

# Utah School Boards Association

The Utah School Boards Association shall provide leadership, advocacy, training, and quality services for effective school board governance.

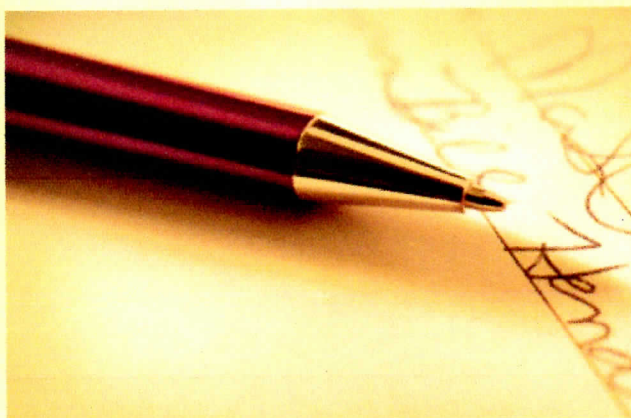
## News from NSBA:

A new report released by the National School Boards Association, the Thomas B. Fordham Institute, and the Iowa School Boards Foundation today gives new insights into the workings of America's nearly 14,000 school boards. "The research shows school boards are stepping up to the challenge of dramatically improving our public schools for the 21<sup>st</sup> century and focusing on student achievement," said NSBA's Executive Director Anne L. Bryant. To read more please go to [www.nsba.org](http://www.nsba.org) or the link for just this story:

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## Teacher of the Year 2011:

Gay Beck a kindergarten teacher at Highland Elementary in Alpine School District.



The 2011 Legislative Session is at midpoint and the public education budget is the focal point of much of our work on the Hill. Public education has had a 7% budget reduction requested by the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee as well as another potential loss of \$91 million. All told, this leaves public education with an 11% reduction at this point in the Session. All other states agencies have sustained only a 7% cut. All budgets go to the Executive Appropriations Committee for final discussion and completion. The final appropriations bill is often passed on the last night of the Session which is March 10 this year. ~By: Patti Harrington

## Upcoming Meetings in February:

February 5-8, 2011 : NSBA Leadership/FRN Conference.

February 11, 2011: Executive Committee Meeting, held at State Capital Complex.

February 26, 2011: Broad Presidents & Vice Presidents Workshop from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm at the USBA office building.

Please see [www.usba.cc](http://www.usba.cc) for a full Calendar

*It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference! ~Tom Brokaw*