



FOR YOUR *information*

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

February 11, 2022



SBOE Votes to Take No Action on K-3 ELA Textbook Recommendations, Discusses Pending Ed Legislation

The State Board of Education voted Thursday to adopt State Textbook Committee recommendations for English/language arts (ELA) textbooks, grades 4-12, while approving another resolution to take no action on the committee's recommendations for adoption of ELA textbooks, grades K-3.

Other board meeting action included the adoption of a new Alabama Administrative Code rule allowing the State Department of Education to use an electronic signature program for state documents and announcement of intent to adopt an amended rule changing permit and inspection requirements for school facilities.

The work session following Thursday's meeting included robust discussion about education-related bills filed this legislative session and the department's interactions with lawmakers, something Wayne Reynolds (District 8) described as "the elephant in the room."

Other work session discussion included:

- Updates from ALSDE staff about personnel developments and training programs and supports for schools dealing with classroom behavior problems and disruptions.
- Intent to adopt administrative code changes related to student health services and extended learning opportunities.



Summer Conference Registration Opens Feb. 17

Mark your calendars! Registration and hotel reservations for the AASB Summer Conference will open **Thursday, Feb. 17**. This year's event will take place June 17-19 at the Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, Ala. Please note, members must first register for the conference before booking a room at the Perdido.

We're excited to announce one of the conference general sessions will feature a keynote presentation by Stedman Graham, author, educator, entrepreneur and longtime partner of the media mogul, producer, actress and philanthropist, Oprah Winfrey. Additional Summer Conference highlights include:

- **School Safety Summit | Thursday, June 16:** Head to the beach a day early for the pre-conference workshop: *School Safety Summit*.
- **Dual Track Morning & Afternoon Sessions:** Friday and Saturday's agenda will feature two schedule tracks -- a morning track (breakfast is included) and an afternoon track (lunch is included). Both tracks feature the same speakers and session topics. Attendees will register for and attend ONE of the two schedule tracks.
- **Bonus Sunday Session:** This session is open to all attendees (registration required). Breakfast is included.

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Have You Registered for March Conference?

The countdown is on for AASB's Spring Academy Core Conference, *Leadership for Financial Accountability*, will take place March 11 & 12 at the Westin Huntsville (6 training hours). You also don't want to miss this year's bonus site visit to the U.S. Space & Rocket Center, Poverty Simulation (2.5 training hours) or early bird workshop, *School Boards Under Attack* (2 training hours).

There are still spots available, so register today!

- **Bonus: U.S. Space & Rocket Center Tour | Thursday, March 10**
Arrive early, bring the family, and join AASB for an optional tour of the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. (No training credit awarded for this activity)
[REGISTER](#)
- **Poverty Simulation | Friday, March 11**
Get a sobering glimpse into the day-to-day realities of students and families living in poverty by participating in this interactive simulation. (Earn 2.5 training hours) [REGISTER](#)
- **Early Bird Workshop: "School Boards Under Attack" | Friday, March 11**
This session will offer crucial guidance for managing difficult meetings, public comment periods and responding to misinformation, as well as key insights about some of the organized groups behind planned efforts to disrupt meetings. (Earn 2 training hours) [REGISTER](#)
- **March Conference: *Leadership for Financial Accountability* | Friday, March 11 & Saturday, March 12**
Go beyond the basics to better understand school accounting and how to align your school system's finances with its mission in ways that help boost achievement. [REGISTER](#)

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Join AASB, Sen. President Pro Tempore for Legislative Call

Get the latest education updates from Alabama's 2022 Legislative Session during AASB's Legislative Webinar/Call-in featuring Senate President Pro Tempore Greg Reed (R-Jasper).

Join us **Monday, Feb. 14 from noon to 1 p.m.** to hear Reed discuss education legislation and policy, the Education Trust Fund, the Alabama Innovation Commission Report and more.

This webinar is a free member benefit; no training hours will be awarded for participation.

[Register Now](#)



Join Us for One of Two Remaining Advocacy Days

Alabama's 2022 legislative session is underway, and you're invited to join us in Montgomery for AASB Advocacy Days. Don't miss this opportunity to sharpen your advocacy skills and get the inside scoop on the latest developments inside the Alabama State House. Remaining dates are:

- **Tuesday, Feb. 22** | Districts 1, 2 & 3 | [REGISTER NOW](#)
- **Tuesday, March 8** | Districts 4, 5, & 6 | [REGISTER NOW](#)

Note: Although we've designated special dates for each district, board members may sign up to participate on any of the dates.

Important Reminders



Whole Board Training Deadline is June 30

The June 30 deadline for the 2021-22 training year will be here before you know it. Has your board completed or scheduled its state-mandated Whole Board Training? Slots are filling quickly!

[Browse our Whole Board Training catalog](#) to choose from dozens of topics, or contact us to discuss a custom option. Remote and in-person sessions are available to meet your needs.

[Request Training](#)



Last Call for Committee Volunteers

Interested in growing your involvement with AASB? **Wednesday, Feb. 16** is the last day to volunteer to serve on an AASB committee. Incoming committee members will be appointed for one-year terms. Most committees meet once or twice a year.

We're currently seeking volunteers for the Board Training Advisory, Bylaws, Equity, Resolutions and Nominating Committees.

[Learn More](#)

Board Member Spotlight: Nancy Stewart

Nancy Stewart has served on the Gadsden City Board of Education since 2010. Her experience teaching Sunday School as a teenager ignited her passion for making a difference in the lives of children. She describes seeing students achieve their dreams as one of her favorite parts of board service, a nod to her favorite inspirational quote: "If you can dream it, you can do it," by Walt Disney. Read this month's Board Member Spotlight to learn more about Nancy.

[Read More](#)





Just Ask Jayne

What are the Rules on Suspending a Teacher Without Pay?

Dear Jayne: I'm a superintendent in a small county. One of my teachers made a poor decision yesterday and word has gotten around town. I'm even getting calls from the local reporter. Can I suspend him without pay now or do I have to wait until the board has approved? It would really help me out to do it now.

[View Answer](#)



Don't Let Your Schools Miss out on 2022 Video Contest!

We're accepting submissions now through April 15 for AASB's 11th annual statewide student video contest, open to Alabama public school students in grades 4-12.

This year's theme, "Passport to the Future," will showcase the myriad ways Alabama's public schools are helping students on their destination to career, military and/or college success.

Four lucky schools earn bragging rights and share in prize money totaling more than \$3,000!

[Learn More](#)

AASB Job Board: Superintendent of Montgomery Public Schools

The Montgomery County Board of Education is seeking a skilled, experienced leader with a proven track record of student success. The deadline for applications is **March 1, 2022**.



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March 1

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The banner features a photograph of two young girls smiling in a classroom setting. One girl is holding a small object, possibly a toy or a craft project. The background shows a bulletin board with various papers and drawings.

This search is being conducted by the Alabama Association of School Boards. [Learn more about AASB's Superintendent Search Service.](#)

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