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

June 10, 2022



SBOE Considering Multiple Certification Options to Address Teacher Shortage

State Superintendent of Education Dr. Eric Mackey Thursday called on staff to seek long term solutions to address the teacher shortage after considerable discussion and board member requests in last month's board meeting. Chief of Staff Chuck Marcum and Deputy Superintendent Angela Martin presented a proposal outlining multiple options for students pursuing a Professional Educator Certificate who do not pass the Praxis content area assessment.

Lowering the Praxis Standard Error of Measurement (SEM) by one, increasing the minimum grade point average to 2.75 and requiring 100 hours of ALSDE approved high-quality professional learning were listed among three options being considered.

"There is not a silver bullet that will fix it, but this is one proposal we believe will help," said Marcum, who added lowering the Praxis SEM by one would have provided Alabama with an additional 1,194 teachers in the last three years.

"We don't want to lower quality but create opportunity for students who are close and may have test anxiety which could impact their score," Mackey explained.

Other discussion from Thursday's work session included a report by a Barksdale Reading Institute consultant regarding a review to determine whether 25 Alabama teacher prep institutions were aligned to the Science of Reading.

Among the action items from the board meeting preceding the work session were a resolution to modify certain passing scores as a precondition for initial certification and program admission; and approval a resolution to appoint the 2022-23 State Textbook Committee for Career and Technical Education Clusters: Architecture and Construction; Information Technology; and Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics.

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Don't Forget Your Summer Conference Book Drive Donations!



Please remember to bring your donations of new or like-new books to AASB's Inaugural Summer Conference Book Drive to help promote literacy and combat the "summer slide" for students at all grade levels. Donations will be given to the South Baldwin County Literacy Council in support of its summer reading program.

See below to find out what grade level books your district is asked to provide, and drop off your donations at the AASB Summer Conference June 17-19 at the Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach!

AASB Districts 1, 2 & 3:
Grades K-5

AASB Districts 4, 5 & 6:
Grades 6-8

AASB Districts 7, 8 & 9:
Grades 9-12

[More Summer Conference Info](#)



Limited Space for July New Board Member Orientation

Calling all new school board members! We know the learning curve for new school board members is steep, with much to learn about the duties, responsibilities and roles of a board member and the broad knowledge base required for effective governance. AASB is here to help new members get off to the strongest start possible with our information-packed, two-part orientation.

Not new to school board service? New board member orientation also provides a great refresher for veteran school board members!

Join us July 15 & 16 at the AASB Office in Montgomery. Our skilled and experienced team will provide new school board members with an opportunity to learn alongside peers and get answers to the most pressing questions about school board service.

Note to Superintendents: Attending New Board Member Orientation with your new board members is an excellent team-building and learning opportunity. Superintendents receive a \$20 discount off the price of registration.

Space is limited, so be sure to register now and reserve your spot!

Roles & Responsibilities - Friday, July 15

Part I of AASB's school board member orientation, Roles & Responsibilities covers the role of the board and the superintendent, the Open Meetings Act, the ethics law, and much more. The course will be offered **Friday, July 15 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.** at the AASB office in Montgomery. Attendees will earn 8 training hours. [> REGISTER](#)

Effective Boards & Relationships - Saturday, July 16

Part II of AASB's school board member orientation, Effective Boards & Relationships takes an in-depth look at effective school board leadership, how your board should work with its superintendent and board attorney, and the art of advocacy. The course will be offered **Saturday, July 16 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.** at the AASB office in Montgomery. Attendees will earn 6 training hours. [> REGISTER](#)

NOTE: *The School Board Governance Improvement Act requires all new board members to take Orientation within one year of the July 1 after taking office.*

Will the Next All-State School Board Winner Come from YOUR Board?

AASB is seeking nominations for its 2022 All-State School Board Member Award. All school board presidents and superintendents have received [eligibility and selection guidelines](#) for this prestigious recognition program that celebrates exemplary boardmanship.

NOMINATION DEADLINE

This year's nomination deadline is **August 5, 2022.**

[View Nomination Form](#)



 The image shows two promotional materials. On the left is the cover of the "Policy Pipeline 2022-2023 Edition, JULY issue, VOLUME 8 | ISSUE 1 IN THEIR ISSUE". It features a colorful logo with the letters 'p' and 'i' and a silhouette of a person holding a red umbrella. On the right is a blue flyer for a "Policy Maintenance Webinar" held on Thursday, July 28, 2022, at 10:30 AM CDT. The flyer includes a table of contents for the webinar.

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Get Ready for the Policy Pipeline: Subscribe Starting July 1

Mark your calendars! If your school board isn't already receiving AASB's Policy Pipeline, new subscriptions open Friday, **July 1, 2022.**

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 2022-2023 edition of the Policy Pipeline will be published and mailed to subscribers **July 21**, and the annual subscribers-only maintenance webinar will be held **Thursday, July 28 at 10 a.m.** Participants can read the issue and ask any questions during this convenient webinar.

[Learn More](#)

Board Member Spotlight: David Schutz

David Schutz has served on the Geneva County Board of Education since 2012 and currently serves as the board's vice president. An insurance agency owner, David was motivated to become a school board member because he wanted to do his part to help improve his local schools.

David said he hopes to help unify his community, schools and parents around the importance of education.

His hobbies include camping, golfing and grilling, and he believes even the smallest gesture goes a long way when it comes to helping others.

Read this month's Board Member Spotlight to learn more about David!

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Just Ask Jayne

Executive Session for Grievance Hearings?

Dear Jayne: We've had a teacher file a grievance against her principal. I know one of the reasons we can hold an executive session is to "hear formal written complaints" brought against a public employee. Can we hold grievance hearings in executive session?

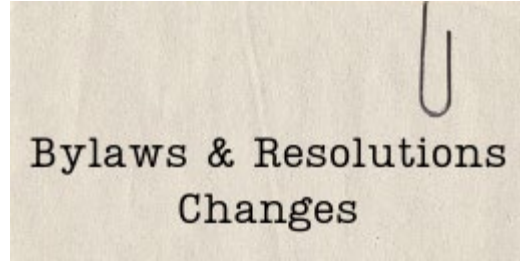
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AASB President-Elect Nominations Due Sept. 1

Nominations are being accepted for AASB president-elect for 2023. Both the president and president-elect serve a one-year term. AASB bylaws call for 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 will soon be available online and must be sent to AASB on or before Sept. 1. Questions may be directed to Nominating Committee Chair and AASB Immediate Past President Shannon Cauley (251-621-6642) or AASB Executive Assistant Tammy Wright (334-277-9700).



Submit Proposed Bylaws & Resolutions by Sept. 1

School board members are asked to submit proposed resolutions or changes to AASB bylaws by Sept. 1.

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](#) & [Resolutions](#).

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QUESTIONS? Visit with Simbli Rep Charlie Rigby or AASB Member Engagement Rep. Dr. Suzanne Freeman at the AASB Summer Conference June 17-19 (Booth 12).

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AASB Job Board

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- [Superintendent of Calhoun County Schools](#) (Apply by July 7)



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