



FSBA Press Kit

2021-2022

The Voice
of



Education in
Florida

Who we
are



MISSION

The Florida School Boards Association, Inc. (FSBA) is a nonprofit corporation representing the elected school boards in Florida. FSBA has been the collective voice for Florida school districts since 1930. With Florida's 67 school districts and 358 elected school board members, FSBA is closely allied with other educational and community agencies to work toward improvement of education in Florida.

The MISSION of the Florida School Boards Association is to increase student achievement through the development of effective school board leadership and advocacy for public education.



Governance Structure

Executive Officers

The FSBA Executive Officers include the President, President-Elect, Vice President, Treasurer, and Immediate Past President. In addition, the FSBA Executive Director serves as an ex-officio member of the Executive Officers. All Executive Officers except the Immediate Past President, President, and the Executive Director are elected by ballot of a majority of the membership in attendance at the Annual Meeting of the Association.

Board of Directors

The FSBA Board of Directors is composed of the five Executive Officers, 27 Directors representing geographical districts in the state, and FSBA members who serve as an officer or member of the Board of Directors of the National School Boards Association or the Southern Region School Boards Association. These Directors serve two-year staggered terms. The Board of Directors' meets four times annually to establish positions and provide direction on major issues that directly impact the Association's activities.

Committees

The work of FSBA Committees is essential for the Association to carry out its Mission and Strategic Goals. The FSBA Bylaws establish three types of committees: Standing Committees for ongoing action; Ad Hoc Committees to explore topics or issues of special interest; and Nominating Committee to recommend a slate of candidates for FSBA executive officer positions. The FSBA President, in consultation with the other Executive Officers, appoints the Chair and Vice Chair of each committee, consistent with requirements set forth in the Bylaws and Policies.

General Membership

The FSBA General Membership consists of active members across the state. Per the Florida Constitution, there are 358 total school board members representing Florida's 67 public school districts. The General Membership meets to conduct business twice annually in conjunction with the FSBA/FADSS Annual Summer and Joint Conferences. All policy and bylaw changes, elections of officers, and budget approval must be voted on by the General Membership.



Executive Officers

Leadership

Chris Patricca, Lee, *President*

(Top Left)

Thomas Kennedy, Citrus, *President-Elect*

(Bottom Left)

Wendy Atkinson, Charlotte, *Vice President*

(Top Middle)

Tina Certain, Alachua, *Treasurer*

(Top Right)

Jane Goodwin, Sarasota, *Immediate Past President*

(Bottom Middle)

Andrea Messina, *Executive Director*

(Bottom Right)



Board of Directors

Executive Officers

President Christine "Chris" Patricca, Lee
President-Elect Thomas Kennedy, Citrus
Vice President Wendy Atkinson, Charlotte
Treasurer Tina Certain, Alachua
Immediate Past President Jane Goodwin, Sarasota

Directors

District 1 Dr. Steve Gallon, III, Miami-Dade
District 2 Melissa Snively, Hillsborough
District 3 Nora Rupert, Broward
District 4 Marcia Andrews, Palm Beach
District 5 Angie Gallo, Orange
District 6 Lori Hershey, Duval
District 7 Sarah Fortney, Polk
District 8 Carol Cook, Pinellas
District 9 Teresa "Terry" Castillo, Osceola

District 10 Megan Harding, Pasco
District 11 Katye Campbell, Brevard
District 12 Debbie Jordan, Lee
District 13 Jamie Haynes, Volusia
District 14 Alan Justice, Holmes
District 15 Elizabeth Hewey, Santa Rosa
District 16 Dr. Jory Westberry, Collier
District 17 Kelly Barrera, St. Johns
District 18 Janice Kerekes, Clay

District 19 Melonie Inzetta, Franklin
District 20 Christie McElroy, Gilchrist
District 21 Saul Speights, Hamilton
District 22 Lake, Marion, Seminole TBD
District 23 Claire Cornell, Hardee
District 24 Steve Scott, Gadsden
District 25 Debbie Hawley, St. Lucie
District 26 Kim Amontree, Charlotte
District 27 Virginia "Ginger" Bryant, Citrus

Committee Leadership

Advocacy Committee

CHAIR: Matt Susin, Brevard
VICE CHAIR: Tim Bryant, Okaloosa

Federal Relations Subcommittee

CHAIR: Bev Slough, St. Johns
VICE CHAIR: Kevin Adams, Escambia

Legislative Subcommittee

CHAIR: Kim Amontree, Charlotte
VICE CHAIR: Terry Castillo, Osceola

Equity Committee

CHAIR: Marcia Andrews
VICE CHAIR: Sarah Fortney

Finance Committee

CHAIR: Tina Certain
VICE CHAIR: Li Roberts, Martin

Leadership Services Committee

CHAIR: Elizabeth Andersen, Duval
VICE CHAIR: Wei Ueberschaer, Santa Rosa

Policy Committee

CHAIR: Wendy Atkinson, Charlotte
VICE CHAIR: Linda Cuthbert, Volusia

Long Range Planning Committee

CHAIR: Thomas Kennedy, Citrus

Nominating Committee

CHAIR: Jane Goodwin, Sarasota

Past Presidents Council

CHAIR: Jerry Taylor, Suwannee

Annual Events*

In addition to Leadership Services offerings and distinction programming, FSBA hosts four major professional development and networking opportunities for Florida school boards and education leaders each year.

Annual Day in the Legislature

This event, held in Tallahassee, serves to underscore FSBA's role as the voice of education in Florida, enhance FSBA's advocacy on education issues under consideration by the Florida Legislature and promote best practices in advocacy.

FSBA/FADSS Annual Summer Conference

The FSBA/FADSS Annual Summer Conference provides an opportunity for school board members, superintendents, district staff, and others to network, gain needed insight into the issues and events impacting education, and access valuable professional development opportunities.

Board of Directors' Leadership Training

This event provides training for FSBA leadership including Executive Officers, Board of Directors, and committee leaders. The event is held annually in the hometown of the current president. During this meeting, FSBA leadership focuses on strategic objectives of the Association.

FSBA/FADSS Annual Joint Conference

The Annual Joint Conference, a collaborative effort of FSBA, FADSS, FELL, FERMA, FSBA, and SUNSPRA. Hosting this conference with industry partner associations allows members to learn and share their unique perspectives and expertise with each other.

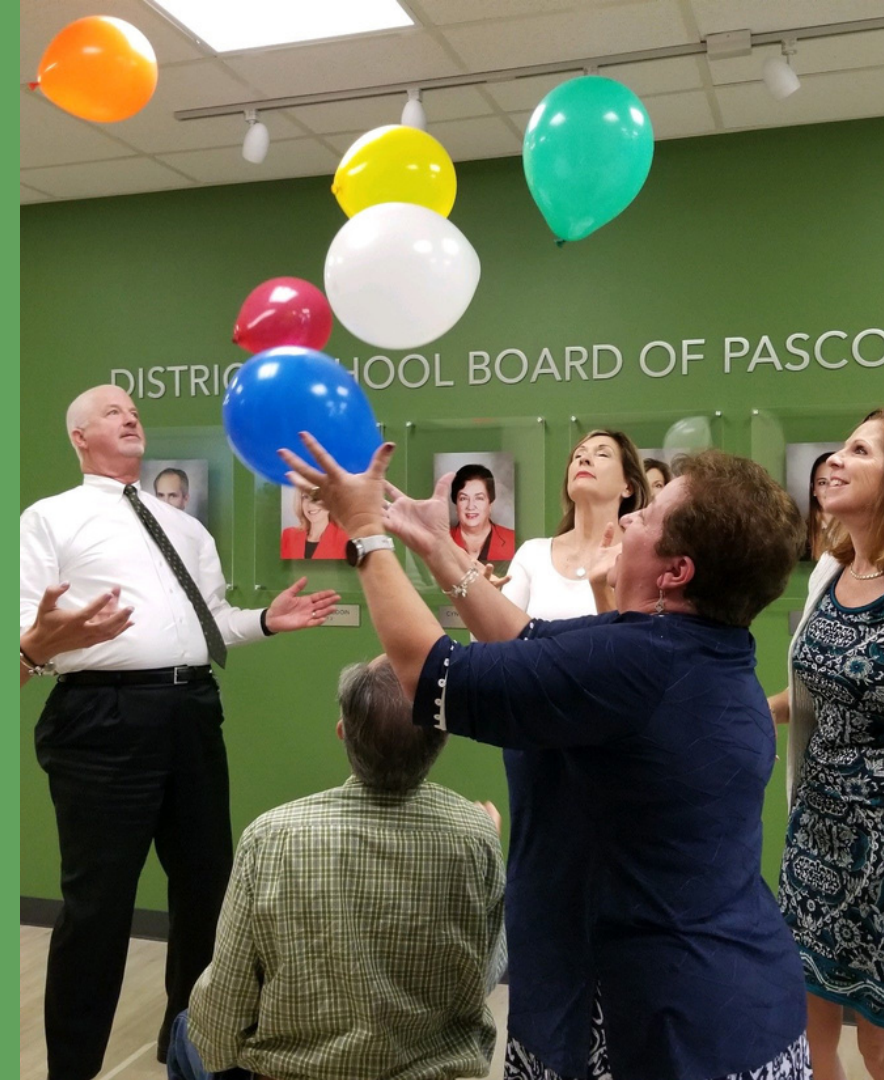
*Additional events held following election years



What We Do

Advocacy Services

Our advocacy efforts are directed to the general public and policy makers on the local, state, and national level and focus on imparting a better understanding and appreciation of the successes and challenges of our public education system. FSBA has earned recognition as a firm and credible authority on education policy and takes pride in keeping members well informed about education related news and events throughout the year.



Member Services

The FSBA staff is devoted to serving member districts to benefit the educational experience and success of all students.

Our members have access to custom reports, on-call consultation, up-to-date legislative reports and analyses, exclusive cost-saving opportunities for their districts, and many other services.

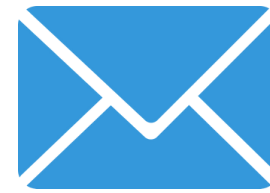


Leadership Services

The Leadership Services Program is uniquely designed to serve the needs of both individual board members and the school board as a whole. In accordance with our MISSION, FSBA's Leadership Services Department offers high quality training and programs that help School Boards maximize their leadership and governance while maintaining a focus on student achievement. Under the direction of the Leadership Services Committee, FSBA offers formal certifications for Emerging Leaders, Certified Board Members, and Master Boards as well as provides technical trainings to school boards as needed.



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WEBSITE & CONTACT INFO

FSBA's website provides timely and relevant information for members and the general public. Visit our website and check back for updates on issues affecting Florida public schools.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Connect with FSBA on social media. FSBA members interact using Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Follow these accounts for education updates, event registration announcements, public school brags, and more.



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