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October 26, 2020

The Board held a regular meeting on October 26, 2020. Below are highlights from the Meeting.

Instruction on the Holocaust and other Genocides

The Board adopted a rule to reinforce and emphasize the importance of instruction on the Holocaust and other genocides at least twice between 7th grade and high school graduation. Although this instruction is required as part of the History and Social Science standards adopted in 2018, this rule will further stress its importance. The Board heard from three Holocaust survivors in support of the rule proposal. Their comments can be viewed with the agenda item [5A](#) or on the recording of the Board meeting found on [YouTube](#). The Arizona Department of Education also has resources available for schools.

Rulemaking Update

Below is a brief summary of Board rules in the process. Public comments are always welcome at inbox@azsbe.az.gov.

- Empowerment Scholarship Account Program: After six months of rulemaking the Board adopted the rule governing the Empowerment Scholarship Account Program required by SB 1224. Definitions in the rule will become effective November 1st while the remainder of the rule will become effective January 1, 2021. Additional information on the implementation of the rules will be forthcoming from the Arizona Department of Education.
- SPED Endorsement for Visually or Hearing Impaired: The Board received an update on a proposed certification endorsement to allow general education teachers to more seamlessly transition to teaching visually impaired or hearing impaired students. The endorsement is modelled after an endorsement adopted earlier this year. The Board requested additional stakeholder engagement on the rule, which may be adopted as soon as the Board's December 14th meeting.
- Honorary High School Diploma: Statute allows veterans of the World Wars, Korea and Vietnam to receive an honorary high school diploma from an Arizona public school. The Arizona Department of Veteran's Services and the Arizona Department of Education's Adult Education unit has worked to increase veterans' and schools' awareness of the option. The rule is antiquated and not reflective of current statute. The Board began the rulemaking process to align with statutory requirements. A virtual public hearing to solicit public comments is scheduled for November 19th at noon.

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2021 Meeting Schedule

The Board's 2021 meeting schedule is set and provided below:

Monday, January 25 (SBE)

Monday, February 22 (SBE)

Monday, March 22 (SBE & SBVTE)

Monday, April 26 (SBE)

Monday, May 24 (SBE)

Monday, June 28 (SBE & SBVTE)

July – No Meeting

Friday & Saturday, August 27 & 28 (SBE & Retreat)

Monday, September 27 (SBE & SBVTE)

Monday, October 25 (SBE)

November – No Meeting

Monday, December 13 (SBE & SBVTE)

Upcoming Meeting

The Board's next meeting is a special meeting scheduled for November 16, 2020 when the Board will discuss A-F Accountability for the 2020-2021 school year. Additional information on the special meeting can be found when the agenda and notice is posted [here](#).