



Arizona State Board of Education

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Below are highlights of the August 28, 2018, State Board of Education meeting. The entire meeting can be viewed on the Board's [YouTube](#) page.

Assessment Update

Staff provided an update on the statewide assessment and the Menu of Assessments.

At the May 2018 meeting, the Board directed ADE to seek review from the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) to extend the contract for AzMERIT to November 2019. The contract is currently set to expire in November 2018 and statute requires JLBC review. Staff anticipates JLBC will review the extension at its September 20th meeting. With the extension, AzMERIT will serve as the statewide assessment for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year.

Beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, the Menu of Assessments will replace AzMERIT. Pursuant to state statute, the Menu of Assessments allows a school to select an assessment from a list adopted by the Board. Depending on the results of the RFP, AzMERIT may qualify for the Menu of Assessments in addition to other high quality assessments. At the May 2018 meeting, the Board directed ADE to begin work on the RFP for the Menu of Assessments. ADE has convened stakeholder groups to gather input and anticipates an RFP will be issued in the Fall of 2018 and an award will be possible in the Spring of 2019. More information on the Menu of Assessments and timelines may be found [here](#).

Procurement Rules

As a result of HB 2663, the Board opened rules governing procurement practices for school districts and nonexempt charter schools. The rules, which can be found [here](#), were developed with the help of a broad group of stakeholders.

Public comments may be submitted to inbox@azsbe.az.gov. A public hearing is scheduled for September 19th at noon at the Board's offices. Staff anticipates providing an update to the Board at the September 24th Board meeting and potentially closing the rule at the October 22nd Board meeting.

Absent from this rulemaking package are changes related to "lowest qualified bidder". This requirement, also added in HB 2663, becomes effective on July 1, 2019. Due to the discrepancy in effective dates, the Board prioritized those changes that were effective

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first and will begin work this Fall and Winter on a second rulemaking package to address “lowest qualified bidder”.

Strategic Plan

At the Board’s retreat in early August, the Board identified and outlined three areas of focus: A-F Accountability, School Improvement and 3rd Grade Reading. Staff is in the process of gathering additional information on these areas and drafting a strategic plan to provide to the Board. To aid in the Board’s goals regarding 3rd grade reading and early literacy, the Executive Committee of the Board, consisting of President Narducci and Vice President Corr, reconvened and appointed members to the K-3 Literacy Ad-Hoc Committee.

Discipline

Do not forget that the Board has established a tool that allows users to search discipline action taken against a certified educator in the last five years. The tool provides publicly available information and supporting documents on the action taken against the certified individual, including suspensions, revocations and denials. To use the tool please go to <https://azsbe.az.gov/teacher-certification-ppac> and click on the link on right labeled “Discipline Search”.

Future Meetings

The Board’s next meeting is September 24, 2018. Meeting materials may be found [here](#).

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