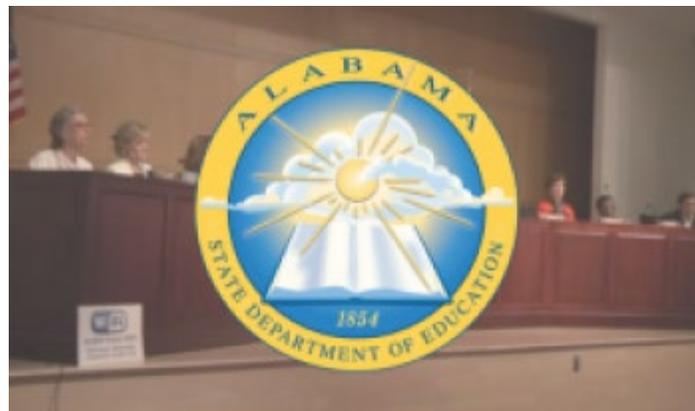


March 15, 2024



State Accountability Task Force to be Appointed

The State Board of Education voted unanimously Thursday to announce its intent to adopt new Administrative Code rule changes for literacy coursework aligned with the science of reading and professional learning and standards for school leadership, as well as its approval of six universities' UTeach Alabama educator preparation programs. The SBOE rejected an alternative teacher preparation organization #T.E.A.C.H., Training Educators and Training Hope, with only four members voting in approval and five abstaining, after some discussion.

Other action and discussion items from the Feb. 8, 2024, SBOE meeting and work session included:

- Accountability measures in the state's report card
- PowerSchool unified insights
- Virtual and charter schools performance

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Register Now for AASB's Leading for Equity Workshop

Ensuring that every child has the opportunity to succeed in school takes hard work and a strong commitment by the board-superintendent team. A great place to begin this work is with AASB's Leading for Equity workshop.

Participants will engage in thought-provoking activities and facilitated discussions designed to assess current school system efforts, opportunities and successes. This powerful training not only provides attendees the opportunity for self-reflection, self-assessment and action planning, but also tools and multiple paths to succeed at leading in this important arena.

WHEN: Saturday, April 20 | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WHERE: AASB Office, 43 South Jackson Street, Montgomery, AL 36104

COST: \$125 | 6 training hours (lunch is included)

CONTACT YOUR BOARD SECRETARY TO REGISTER: We're piloting registration for this event in AASB's soon-to-be released, new registration platform, Engagifii. All board secretaries have received the registration link and instructions. Please contact your board secretary if you'd like to attend!

QUESTIONS: Contact Membership Coordinator **Joy Brownell** at 334-277-9700 or jbrownell@alabamaschoolboards.org.



WEBINAR: Reading Your Financial Statements A to Z

School boards are the governing body for their school systems, overseeing a wide variety of responsibilities including financial management. Interpreting data and documents is essential to the board's function and ensuring financial accountability.

Mark your calendars to join us Thursday, April 18 from noon to 1 p.m. for AASB's next webinar, "Reading Your Financial Statements A to Z."

Dale County Schools Chief Financial Officer **Jesse James** will break down the complexities of financial statements and make it easier for you to interpret and analyze financial data. Whether you are a seasoned board member or new to your role, this webinar will offer key takeaways for effectively read and interpret your financial statements.

Cost: \$55 individual ; \$210 group | Earn 1 training hour

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APRIL 2
Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & CSFOs

APRIL 17
Legislative Committee Day
(All AASB Districts)

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April Advocacy Opportunities

It's not too late to sign up for one or more of AASB's two remaining Advocacy Days!

As the Legislature continues to weigh key education-related bills this session, Advocacy Days provide a great opportunity to meet with your lawmakers and discuss key education priorities for your schools and communities. Your collective voices make a difference!

- **TUESDAY, APRIL 2:** AASB Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & CSFOs | [REGISTER](#)
- **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17:** Legislative Committee Day (all districts) | [REGISTER](#)



BRENDA DERAMUS-COLEMAN VIDEO: Why Your Advocacy Matters

Brenda Deramus-Coleman of AASB District 4 is president of the Montgomery County Board of Education and a 2023 recipient of AASB's A-Team Advocacy Award. She believes advocacy is one of the top two priorities of school board service. Deramus-Coleman and her fellow school board colleagues regularly attend AASB Advocacy Days. "This is important work that we do, but it means very little if we are not advocates," she said.

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More than 600 Registered for Summer Conference

The countdown is on to AASB's annual Summer Conference, which will be held at the Lodge at Gulf State Park June 28-30. This event will be full of learning and networking as well as motivating sessions inspiring you to reflect upon this year's Summer Conference theme: "Remember Your Why!" Don't miss the chance to secure your spot among fellow education leaders. [REGISTER NOW.](#)

Slots Available for School Safety Summit

There are still slots available for the pre-conference workshop, the School Safety Summit Friday, June 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. You'll hear from expert speakers who will share key advice, real-world scenarios and guidance to help keep your schools safe. [REGISTER NOW.](#)

Summer Conference Keynote Speakers



Dr. Donna Beegle, *Poverty Expert, Author & Motivational Speaker*

Dr. Donna M. Beegle inspires and educates individuals, organizations, leaders and communities with proven models to better outcomes for people in poverty. Her inspiring story and ground-breaking work have been featured throughout the nation, including on CNN and PBS.



Chuck Underwood, *Founder & Principal of The Generational Imperative, Inc. (TGI)*

One of the original pioneers in the field of generational studies, Chuck Underwood is the author of "America's Generations in the Workplace, Marketplace, and Living Room," and he has been featured on the PBS mini-series, "America's Generations With Chuck Underwood."

Annual Summer Conference Book Drive

We're calling on all Summer Conference attendees to donate new or like-new books to help promote literacy and combat the "summer slide" for students at all grade levels. Simply drop off your book donations at AASB registration area during the Conference.

Below are the grade-level books we're asking districts to donate:

- **AASB Districts 1, 2 & 3:** Grades K-5
- **AASB Districts 4, 5 & 6:** Grades 6-8

- **AASB Districts 7, 8 & 9:** Grades 9-12
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AASB's free online Policy Links provide direct access to school systems' online policy manuals.

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Time Running Out to Schedule Whole Board Training

Only three months remain in the 2023-2024 training year which ends June 30. If your board has not yet completed or scheduled its state-mandated Whole Board Training session, now is the time to get on the calendar! Slots will begin filling quickly this spring, so contact us today to book your training.

First, browse AASB's [Whole Board Training Catalog](#) to choose from more than 40 available training topics, or contact us to discuss a custom option. Once you've selected a topic, [contact us](#) to request your training. Both in-person and remote sessions are available to meet your needs.

Board Member Spotlight:



Delandrion Woods

Delandrion Woods of the Lawrence County Board of Education is one of AASB's youngest school board members, but he is no stranger to being the youngest person in the room! Prior to becoming a school board member, he had the distinction of becoming the youngest person to serve on the Hillsboro (Ala.) City Council.

Delandrion believes fresh perspectives are essential to progress in education. Since being elected to the Lawrence County school board in 2022, he has learned the decisions made at the board table can have a lifelong impact on the next generation, which means children's interest must always be at the forefront.

When he is not playing pickleball or shooting pool, Delandrion enjoys cooking for family and friends as well as line dancing.

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Just Ask Jayne

Requirements for Cancelling Board Meeting Due to Weather?

Dear Jayne:

We have a board meeting scheduled for this evening but we need to cancel is due to bad weather. Does the Open Meetings Act have any requirements for cancelling or rescheduling a meeting?

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