

Highlights from the State Board of Education August 22, 2016 Meeting

New members and election of Vice President

President Reginald M. Ballantyne III introduced two new members to the Board. Janice Mak is the new teacher representative and Calvin Baker is the new district superintendent representative. They are both excited to join the Board and work on furthering excellent education policy within the state of Arizona. Member Tim Carter was elected to the position of Vice President by a unanimous vote.

2016 Draft Arizona English Language Arts and Mathematics Standards Open for Public Comment

The draft revisions to the Arizona English Language Arts and Mathematics Standards were unanimously accepted by the Board for public input and consideration. There were multiple positive public comments from the field and the Board members regarding the work of over 200 teachers and 6,000 volunteer hours on a comprehensive revision of the standards. If adopted, Arizona will become the only state in the nation with a Foundational Writing Skills Strand for grades Kindergarten through Third Grade that includes a progression of handwriting skills from print through cursive.

The public comment period for the standards began on Friday, August 19th and will continue for 45 days until Monday, October 3rd. The draft standards may be reviewed via the new standards website located at <https://k12standards.az.gov> and comments may be entered as a general comment on the standards as a whole, or on individual strands by grade-level. In addition, seventeen hearings across the state will be held from September 12th through the 21st for public comment and input. The public is encouraged to attend these meetings and provide feedback on the standards. The notices and agendas for the hearings are located at <https://azsbe.az.gov/public-meetings> and a schedule is attached.

A-F School Accountability

Executive Director Schmidt provided an update to the Board regarding stakeholder input on a new A-F accountability system. Following this discussion, Vice President Carter presented a conceptual design of A-F accountability to the Board. This conceptual framework will be the subject of future Board discussion and its A-F Ad Hoc Advisory Committee's work.

Menu of Assessments

A survey was sent to members of the field on the menu of assessments. Potential assessments were identified for grades K-12. Dr. Schmidt and ADE staff will continue efforts toward the development and implementation of the menu for Board approval. Executive Director Schmidt referenced data from a preliminary survey and noted that an end-of-course assessment was preferred by district respondents, which is consistent with the Board's values statement on assessments.

Rulemaking Opened for Administration Standards

Rulemaking was opened on adoption of the Professional Standards for Educational Leaders (PSEL) in place of the currently adopted (as amended by the Board) Interstate School Leaders Licensure Consortium (ISLLC) standards. There will be a public hearing prior to the final presentation to the Board for adoption of these new standards and the Board invites the field to engage in a robust discussion about adoption of the new PSEL standards. The public hearing on R7-2-603 is scheduled for September 19, 2016 at 1:00 P.M. located at the Arizona Department of Education, 1535 W. Jefferson, Conference Room 122, Phoenix, AZ 85007. The proposed rule changes are located at <https://azsbe.az.gov/rules>.

Certification Rules

Rules regarding placement of teacher interns and a new pathway for CTE certification were adopted by the Board. The newly adopted rules are located at <https://azsbe.az.gov/rules>.

**State Board of Education Math and English Language Arts Standards
PUBLIC HEARINGS**

September 12

6:00-7:00 PM

Show Low High School Library
1201 N. Cougar Ln.
Show Low, AZ 85901

September 12

6:00-7:00 PM

Catalina Magnet High School Aud.
3645 E Pima St.
Tucson, AZ 85716

September 12

6:00-7:00 PM

Peoria Flex Ac. Lecture Hall
11200 N. 83rd Ave
Peoria, AZ 85345

September 13

5:00-6:00 PM

Holbrook District Board Room
1000 N. 8th Ave
Holbrook, AZ 86025

September 13

6:00-7:00 PM

Santa Cruz Complex, Room 120
2150 N. Congress Dr.
Nogales, AZ 85621

September 14

6:00-7:00 PM

Cafeteria of the Rothery Center
3305 E. Fry Blvd
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

September 14

6:00-7:00 PM

Flagstaff High School: Hurley Theatre
400 W. Elm Ave
Flagstaff, AZ 86001

September 15

6:00-7:00 PM

Madison Elem SD Board Room
5601 N. 16th St.
Phoenix, AZ 85016

September 15

6:00-7:00 PM

Glassford Middle School Auditorium
6901 E. Panther Path
Prescott Valley, AZ 86314

September 15

6:00-7:00 PM

Safford District Board Room
734 11th St.
Safford, AZ 85546

September 19

6:00-7:00 PM

Chandler District Board Office
1525 W. Frye Rd
Chandler, AZ 85224

September 19

6:00-7:00 PM

Yuma School District #1
450 W. 6th St
Yuma, AZ 85364

September 19

6:00-7:00 PM

Payson District Board Room
902 W. Main St
Payson, AZ 85541

September 20

6:00-7:00 PM

Parker High School
1600 S. Kofa Ave
Parker, AZ 85344

September 20

6:00-7:00 PM

Walker Butte K-8 School
29697 N Desert Willow Blvd
Queen Creek, AZ 85142

September 20

6:00-7:00 PM

Gila Cty Board of Supervisors, Rm 202
1400 E. Ash St
Globe, AZ 85501

September 21

6:00-7:00 PM

Mohave County Admin Bldg.
700 W. Beal St.
Kingman, AZ 86402