

MENOMONIE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM

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What is the purpose of the agenda item (examples may include) •

Informational or briefing (e.g. Receiving numerous emails on subject) •

Proposed policy change

- **Scoping-breakdown a plan**
- **Problem Solving – Risk/Issue/Challenge**
- **Status – Revisit commitments**

Purpose: Proposed policy change **Action(s):**

1. Change Board Policy 163.1 School Board Memberships
2. Remove the National School Board Association from the list of continuous memberships.

Description of the agenda item (Include any supporting documentation):

Discontinue membership from the National School Board Association at this time due to the costs associated and lack of value received. The membership is approximately \$4,200 annually and is renewed in July.

22 State School Board Associations have left the NSBA citing problems in communication going back a decade along with the lack of advocacy on a national level for individual state board concerns. Minnesota, our neighboring state being one of them. California, as per the article attached is another.

<https://edsources.org/updates/california-school-boards-association-to-split-from-national-organization>

It was addressed during our discussion at the last meeting that it's important to have national advocacy. However, I would contend that their advocating is not relevant to us here in midwestern Wisconsin. Many of their emails, surprisingly - a lot about what is going on in California, didn't apply to us geographically, economically and our community values. Bringing things back to local control, and advocacy is the direction I am advocating. If there are ways in which our Superintendent can do that by partnering with WASB, the money should go there. Perhaps sending our Student body presidents to the state conference. Many to put that money to better use.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE MENOMONIE AREA

163.1

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

The board shall maintain continuous membership for the district in the following associations:

1. Wisconsin Association of School Boards
2. National School Boards Association
3. Wisconsin Association of Equity in Funding
4. Wisconsin Policy Forum
5. Greater Menomonie Area Chamber of Commerce

LEGAL REF.: Section 120.13(16) Wisconsin Statutes

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/s/John Sobota
Clerk