

# ASBA Facilitation Support Gets Rave Reviews

The services from ASBA provided a valuable resource for my district and our Governing Board members. The ASBA staff customized the training sessions to meet the needs of our district. The facilitation was of the highest quality and assisted us in our [goal-setting and planning process](#).

Gayle A. Blanchard, Ed.D., Superintendent  
J.O. Combs USD



Dr. Don Covey, Superintendent of Schools  
Maricopa County



During the past several years, ASBA has provided extraordinary knowledge, skills, and expertise at each of the quarterly [Governing Board Candidate Symposiums](#) used to fill vacancies on Maricopa County Governing Boards. As an Alliance Partner, ASBA has aided in filling over 89 Governing Board Vacancies through an Alliance Member Partnership Model. Candidates have consistently rated ASBA's symposium presentation as effective and highly effective.

ASBA was instrumental in the development and the facilitation of a series of community outreaches that included [open forums and roundtables discussions](#). These vehicles created by ASBA created an open road for communication that kept student's best interest in mind.

David Lykins, Superintendent  
Sedona – Oak Creek USD



Tommy Stovall, President  
Sedona – Oak Creek USD



I've been impressed with how helpful ASBA has been each and every time they has facilitated on our behalf. (Our facilitator) has done an excellent job especially with our [community forums held to discuss the future of our district](#). In a small school district with a very passionate constituency, I feel having ASBA's help is not only useful, but necessary.

Dr. Donna Lewis, Superintendent  
Creighton ESD

Having an ASBA facilitator helped our board [openly discuss the tough topics in a safe manner](#). We were able to get to the heart of the matter quickly and efficiently. We grew as a team and unified on important big issues while acknowledging differences of opinions.



Kevin Imes, Superintendent  
Southwest Technical Education District of Yuma



Our ASBA facilitator was tremendously helpful in facilitating our [first strategic planning session with our new Governing Board](#). She was extremely collaborative, receptive, and provided relevant input, when setting the agenda. Our facilitator supported the information by providing real-life situations which helped facilitate understanding and allowed time for reflection and personalization.

We will continue to seek the services provided by ASBA as we trust and respect the benefits they provide.

Amy West, Superintendent  
Western Arizona Vocational Education

It is nice knowing that ASBA can be the ["go to" resource](#) for help in training, navigating policy, and keeping the district moving forward in the right direction.



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Jill Broussard, Superintendent of Schools  
Pinal County



Pinal County School Office has partnered with ASBA for the last several years in providing training locally for [prospective and new Board members in Pinal County](#).

The cost was affordable, the training was excellent and the Board members received more one on one training in a small setting. The meetings were held at the Pinal County School Superintendent's Office and was more centrally located for the rural school districts in Pinal County. ASBA surveyed the school districts to find out what topics would be the most beneficial for the entire group. The workshops were evening workshops so members didn't have to take off work to attend. I would recommend utilizing their services.

Dr. Melissa Satorf, Superintendent  
Stanfield ESD

The ASBA team did a fantastic job with our [new Board member's one-on-one orientation](#). The new board member felt well prepared for her first few meetings which will lay the ground work for a solid tenure on our Board. In addition, the work session ASBA facilitated with the full Board has laid the ground work for updating and moving on some goals for the Board's strategic plan, as well as revamping the district's mission and vision. The value that was gained by the SEDS Board members far outweighs the nominal cost associated with these superior services.



Dennis Runyan, Superintendent  
Agua Fria UHSD



We found that the retreat coordination support by ASBA freed up the superintendent, board members, and all invited guests to focus on the full agenda topics without distraction or lost productivity.

The ASBA support also [helped board members through processing divergent views](#) being expressed without losing momentum or focus on the task being addressed.

Dr. Jeffrey Smith, Superintendent  
Balsz ESD

The Balsz School District has benefited from professional development offered through ASBA. Over the past several years we have invited ASBA to lead discussions on strategic planning, the board's role in governing, and understanding new requirements by the state. Through these opportunities we have learned more about [how the school board and the school district can work together](#) to meet the needs of our community.



## Value of an ASBA Facilitator

- Allows everyone to participate
- Unbiased, skilled, neutral party
- Someone else gets to mess with human component if things get bogged down
- Design expertise available for agenda planning
- ASBA gets to do the surveying & data analysis
- We can come to you, or we have conference room space

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