12 Education" seeks to amend the Colorado Constitution to create a constitutionally protected right to school choice for K-12 students and their parents; [...] the diversion of public funds to private schools goes directly against CASB's mission to protect public education and ensure sufficient funding for public school districts [...] The Colorado Association of School Boards declares that Amendment 80 poses a significant risk to the funding and health of Colorado's public education system and contradicts CASB's fundamental mission to advocate for and protect public schools.

CASB's full statement can be found [here](#).