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

Dec. 9, 2022



SBOE Debates Alternative Route for Teacher Prep Programs, Moves Forward with First-Grade Readiness

The State Board of Education met Thursday, with much discussion about alternative routes for teacher-preparation programs. Last spring, Alabama legislators passed legislation allowing companies to offer alternative certification programs and directed the State Board of Education to adopt rules authorizing an alternative certificate to individuals who already had earned at least a bachelor's degree. The board agreed to announce the intent to adopt one of [two proposed rules](#) at its January meeting.

The board also agreed to move forward with a resolution indicating its intent to adopt a rule on first-grade readiness. The administrative code proposal would mandate that local school boards adopt policies and procedures requiring students to demonstrate first-grade readiness skills before being promoted or entering first grade. Readiness would be determined by passing kindergarten or passing a first-grade readiness assessment.

Other board meeting news included discussion of higher education report cards, an update on the Numeracy Act implementation and more.

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2023 School Board Member Recognition Month

POWERING THE NEXT GENERATION

January is School Board Member Recognition Month

In preparation for Alabama's annual observance of School Board Member Recognition Month in January, AASB is providing a toolkit with promotional materials for superintendents, school principals, chambers of commerce and other education supporters to use, complete with downloadable and customizable templates.

The 2023 theme is "Powering the Next Generation." A link to the online toolkit will be sent via email to all superintendents and board secretaries next week. Also, be sure to follow AASB on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for posts and graphics you can share!

For more information, [email AASB's PR Department](#) or call 800-562-0601.



DELEGATE ASSEMBLY REPORT

AASB's 2022 Delegate Assembly was held Thursday, Dec. 1 at the Hyatt Regency-Birmingham - The Wynfrey Hotel. After AASB President Ronnie Owens delivered the President's Report, the Assembly took the following actions:

- Approved the 2021 Delegate Assembly Minutes;
- Adopted the Nominating Committee's Report naming Brad Ingle (Walker County) as President-Elect;
- Adopted the Bylaws Committee Report which regulates governance of the Association; and
- Adopted the Resolutions Committee Report which governs the advocacy positions of the Association.

Delegate Assembly is AASB's annual business meeting. View the approved AASB [Bylaws](#) and [Resolutions](#) for 2023.



AASB Officers, New and Returning Directors Installed

Macon County school board member **Mary Hooks** was installed as the association's new president during the closing session of the 2022 AASB Annual Convention in Birmingham on Dec. 3.

Walker County Board of Education President **Bradley Ingle** was installed as the association's new president-elect. Additionally, several new and returning directors were sworn in to begin two-year terms on AASB's 14-member Board of Directors.

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2022 All-State School Board Award Recipients Honored

AASB recognized recipients of the association's highest honor, the All-State School Board Member Award, during a special awards luncheon held Dec. 2 as part of the annual AASB Convention.

Honorees included **Brenda Guilford** of Dothan, **Derek Henderson** of Alabaster, **Aubrey Miller** of Shelby County and Joseph Pettway of **Wilcox County**.

Since 1992, the All-State School Board Member recognition has recognized up to five of Alabama's most outstanding past or present school board members each year.

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New Board Member Orientation Spots Filling Fast

Limited spots remain for AASB's New Board Member Orientation courses being held **Friday, Jan. 6** and **Saturday, Jan. 7** at the AASB office in Montgomery. (Orientation courses will be offered again in July 2023.)

Orientation provides an excellent team-building experience for new school board members and superintendents who attend together. The courses also serve as an excellent refresher for veteran school board members.

AASB's two-part Orientation includes:

Roles & Responsibilities | Friday, Jan. 6 | 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This course covers the nuts and bolts of education law, ethics, finance, effective board meetings and more. [REGISTER](#)

Effective Boards & Relationships | Saturday, Jan. 7 | 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This course focuses on how members of the board relate with one another and how the board establishes and maintains relationships with the board attorney, community, policymakers and others to improve student learning. [REGISTER](#)

Orientation courses also are available on the AASB online learning portal, [School Board U](#).



Act Now to Guarantee Your Spot at COSSBA Inaugural National Conference

Join school board peers from across the country at the inaugural COSSBA Annual Conference March 30 - April 2, 2023 in Tampa, Florida! This exciting three-day event will include ample learning opportunities, inspiring keynote speakers, and dedicated times for member networking.

Urban Boards Alliance Day: The event will open with an early bird session hosted by the Urban Boards Alliance March 30, where members from both rural and suburban school systems can engage in educational strategies and share best practices that address and improve the educational outcomes of students within challenging environments. This event features **Donna M. Beegle**, national poverty expert, and **Dr. Steve Gallon III**, Vice Chair of Miami-Dade County School Board, as keynote speakers. **Early Registration Discount: \$199 | After Jan. 28, 2023: \$249**

Conference: Professional Development for School Board Members & District Leaders: The main conference takes place March 31 - April 2 and features a packed agenda of breakout sessions and informative general sessions. Keynote speakers include **John Quiñones**, ABC news veteran and host/creator of hit show, "What Would You Do?", **Amy Blankson**, co-founder of GoodThink, Presidential Point of Light and award-winning author, and **Chuck Underwood**, host of PBS TV miniseries, "America's Generations." **Early Registration Discount: \$549 | After Jan. 28, 2023: \$599**

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Board Member Spotlight: Kacey Johnston

Kacey Johnston became a member of the Franklin County Board of Education in 2018, but her love for the school system began long ago when she was a student at Red Bay School. Hearing students express themselves about their positive school experiences is what she finds most rewarding as a board member.

A registered dietician nutritionist, when Kacey isn't helping dialysis patients or fulfilling her school board duties, she loves cooking and baking cakes for friends and family.

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Just Ask Jayne

Newly Elected Board Member Employed by Another School System

Dear Jayne:

I'm a newly elected board member but I'm employed by another school system. Someone told me I couldn't accept my monthly board member compensation while I work for another public entity. They said it's double dipping which is illegal. Is that true?

[View Answer](#)



When Was the Last Time Your Board Evaluated the Superintendent?

The task of evaluating the superintendent can be easy to overlook amid the many responsibilities of a busy school board, the most effective boards make regular superintendent evaluation a strategic priority. Regular evaluations help your board clearly communicate expectations and goals to your chief executive and help ensure board members and the superintendent all are working toward the same goals.

AASB's [Superintendent Evaluation service](#) lends school boards a helping hand and removes the major headaches of conducting an evaluation. In addition, AASB offers a two-hour workshop covering the basics of evaluating superintendents as part of our evaluation service or as a standalone whole board training session. And adding value to your AASB membership, school boards have free access to research-based online superintendent evaluation instruments.

Contact us today at SuperintendentEvaluation@AlabamaSchoolBoards.org or call 800-562-0601 to learn more.



**Governor's App Challenge
Accepting Submissions**



**Nominate a Student for
2023 Young Heroes Award**

Student entry forms are due **Jan. 13, 2023**, for the Alabama Governor's App Challenge. The statewide computer programming competition is open to students in grades K-12. Cash prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each grade band (Elementary: K-5; Middle School: 6-8; High School: 9-12).

Do you know a student in grades 9-12 who has excelled in academics, given of themselves in community service or overcome adversity? Alabama Public Television has an opportunity for them to be recognized and earn up to \$5,000 in scholarships and other prizes through the Young Heroes Awards Program. The nominations deadline is **Feb. 10, 2023**.

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