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Tuesday evening: Pre-Delegate Assembly Discussion

During this session, delegates asked questions and could offer emergency resolutions. The WASB Policy and Resolutions Committee met immediately following the discussion.



On Wednesday, Marian Viney attended the Cooperative Educational Service Agency (CESA) Appreciation Breakfast. Former state senator Luther Olsen was one of the speakers.

It was an excellent opportunity to network with representatives from the 12 different CESAs throughout the state.



On Wednesday, the general session started with a performance by the Milwaukee School of Languages String Orchestra of Milwaukee Public Schools.

During the general session, administrators and educators of the year were recognized along with the student art award winner. State Superintendent Jill Underly also spoke.

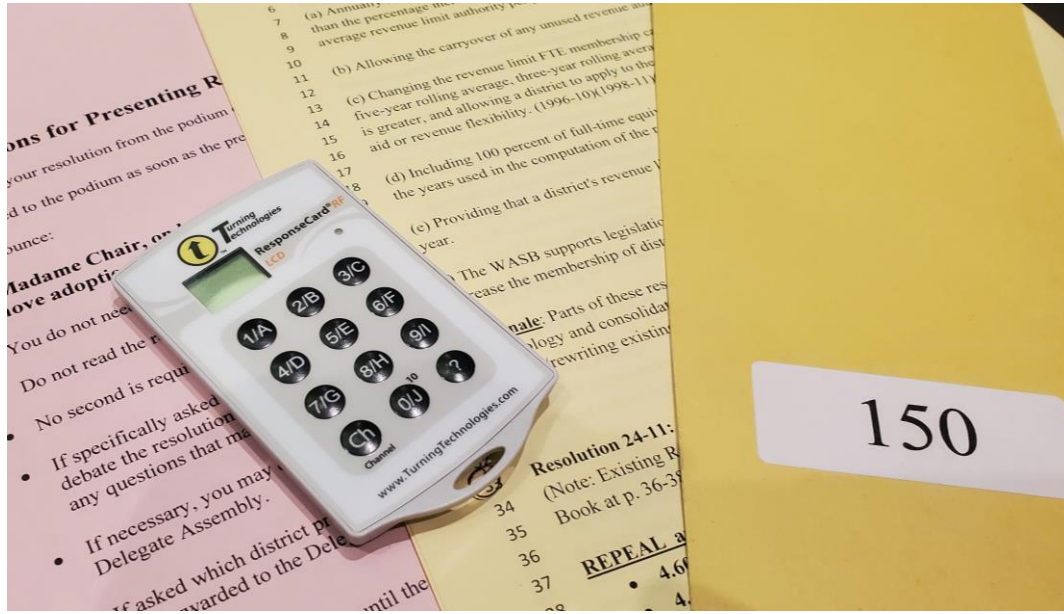


The general session keynote speaker was Sean Covey, a bestselling author, executive, and speaker who applies a consistent set of principles to help education leaders succeed with their goal of helping all students achieve.

Even as the world changes and new challenges arise, Sean has found that leaders play four roles critical to success. They must inspire trust, create a vision, execute strategy, and coach potential.



On Wednesday afternoon the delegates met to review, discuss, and vote on the resolutions brought forward by the WASB Policy and Resolutions Committee. Marian Viney read the first resolution to the delegate assembly.



(from left) Board member Tony Schmit, Business Manager Erik Farrar, District Administrator Nate Perry, and board vice president Marian Viney attended the 103rd state education convention.

Tony served as the delegate from the School District of Belleville. Marian served as a member of the WASB Policy and Resolutions Committee and as the CESA 2 delegate.



On Wednesday evening, Erik Farrar and Marian Viney attended the Taher Reception and enjoyed meeting school board members from Beaver Dam.

They also talked with representatives from Taher.

Marian was the lucky winner of a Milwaukee Bucks jersey.

Thank you, Taher!





On Thursday morning, Kelsey Tainsh was the keynote speaker for the WASB Breakfast.

A two-time cancer and stroke survivor, Kelsey reminded attendees that their worst day is better than the best day for billions of people around the world.

Armed with a quirky sense of humor, engaging stories, and a relevant message, Kelsey helped attendees gain a perspective needed to overcome any challenge in their life and work.



On Thursday morning, Marian Viney attended the session: DRIVEN to Lead: Students Leading Students in School and Community Improvement.

The session was led by students from the Burlington School District who had AMAZING energy as they shared community projects and led a group activity!



School District of Belleville board clerk Katie Woehrle also attended the WASB Education Convention. She attended sessions on Thursday and Friday.



CESA 2 staff provided attendees with information while in the trade show area.



On Thursday afternoon, Marian Viney attended the session: Introducing the NEW Wisconsin Career Readiness Standards led by Karin Smith from the Department of Public Instruction and Michael Trimberger, Random Lake superintendent.

Attendees learned how these standards were developed, why it's essential to integrate the standards across all curricular areas, and how districts can leverage the standards to increase student achievement.



For the second session of the afternoon, Marian Viney attended: Taking Redefining Ready from the Boardroom to the Living Room.

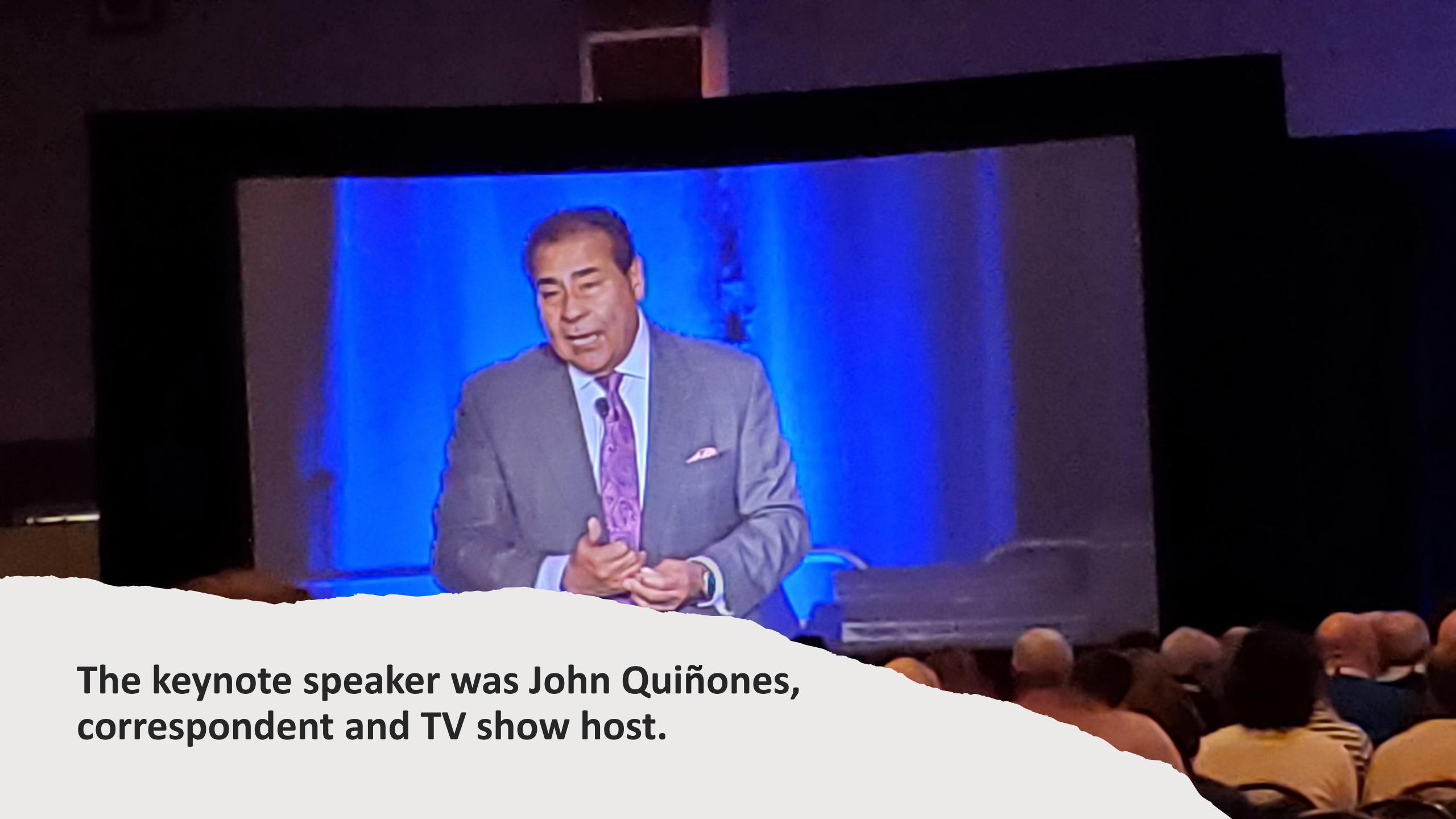
The School District of Beloit Turner developed an innovative communication model that promotes the district's vision and relevant progress on key performance indicators to all stakeholders.



The Middleton High School Chamber Wind Ensemble started the second general session.

WASB President Rosanne Hahn reflected on her past year as president before handing the gavel to the 2024 president, Mike Humke, from the Dodgeville School District. Her presentation focused on the word “selah” – meaning to pause and reflect.

Wisconsin school board members who have served 20, 30, 40, or even 50 years were recognized for their service.



The keynote speaker was John Quiñones, correspondent and TV show host.



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Rooftop Reception



As in past years, district staff and board member Marian Viney attended the Rooftop Reception sponsored by Performance Services.

Performance Services sponsors the student art competition.





On Friday morning, Marian Viney attended: Student Representatives on the School Board. This was an excellent session presented by the Dodgeville School District.

Attendees heard how the Dodgeville School District created student representatives, and how their role remains positive and beneficial for the student and the school board.



Marian Viney also attended: How Mentoring Improves Teacher Retention and Student Achievement led by CESA 2 staff.

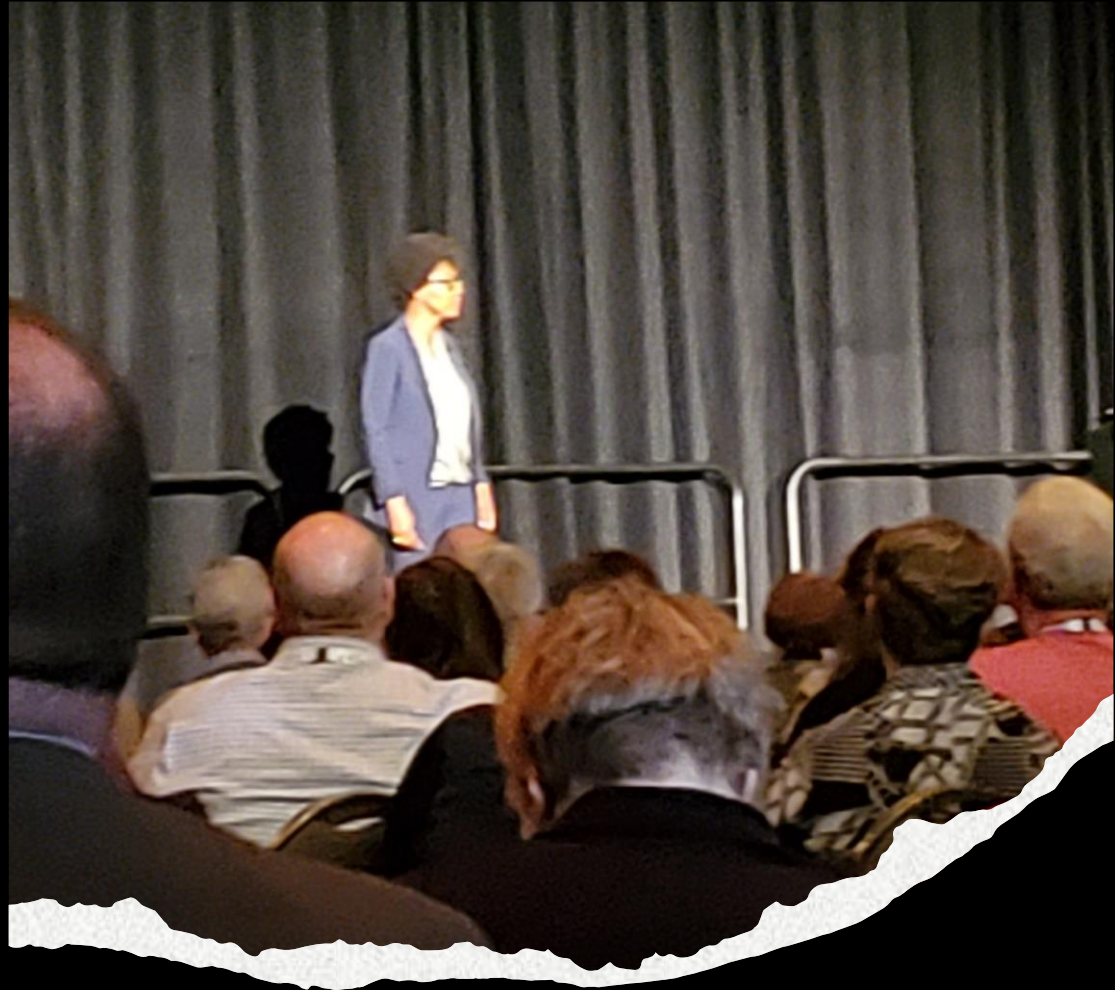
School District of Belleville District Administrator Nate Perry and the Janesville School District Director of Learning and Innovation offered insight on the impact it has on educators and students.



The De Pere High School Varsity Choir opened the closing general session.



Governor Tony Evers shared comments with attendees during the closing general session.



The keynote speaker was Maya Payne Smart, author and literacy expert, who is all about helping kids learn to read.

She shared how reading skills develop, why so many kids struggle, and what the research says we should do about it.

Thank you to the
School District of Belleville
and community members!

