

## FSBA/FADSS Annual Summer Conference 2025

What is the main topic you would like addressed at an upcoming conference?
A session on the actual role of effective school board members.
Dealing with the issue of appropriate/inappropriate books.
Creative funding options? More conflict resolution and talking to media/communication. Sometimes topics are more staff/operations oriented and I think we need more topics that are solely SBM issues.
Pushing out more info about CBM and master board.
establishing pay parity accross the board for all District employees
Legal and Financial
Maybe, after the focus on strategic planning at this conference, boards could bring their district plans and engage in some type of continuous improvement discussions. Or simply share in small groups the main focus of their plans. Or, share how they are organized.
Team building
Hot topics in education and trends
AI
3rd grade retention and the possibility and reasoning behind moving it to 1st or 2nd grade
Non-salary strategies to improve the recruitment and retention of school staff
Just continuing to get new school board members up and running as quick as possible with term limits approaching.
CTE
Governance
Proven Strategies to get students back from private/homeschools.
How to steer board members away from defying the law and legislation.
Vouchers and home school recruitment back to public schools
Ideas of ways to communicate with families.
I think how to continue to attract students to public schools or to stay in the public school setting. Attendance and cell phone use. However it has been my experience that I always get something to take back from every session.
Graduation rates.
State requirements for educational facilities building, SREF, code and the cost of building charter schools versus traditional public schools. I would also like to see a discussion about partially and unfunded mandates.
Parliamentary procedures...I know it sounds trivial, but the motions and agendas are confusing to me; when to speak and when to not speak, when to make a motion and not....
Just more of what we've had over the last few winter/summer conferences. Topics have been great.
The US Dept of Education will be a hot topic for a while and it's constantly changing. Keeping us informed and educated is extremely important so that we can grasp the issues.
Well Finance.
Finance is big
Trends in Education -is anyone successfully doing a district-run charter school? -is anyone successfully co-locating with a charter school? -has anyone successfully become a marketplace vendor to offer classes to PEP students? I heard Dana Goldstein, NYT Education reporter, on a webinar sponsored by American Enterprise Institute. She covered a lot of topics. One interesting question was what constitutes education reform. She proposed that the focus on parents' rights has taken away from focus on instruction and achievement.
Legislative updates on the Department of Education and how FLDOE aligns with it.
School finance

Agenda items and how to navigate through them.
Finance - the session in December was changed (substitute speaker?) and did not address what a new school board member needed to know about finance.
Not sure
Currently I cannot think of one
teamwork
Information about public schools offering online virtual options
I have no topic to be addressed
Continue covering ways districts are utilizing AI for both the classroom and technical use.
Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tools FDOE policies about school safety and students with disabilities
homelessness Micro schools Co-ops affordable housing repurposing schools
Communication is always good how to address the media.
Not really sure.
n/a
Current things happening in education and/or statute.
Student data sharing and security requirements
Would like at least one upbeat motivational speaker to make us feel good about being a School Board member.
Building camaraderie about boards when personalities collide. Beyond the board room types of thoughts. Building new schools and SREF... what can we do to update or change legislation ?
Bargaining with unions!
How Charter Schools interface traditional public schools.
I would like to discuss the Second Chance Act & how it could help save the lives of some of our athletes.
More information on how AI will affect school districts
I like how you always have sessions that are specific to school board members getting better-regardless of where they are at on their journey
How to better prepare districts with issues and how legislation drives.
Mental health
Anything revolving around how to be the best board member I can be. All our speakers have been great.
Advocacy and how it aligns to the Strategic Plan
Construction solutions! Meeting the growth needs of in Florida.
What eventually comes of the Federal DOE.
New statutes/rules and how districts are implementing them.
As I said, in the other question: AI and how to get out in front of it or at least not be dragging behind it. It's helpful uses and warnings of misuse. I know the subject has come up in past conferences, but it bears repeating How to represent all stakeholders when they're so divided. What's the win-win where the school board member can come out on top Responding to emails or personal attacks in the proper way, avoiding pitfalls by giving information that is desired Understanding the actual law on book objections (Pinellas county interrogation was concerning)
Using AI CTE Strategic Planning
I would like to continue the discussions regarding Career Paths and Alternative Learning. And I would like to see more discussions regarding Diversity and how to navigate through those concerns within our School Districts...Maybe have some Districts some success stories within that vein.
Continue to update all board members of legislative changes and how they affect the public school system across the state of Florida.
Making decisions without political pressure

Taking ownership of District Budget - Operating and Capital
AI and how we can assure its effective and ethical use by teachers and students AND how do we as Board Members monitor AI policy?
Not sure yet
The value of public schools and programs to make graduates job ready at graduation.
The main topic I would like addressed at an upcoming conference is Artificial Intelligence. While the session offered was a good starting point, I believe we need a more comprehensive exploration of AI from multiple angles. This includes how AI can support teaching and learning by personalizing instruction and analyzing student data, enhance school district websites for better accessibility and engagement, and improve customer service through chatbots and automated responses. Additionally, AI can assist with operational tasks such as reviewing and cleaning up outdated policies and ordinances, streamlining human resources functions like recruitment and employee management, optimizing transportation and maintenance scheduling, and enhancing communication across all departments. A thorough understanding of these applications will equip school board members and administrators to implement AI responsibly and effectively to improve efficiency and outcomes district-wide.
I don't have anything in particular.
I would like to see some information on AI in the classroom and how teachers and students are dealing with it, learning to use it, etc.
Roundtable with superintendents on how we can work together
Effective ways to influence our legislature to properly fund all educators not just teachers. Either the complete elimination of teachers unions or requiring them to adhere to a standard of professional ethics would be very helpful in our district.
Creative ways to deal with the budget challenges we are facing.
How to run a rural school effectively by keeping teachers motivated and hopefully involving the community.
Strategies on how to do more with less
The role of the board chair. Taking a deeper dive into the responsibilities and commitment it takes to be effective.