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A MONTHLY UPDATE ON
STATE BOARD PROCEEDINGS,
ASSOCIATION NEWS &
K-12 TOPICS

June 12, 2020



SBOE Reviews Strategic Plan, Discusses Statewide Virtual Option for Upcoming School Year

The State Board of Education met for a blended in-person and virtual board meeting and work session Thursday. Board actions included the approval of seven educator preparation programs and a robust discussion about ensuring the requirements of the Alabama Literacy Act are being met.

The work session following the board's meeting included a review of the department's strategic plan, Alabama Achieves, a demo of the new ALSDE website and discussion about the status of a statewide virtual option for the upcoming school year.

Public Consulting Group (PCG) representatives were on hand to provide an update about the second phase of work to help implement recommendations from its organizational and efficiency review of the ALSDE. Collaboration has begun between PCG and state board members as well as weekly Friday morning meetings with ALSDE staff.

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There's Still Time to Register

Earn up to four hours this month with AASB's [Virtual Summer Law Clinic](#) webinar series. Featuring school board attorneys and education law experts, this four-part series provides the latest guidance and analysis on key school law topics.

Upcoming webinars include:

ADA & FMLA Issues | June 17, 2020

Anne Yuengert and **Anne Knox Averitt**, both partners with the Birmingham-based Bradley law firm, will share key considerations for local boards of education regarding the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) and Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), with specific guidance on issues related to COVID-19.

Title IX & Athletics | June 24, 2020

Dave Ryan of Tuscaloosa-based Ryan Law, LLC will discuss important considerations regarding the federal Title IX civil rights law and school athletics programs. This session will explore Title IX and its applications to the school environment, from intramural sports to physical education classes and more.

Previous Webinars in this Series

The two previous webinars from this series, Student Discipline & Bullying and Politics on Campus, are available in AASB's online learning portal School Board U. Simply register online for the full series, and you'll receive access to the archived webinar series in School Board U.

COST: \$150*

NOTE: *This cost covers the entire webinar series, and you will receive 1 hour of training credit for each webinar you complete.*

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Just Ask Jayne

Dear Jayne,

The state is continuing to open, but our board and staff remain concerned about COVID-19 and our board meetings. Are we still allowed to hold virtual meetings? Can we have a hybrid meeting where some board members are in the meeting room and others are participating virtually? If we meet in person, can we keep the public out if we livestream the meeting?

[View Answer](#)



July Webinar: Supporting Student Mental Health During COVID-19

Experts predict the emotional trauma and uncertainty resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic is having a significant impact on student mental health. Join us on Thursday, July 9 for AASB's free, one-hour webinar, ["Supporting Student Mental Health During COVID-19."](#)

Shaundalyn Elliott of the ALSDE will discuss the behaviors and warning signs educators should expect when students return to school this fall. She'll also share strategies schools can implement to help students cope with challenges and manage stress, loss and grief.

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Policy Pipeline is Coming!

AASB's Policy Pipeline is an annual publication that helps local boards of education keep their policy manuals up to date with a minimal investment of time and money. The subscription-based service provides expert insight as well as relevant draft policies on legal and administrative developments.

The 2020-2021 edition of the Policy Pipeline will be published July 23, and the annual subscribers-only maintenance webinar will be held Thursday, July 30 at 10 a.m. Participants can read the issue and ask any questions during this convenient webinar.

Have Questions?

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- Another branch of membership that AASB offers is the **Alabama Council of School Board Attorneys (ACSBA)** which is exclusively for attorneys representing school boards in the state of Alabama. This group provides members with specialized information needed to keep up with the developments in education law. [Learn more.](#)



Submit Proposed Bylaws & Resolutions

School board members are asked to submit proposed resolutions or changes to AASB bylaws by August 30. Proposals, which must be submitted in writing, will be considered by AASB's Delegate Assembly during the association's annual convention in December. Visit our website to review current [Bylaws](#) and [Resolutions](#).

Send submissions via:

- **EMAIL**
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- **MAIL**
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AASB Officer Nominations Due by Aug. 1

Nominations are being accepted for AASB president elect for 2020-21. Both the president and president-elect will serve a one-year term. AASB bylaws call for president and president-elect candidates to have served on the AASB Board of Directors; however, such service need not be consecutive to the individual's candidacy for or term of elective office.

[Self nomination forms](#) are available online and must be sent to AASB on or before August 1. Questions may be directed to Nominating Committee Chair and AASB Immediate Past President **James Woosley** (251-380-8200) or AASB Executive Assistant **Tammy Wright** (334-277-9700).



Whole Board Training: Plan Early & Save

The 2020-21 AASB training year is just around the corner. Get 10% off AASB's regular whole board training fee when you schedule and complete your AASB-provided training for July, August or September. Choose from more than 40 available topics or request a custom topic to meet your board's unique needs.

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New School Board U Course: Board's Role in Budgeting

If your board's role in the budgeting process is limited to a work session to review the proposed budget right before a vote, AASB's newest School Board U course is just for you!

Launched this month, *The Board's Role in Budgeting* is a two-hour online course that will help you stay in your lane as a board member while doing your part to ensure the budget meets system needs. From working with the superintendent to identify goals and priorities early in the budget process to identifying issues that should be included in the budget presentation to the board, this course will help you better understand your role in this important process.

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