



## **Naperville Education Foundation**

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### **Naperville Education Foundation Welcomes 3 Trustees and Elects Board Officers**

**[NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS, July 1, 2025]** The [Naperville Education Foundation](https://www.nef203.org) (NEF), the non-profit partner of Naperville School District 203, welcomes John Risvold, Sue Salness and Brian Cantor to the Board of Trustees. The Board elected officers, effective July 1, 2025, with Stephanie Hebron as Board Chair, Audrey Lane as Board Vice-Chair and John Bramlette as Treasurer. Kelly Llewellyn was re-elected as Secretary. Kristine Gericke will be the voting trustee from the Naperville 203 School Board.

NEF's volunteer board is made up of passionate community members who are dedicated to bettering the lives of students. For more information, visit [www.nef203.org](https://www.nef203.org), or email NEF at [nef@naperville203.org](mailto:nef@naperville203.org).

#### **New Trustees:**



**John Risvold** is a Personal Injury Trial Lawyer and Partner at The Collins Law Firm P.C. John holds degrees from the University of Missouri and a J.D. from the University of Missouri School of Law. John is a parent to three Naperville 203 students and is involved in the community as one of seven elected Naperville Park District Commissioners, working to further the Park District's mission. "I come from a family of educators and I believe education is the key to solving many of the issues we face in America and in our communities," Risvold said. "I am passionate about education and the mission of NEF. I believe my experience as a community leader, attorney and father of young children in the district [will] provide me with a unique insight and view point that could assist NEF."



**Sue Salness** is a retired Naperville 203 Principal and has been a lifelong part of the Naperville 203 community. Sue holds a degree in Elementary Education/Special Education from Iowa State University, a master's degree from the National College of Education and a master's degree from Benedictine University. Sue has been an NEF Programs/Kid Booster Anonymous Committee Member since 2024, applying her expertise as a past District 203 educator and administrator to support NEF programming goals. "As a member of District 203 in the capacities of student, teacher and administrator for the past 50+ years, I have witnessed the tremendous positive impact of NEF programs and initiatives on our community," Salness said. "Working as a Trustee to continue this work and ensure the ongoing success of NEF in empowering students, staff and families [is] an honor and privilege and a means of giving back to an organization that has enhanced and supported my [past] role as a building leader within District 203."



**Brian Cantor** is an advisory executive focused on driving growth and value across a range of companies and organizations. Brian holds a degree from the University of Houston Honors College (and is still excited about his alma mater's achievements in the 2024 Final Four!). Brian is a parent of a Naperville 203 student and currently serves on the Board of Zero Gravity, a weightless flight startup for space enthusiasts. "I have a deep and committed interest in helping our young people achieve success, leveraging academic excellence into emerging and leading edge entrepreneurial organizations," Cantor said. "Aligning education with complimentary real-world opportunities is a core value and focus and I hope to contribute to our continued excellence."

*The Naperville Education Foundation is Naperville 203's non-profit partner. NEF encourages creativity, innovation and excellence in students by helping to ensure that every student in the district can take advantage of opportunities to make the most of their education. With the generous support of foundations, businesses, and individual donors, NEF funds help remove barriers to learning, bring great ideas to life, and support each school's unique community beyond the district's tax-supported budget.*

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