



Newsletter

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Executive Committee Spring Meeting Held

The NFUSSD Executive Committee held its spring meeting on May 21. After hearing reports on future meetings (see related article), President Tom Cummings announced the appointment of the Nominating and the Budget Committees (see related article). The Executive Consultant was reappointed unanimously for 2005-2006. Also received were a financial and membership report, and a 2004 NFUSSD Fall Conference financial statement.

Membership Advisor Clarence "Sonny" Savoie, St. Charles, LA, had been recruiting St. Tammany Parish, LA. The Executive Committee would be hosting the St. Tammany School Board and Superintendent that evening at a dinner. St. Tammany Parish is a suburb of New Orleans. The Executive Committee also welcomed Dr. Eugene White, Superintendent, Washington Township, Indiana, to its meeting and to recruiting dinner. Washington township is located in the northern section of Indianapolis.

Greenville County, SC, to host 2006 Fall Conference

Member District Greenville County, South Carolina, volunteered to host the 2006 NFUSSD Fall Conference at a date to be determined. Greenville will have just completed an unbelievable construction/renovation initiative project that they will share. It should prove to be an invaluable conference. Dates will be announced during the 2005 Fall Conference in Baltimore and on the NFUSSD website shortly thereafter.

Cummings Appoints Nominating and Budget Committees

NFUSSD President Thomas Cummings, North Kansas City, MO, appointed the Nominating Committee at the Spring Executive Committee meeting. The Nominating Committee consisting of all active Past Presidents includes Chair Rodney Lafon, St. Charles Parish, LA; Clarence "Sonny" Savoie, St. Charles Parish, LA; Patricia Sandstrom, Granite, UT; and Stephen Ronnenkamp, Granite, UT. The Nominating Committee recommends a slate of candidates to the Delegate Assembly at the 2005 Fall Conference. The President also appointed the Budget Committee. Appointed to that Committee were Chair Carolyn Campbell, Topeka, KS; Barbara Pulliam, Clayton County, GA; Brian Benzel, Spokane, WA; Donald Arnold, Baltimore County, MD; and Barry Newbold, Jordan, UT. The Budget Committee recommends a budget to the Delegate Assembly at the 2005 Fall Conference.

Off We Go To Baltimore County!

Plans are set for the 2005 NFUSSD Fall Conference, October 9-12, in Baltimore County, Maryland. It will be hosted at the Marriott Hunt Valley, 20 minutes outside of Baltimore's inner harbour. Member districts Greenville, SC; Clayton County, GA, and Millard District, NE, will make presentations on successful practices. The Focus Group will be those who work in the areas of information technology and data driven decision making. The general conference theme is "Focus on Quality, Committed to Excellence". **The deadline for conference registration is August 22 and for hotel reservations is September 9.** Click on the NFUSSD website to link directly to the Baltimore County NFUSSD conference information <http://www.nfussd.org/nfussd.htm>. Unique questions can be directed to Brenda Stiffler at 410/887-4126.



CD Promotes NFUSSD

Thanks to the contributions of the talented folks at member Davis District, UT, an outstanding compact disk (CD) was prepared and distributed recently from the NFUSSD office to the membership. The CD is intended to be used as a tool to share a wealth of information about NFUSSD for current districts' new board members and superintendents, plus potential members. The good news is that links to ever changing information such as a school board's membership list will be updated periodically through the NFUSSD office so that the CD will stay current. Please take six-minutes to check out this overview of NFUSSD. You'll be pleasantly surprised!

Note: NFUSSD Directory updates were sent at the same time as the CD.

About NFUSSD

The National Federation of Urban-Suburban School Districts seeks to serve and represent those urban-suburban school systems which have similar problems and wish to affiliate for unified action. The purpose of the Federation is to further the cause of education by: 1. promoting the exchange of ideas and knowledge about issues and concerns of member school systems; 2. undertaking important studies unique to member school systems; and 3. facilitating dissemination of results of these studies through a network of communication between member systems.

NFUSSD Websites

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**Federation Member Districts
July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006**

- Baltimore County, MD
- Charleston County, SC
- Clayton County, GA
- Davis District, UT
- DeKalb County, GA
- *Duval County, FL
- *Granite District, UT
- *Greenville County, SC
- *Jordan District, UT
- *Kanawha County, WV
- Millard District, NE
- North Kansas City, MO
- Spokane, WA
- St. Charles Parish, LA
- Topeka District, KS

*Denotes charter member

Executive Committee

- Tom Cummings.....President
- Carolyn Campbell..... Vice President
- Barry Newbold.....Member
- Raymond Toler..... Member
- Elizabeth Andrews..... Member
- Donald Arnold..... Member
- Brian Benzel..... Member
- Keith Lutz..... Member
- Barbara Pulliam..... Member
- Kris Barnes..... Member
- Barbara Smith..... Member

NFUSSD Consultants

- Frank E. Barham.....Executive Consultant
- Barbara J. Coyle.....Assistant Executive Consultant

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