



FOR YOUR *information*

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

Nov. 13, 2023



SBOE Approves Rule Change on Alternative Teacher Certification Assessments

The State Board of Education adopted *Alabama Administrative Code* rule changes pertaining to Alternative Teacher Preparation organizations (ATPO) and alternative teacher certification assessments during Thursday's November meeting but did not act upon a proposed code change pertaining to charter school authorizers and their operational and categorical funding allocations.

In the work session, seven teacher preparation programs presented their progress toward meeting Alabama Literacy Act requirements aligned with the science of reading, which will be up for approval at the December meeting.

Other work session items included:

- Course of Study and Textbook Updates
- Teacher Preparation Programs Meeting Literacy Act Requirements
- Civics and Financial Literacy Exams, College and Career Readiness Indicator Graduation Requirements:

[Read Full Story](#)

AASB Holds SBOE Advocacy Days



AASB welcomed local school board members for its third annual State Board of Education Advocacy Day in Montgomery. Members participated in a panel discussion and dinner with the State Board of Education Wednesday. Thursday, the group attended the state board meeting and subsequent work session.

The goal of AASB's SBOE Advocacy Day is not only to introduce members to the structure and workings of the state school board, but also to engage members as advocates to impact education and public policy decisions at the state level.

State Superintendent of Education Dr. Mackey Eric Mackey recognized the AASB members in attendance Thursday, many of whom were also celebrated alongside their school systems, superintendents and elected officials for the 2023 Blue Ribbon Schools and A+ College Ready Schools of Excellence and Schools of Distinction.

Thanks to all who joined us in Montgomery! Your leadership and your voice are critical to AASB's advocacy efforts — you are the best advocate for our schools and all those we serve.

Shop the AASB Store!

We're excited to announce AASB's new online store, where you can stock up on a wide variety of items to show off your Alabama school boards spirit!

From shirts and outerwear to bags and drinkware, there's something for everyone.

Items are embroidered/decorated when the order is placed. Orders typically take 12-15 business days to ship.



We can't wait to see you sporting your AASB gear!

[Visit the Store](#)

There's Still Time to Register for AASB Convention



Governor Kay Ivey
54th Governor of Alabama



Gerry Brooks
Veteran Educator & Public Speaker



Jess Ekstrom
Author, Motivational Speaker, &
CEO/Founder of Headbands of Hope

You still have time to register for [AASB's Annual Convention, Dare to Lead](#), which will take place Thursday, Nov. 30 - Saturday, Dec. 2 at The Sheraton Birmingham Hotel.

You don't want to miss this year's excellent speaker lineup, including **Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey**, who will share updates on new recommendations of the Governor's Commission on Teaching & Learning. We'll also hear from veteran educator and viral comedian **Gerry Brooks** as well as highly sought after author and motivational speaker **Jess Ekstrom**. Other highlights will include inspiring student performances, informative clinic sessions and the vendor Exhibit Showcase.

Delegate Assembly, AASB's annual business meeting, also will be held Thursday, Nov. 30 at 6:30 p.m. as part of Convention. All members are welcome to attend.

Pre-Conference CSI Workshop

Arrive early and join us Thursday, Nov. 30 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for the [Comprehensive Support & Improvement \(CSI\) Workshop](#), offering vital information about leadership and supports to improve student achievement in systems with underperforming schools. Workshop registration is \$60; Lunch is included. 3.5 training

hours.

[Learn More](#)

COSSBA Seeks Student Talent for Annual Conference



Get ready to take the stage and shine! The Consortium of State School Board Associations (COSSBA) is inviting dynamic schools to showcase their incredible talent at the COSSBA 2024 Annual Conference in Dallas, Texas February 23-25. All categories of performing arts are encouraged to apply. [View Guidelines and Submit an Application.](#)

COSSBA's annual conference will feature ample learning opportunities, inspiring keynote speakers, and dedicated times for member networking with fellow school board members from across the country. Members may earn up to three hours of credit for attending. [Register Now.](#)

Registration Open for New Member Orientation, Board Officers Workshop



Friday, Jan. 5 & Saturday, Jan. 6

AASB's information-packed, two-part orientation helps new board members start strong and provides an excellent refresher for veteran board members.

Join us at AASB's Office in Montgomery Friday, Jan. 5 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for



Saturday, Feb. 10

If you're a current or aspiring board officer, you don't want to miss the [Board Officers Workshop](#) at AASB's Office in Montgomery Saturday, Feb. 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (6 training hours).

This interactive workshop provides expert

Roles & Responsibilities (8 training hours) and Saturday, Jan. 6 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for **Effective Boards & Relationships** (6 training hours).

guidance on best practices for strengthening your leadership and communication skills as well as your facilitation techniques.



Board Member Spotlight: Dolas (Dale) Bain

Dolas (Dale) Bain became a member of the Elmore County Board of Education in 2014 as a continuation of a career of service in the U.S. Army. He currently serves as board vice president.

Dale was inspired to join the school board after teaching young people throughout his life, from Sunday School to Army soldiers.

A retired Army Colonel, he is passionate about guiding young people toward excellence in life. As a board member, he enjoys engaging with Elmore County parents and watching them guide their children in a positive way.

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Just Ask Jayne

Can Board Secretaries Attend Executive Sessions?

Dear Jayne:

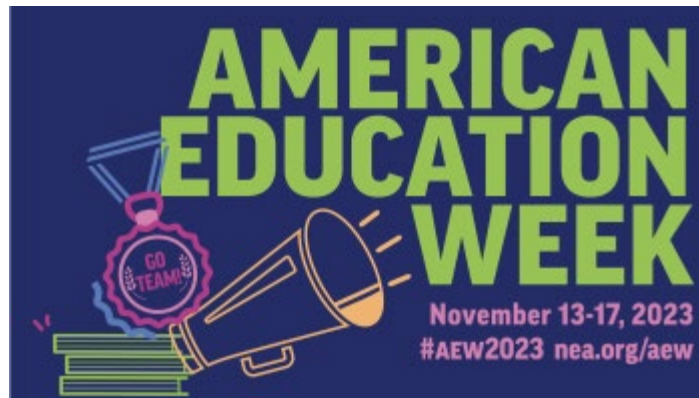
Should the superintendent's secretary be a part of executive sessions? She's been coming in regularly for years but a friend on another board said their secretary never comes in. Is this appropriate?

[View Answer](#)

Thank you, Alabama Teachers

November is 'Thank Alabama Teachers Month'

Teachers truly make a difference in the lives of our students — and Gov. Kay Ivey and the State Board of Education are encouraging Alabamians to let teachers know how much they are appreciated throughout the month of November. Please join in celebrating teachers this month and helping to promote this initiative using the hashtag, #ThankALTeachers. Be sure to tag the ALSDE in your posts!



Celebrate American Education Week 2023

Join the National Education Association in celebrating American Education Week Nov. 13-17, 2023. This annual observance is an excellent opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring every student receives a quality education. [Learn More.](#)



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