

Brian L. Maher

EDUCATION

University of Nebraska Educational Doctorate in Educational Administration

University of Nebraska at Omaha Master's Degree in Educational Administration

Midland Lutheran College Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics Education

EXPERIENCE

CEO and Executive Director

South Dakota Board of Regents July 2020 – June 2023

Performed all aspects in the Office of the CEO for the Board of Regents. The board system consists of nearly 34,000 students and more than 4,000 employees. The essence of the position is to manage a three-legged entity. The first leg (and my collective boss) is a 9 member – Governor appointed – board. The second leg consists of the Presidents of each of our six campuses – and two Superintendents from our School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The final leg is the Governor's office and the 105-member (two-house) legislature. In conjunction with each of the identified entities, I manage a budget in excess of \$800,000,000.

Superintendent of Schools

Sioux Falls School District July 2015 – June 2020

Performed all aspects of the Office of the Superintendent in a district with more than 25,000 PK-12 students from very diverse backgrounds including race, ethnicity and socio-economic status.

Operated a budget in excess of \$250,000,000 and supervised a workforce of over 3,500 people.
Passed the largest bond issue in the state's history with a nearly 85% approval rate (not a typo!)

Kearney Public Schools July 2007 – June 2015

Performed all aspects of the Office of the Superintendent in a district with 5,300 students.
Passed two bond issues and a levy override. One bond issue was passed with a 68% approval rate.

Centennial Public Schools July 1999 – June 2007

Performed all aspects of the Office of the Superintendent in a rural district with 600 students.

Building Administration

Waverly Public Schools August 1994 – June 1999

Performed all aspects of the High School Principal position in a building with 600 students in grades 9-12.

Elkhorn Public Schools August 1992 – June 1994

Performed all aspects of the High School Assistant Principal position in a building with 800 students in grades 9-12.

Johnson-Brock Public Schools August 1991 – June 1992

Performed all aspects of the Jr-Sr High School Principal position in a building with 125 students in grades 7-12. In addition, I performed all aspects of the Athletic Director's position.

Teaching

Elkhorn Public Schools August 1988 – June 1991

Taught multiple levels of Mathematics and Physics to students in grades 9-12. Also coached football, basketball and soccer.

Clarks Public Schools August 1987 – June 1988

Taught all Mathematics and Computer Science to students in grades 7-12. Also coached football, basketball and track and field.

Recent Accomplishments/Program Implementation

- Successfully completed system-wide review of the Board of Regents as prescribed by the South Dakota Legislature (Senate Bill 55). This was a statewide review that lasted more than a year and culminated with a report to the Legislature and the Governor.
- Lobbied the 2-house legislature for historic funding during the 2021 and 2022 legislative sessions for public higher education in South Dakota.
- Led a lobbying effort to have no increase in tuition for public higher education institutions in the 2022 and 2023 legislative sessions.
- Led a 25,000 student school system during the beginning stages of a worldwide health pandemic
- One of two South Dakota representatives to the National STEM Summit at the White House in 2019. (Appointed by Governor Daugaard)
- Led four successful bond referendums in three different school districts.
- Led a successful levy override – requiring a community vote - for more local revenue (Kearney and Sioux Falls)
- Implemented a comprehensive Strategic Plan that drives district planning and focus (Sioux Falls and Board of Regents).
- Lead a Leadership Development Institute for administrative development of local talent – Sioux Falls and Kearney.

- Implemented plan to improve graduation rates. Graduation rates improved across all federally reported subgroups.
- Implemented cultural responsiveness training and revised our English Language Learner services for the Sioux Falls School District in response to rapid demographic changes in the school district. Sioux Falls is a refugee settlement community and is prone to substantial swings in new cultures and languages.
- Implemented plan to serve title schools through specialized programming designed to develop skills in students as well as close the achievement gap. Specific programs:
 - Summer Climb – program mission is to improve reading and math skills to students living in poverty through summer instruction.
 - Computer Science Immersion – school wide instruction in coding provided on a daily basis for students in three Title buildings. The program mission was to provide opportunity to underserved populations and provide a magnet school environment in our most impoverished neighborhoods.
- Expanded Early Childhood programs in Kearney, NE and Sioux Falls, SD.
- Served as Adjunct Professor at Concordia University – taught both face-to-face and on-line courses. Specialty areas were Budgeting and School Law.
- Served as a dissertation committee member for a doctoral student at the University of South Dakota.
- Selected by University of Nebraska System president James Milliken to sit on a nominating committee to select the first Executive Director of the Buffett Early Childhood Institute.
- Selected to serve on the inaugural Strategic Planning Committee of the Buffett Early Childhood Institute at the University of Nebraska.

Awards

- Nebraska Superintendent of the Year 2015
- Nebraska NSASSP Region I Principal of the Year 1999
- Nebraska New Principal of the Year 1994

Affiliations (Current and recent past)

- Western Higher Education Compact Commission – Commissioner – current

- State Higher Education Executive Officers – current member
- Educational Research and Development Institute – this is a group of superintendents from the nation’s largest schools working with business partners to produce products that assist with problems facing students in our schools – past member
- Urban Superintendents Association of America – past member
- League of Innovative Schools – this group is an invitation only group designed to work on innovative practices for instructional delivery. Sioux Falls School District is the only school in South Dakota and 1 of 93 schools nationwide in this group (Lincoln Public Schools is the only school district in Nebraska in “The League”) – past member
- United Way – Board of Directors
- South Dakota Symphony Orchestra – Board of Directors
- Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce – Board of Directors
- Nebraska Schools Activities Association (NSAA) Board of Directors – elected/served as President two terms
- South Dakota High School Activities Association Board of Directors – elected/served as President in 2019
- Federal Relations Representative as South Dakota’s national representative for the American Association of School Administrators (AASA)
- Past Chair of the Nebraska Council of School Administrators (NCSA) 1999-2000
- Member NCSA Legislative Committee – Chair in 2004/2005
- Member of the Educational Health Alliance (EHA) Board of Directors 2004/2005
- Past President of the Nebraska State Association of Secondary School Principals (NSASSP) 1997/1998
- Nebraska Professional Practices Commission Member 2008-2014; elected Chair in 2010
- Member Teacher Salary Task Force (Nebraska) – 2000 (appointed by Governor Johanns)
- Member Governor’s Blue-Ribbon Task Force on Teacher Salaries (South Dakota) – 2015/16 (appointed by Governor Daugaard)