

2018 National School Board Conference Summary Report

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While it is a sacrifice to spend four full days away from my family and profession, attending the National School Board Conference is worth it. It was a great opportunity for me to network, bond with other school board members and school district staff, and it was also a time and space where I could focus completely on our district. It was an opportunity for me to see and hear about what other districts were doing around the country, hear specialist talk about relevant topics, and learn. It was a time when I could meet companies that have products and services that could benefit our district both now and in the future. I committed myself fully to make sure I made the most of my time at the conference, and I truly appreciate the investment our district made in me. I took 24 pages of notes and look forward to implementing what I learned for the good of our district.

Here is the list of sessions I attended:

Friday 4/6

- Building a Rock-Solid School Board Superintendent Partnership
- Hot Technologies

Saturday 4/7

- Opening General Session – Terry Bradshaw
- Orange Barrel Alert! Strategies to Keep Yourself and Your Board on the Expressway and Out of the Pot Holes on the Road to Success
- No Exception Means no Exceptions: How a Governing Board Has Worked with Superintendent and Team to Eliminate Expulsions by Developing the Whole Child Through Multiple Opportunities
- Effective Responses to Student Mental Health Issues

Sunday 4/8

- Food Recovery – Rock and Wrap it Up!
- CTE: A Revolution or Evolution in Education
- Building Great School Board – Superintendent Team

I also spent time this day visiting with different companies exhibiting at the conference.