



FOR YOUR *information*

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

July 14, 2021



SBOE Debates Draft Resolution on CRT

Tuesday's annual State Board of Education business meeting lasted just long enough for the board to vote in new officers and hear a brief report from State Superintendent Dr. Eric Mackey on the statewide MEGA Conference currently underway in Mobile.

The work session kicked off with Mackey reintroducing for board consideration a draft resolution addressing the hot-button topic of Critical Race Theory (CRT). CRT is an academic concept based on the premise that race isn't biological, but rather a social construct embedded in society within systems and institutions that play a role in racial inequality.

Mackey said the draft resolution had been updated to reflect last month's board member discussion on the issue. He emphasized CRT currently is not taught in any of the state's K-12 public schools nor is the theory reflected in any Alabama state course of study. He also explained passing a board resolution will not impact or alter the current social studies course of study.

Mackey told the board the draft resolution does not specifically mention CRT but does include language prohibiting local boards of education from offering instruction that indoctrinates students in ideologies that promote one race or sex above another.

The board is expected to vote on the resolution at next month's meeting.

Other work session news included discussion of board member questions covering a wide range of issues such as the education budget, mask requirements and COVID-19 vaccines for students, state assessment results and more.

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Register Now for Fall District Meetings

The U.S. Department of Education adopted new Title IX regulations last year that change how public schools handle sexual harassment complaints. Join us for AASB's Fall 2021 District Meetings, "*Title IX: The Road to Compliance*," to learn about the new rules, how these changes will impact your stakeholders and what's on the horizon under the new administration.

Registration cost is \$30, which includes dinner. Attendees will earn 1.5 hours. All District Meeting times are 6 to 8:30 p.m. View dates and locations below, and click to register for your district meeting:

District 1 | Thursday, Sept. 9 | Saraland Early Education Center, Saraland | [REGISTER](#)

District 2 | Monday, Aug. 30 | Daniel Pratt Elementary, Prattville | [REGISTER](#)

District 3 | Tuesday, Sept. 7 | Hoppergrass Restaurant, Ozark | [REGISTER](#)

District 4 | Thursday, Sept. 16 | AASB Office, Montgomery | [REGISTER](#)

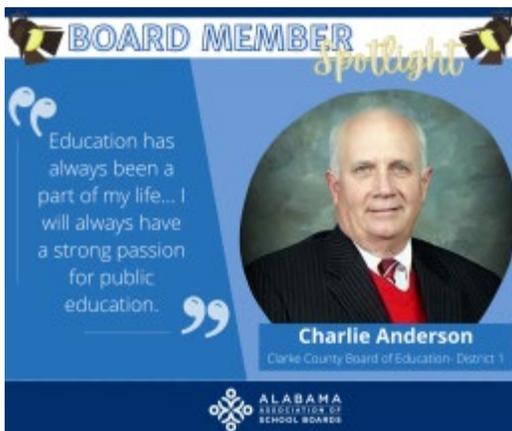
District 5 | Tuesday, Aug. 31 | Hoover High School, Hoover | [REGISTER](#)

District 6 | Tuesday, Sept. 21 | Classic on Noble, Anniston | [REGISTER](#)

District 7 | Monday, Sept. 20 | Hotel Capstone, Tuscaloosa | [REGISTER](#)

District 8 | Tuesday, Sept. 14 | Decatur (exact location TBA) | [REGISTER](#)

District 9 | Tuesday, Sept. 28 | Top O' The River, Guntersville | [REGISTER](#)



Board Member Spotlight: Charlie Anderson

Charlie Anderson has been a Clarke County board member since 1982— giving him 39 years of service and counting! He has a strong passion for public education and is always ready to do what he can to support the schoolchildren of Alabama. When he's not busy with school board work, you are likely to find him watching his son, Buddy Anderson, the winningest high school football coach in Alabama, take to the field.

Read this month's Board Member Spotlight to learn more about Charlie and his passion for serving youth through public education.

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Meet Your New District 1 Director

Ann Peach of the Brewton City Board of Education was appointed to serve as AASB District 1 Director in June 2021. She has been a member of the Brewton school board since 2016 and has reached Level 3 in AASB's School Board Member Academy, earning more than 105 training hours.

As District 1 Director, Ann represents the Baldwin, Clarke, Conecuh, Escambia, Mobile, Monroe and Washington County school boards, the city school boards of Brewton, Chickasaw, Gulf Shores, Saraland, Satsuma and Thomasville, and the board of the Alabama School of Math and Science.



Claim Your Spot at New Board Member Orientation

There are still a few spots remaining for this weekend's New Board Member Orientation courses. AASB's two-part orientation provides the vital information you need to strengthen leadership and boardmanship skills and get off to the best possible start to your board service.

Roles & Responsibilities - Friday, July 16

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 16 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the AASB office in Montgomery. Attendees will earn 8 training hours. [REGISTER NOW](#)

Effective Boards & Relationships - Saturday, July 17

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 17

from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the AASB office in Montgomery. Attendees will earn 6 training hours. [REGISTER NOW](#)



Book Early and Save on Whole Board Training

AASB's exemplary training team is prepared to help you improve your skills via [46 interactive courses](#) created to meet your boards' needs and fulfill the state-mandated two-hour whole board training requirement. And it pays to plan ahead! **Save 10%** off AASB's regular whole board training fee when you schedule and complete your AASB-provided training for July, August or September!

For more information, contact AASB Executive Assistant for Leadership Development, Stephanie Bell, at sbell@alabamaschoolboards.org or call 800-562-0601.

Check Out AASB's 2021-2022 Training Dates & Opportunities

AASB's diverse lineup of learning opportunities throughout the year helps support school board teams in governance and leadership. From virtual district meetings to timely webinars to information-packed workshops and conferences, you'll find a wealth of both individual and group training events to help build your knowledge and sharpen your boardmanship skills.

[View 2021-2022 Training Dates/Catalog](#)



Nominate An Outstanding School Board Member for AASB's Highest Honor!

AASB is seeking nominations for its 2021 All-State School Board Member Award. Board presidents and superintendents have all received [eligibility and selection guidelines](#) for this prestigious recognition program that celebrates exemplary boardmanship. This year's nomination deadline is **Sept. 10, 2021**.

[View Nomination Form](#)



Just Ask Jayne

Abstaining from Voting Due to Lack of Expertise?

Dear Jayne: Sometimes I feel unsure about whether I should vote on certain items or abstain. For example, we were asked to approve a new HVAC system for the elementary school. I don't know anything about HVAC systems so I abstained. Did I do the right thing?

[View Answer](#)



Policy Pipeline: There's Still Time to Subscribe

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 2021-2022 edition of the *Policy Pipeline* will be published and mailed to subscribers July 15, and the annual subscribers-only maintenance webinar will be held Thursday, July 22 at 10 a.m. Participants can read the issue and ask any questions during this convenient webinar.

Have Questions?

Visit AASB's website to [learn more about the Policy Pipeline](#).

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SAVE THE DATE: Don't Miss These Upcoming Deadlines



Convention Clinic Proposals Due



Student Entertainment

by August 6

Do you have a governance best practice or innovative program you'd like to share with school board peers? [Submit a proposal to present a clinic session](#) during the annual AASB Convention at the Hyatt Regency Birmingham - The Wynfrey Hotel, Dec. 2-4, 2021.

Topics may cover a variety of areas, including effective board leadership and governance practices, navigating legal issues, technology that engages students, programs proven to boost achievement and more. The deadline to submit a clinic proposal is **Friday, August 6**.



AASB President-Elect Nominations Due by Sept. 1

Nominations will soon be accepted for AASB president-elect for 2022. 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 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 **Gwen Harris-Brooks** (334-644-4002) or AASB Executive Assistant **Tammy Wright** (334-277-9700).

Applications Due by August 27

Showcase your school system's talented students by [submitting a student entertainment application](#) for AASB's Annual Convention at the Hyatt Regency Birmingham - The Wynfrey Hotel Dec. 2-4, 2021. We're accepting submissions from vocal, instrumental, performing arts, and JROTC groups!

Finalists selected from the pool of submitted applications will be featured in a social media contest this fall, and your schools and communities will be able to vote for their favorite group. The application deadline for student entertainment is **Friday, Aug. 27**.



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](#) and [Resolutions](#).

Send submissions via:

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AASB Affiliate Groups Offer Meaningful Connections, Networking Opportunities

Learn more about AASB memberships and business affiliations opportunities:

AASB's Professional Sustaining Membership Program helps businesses build relationships with local school board members through exhibits and sponsorships.

[Learn more.](#)

Alabama Association of Administrative Assistants (AAAA) helps school board assistants achieve excellence and provide professional services to school boards, superintendents and stakeholders. [Learn more.](#)

Another branch of membership that AASB offers is the **Alabama Council of School Board Attorneys (ACSBA)** which is exclusively for attorneys representing school boards in the state of Alabama. This group provides members with specialized information needed to keep up with the developments in education law. [Learn more.](#)



Board Management Software Discount Ends July 31

Are you ready to operate more efficiently? Now is the time to see how the award-winning Simbli board management software can help your board and staff organize, align, automate and simplify everyday tasks.

Sign up for the Simbli Meetings module between now and July 31 and save \$500 off the regular subscription price!

Already have the Simbli Meetings module? Get an additional \$500 discount when adding the Policy or Planning module.

[Learn More](#)

AASB Job Board



CSFO, Russell County Schools

The Russell County Board of Education is seeking a skilled, goal-oriented chief school financial officer (CSFO) to work with the superintendent and board to build upon the strengths of this well-performing school system. The deadline for applications is July 28, 2021. [Learn More/Apply.](#)

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

Superintendent, Scottsboro City Schools

Scottsboro City Board of Education | Deadline: August 2, 2021 | [Learn More/Apply](#)



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