

Texas Alliance of Black School Educators
Board Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2011
San Antonio, Texas Hilton Hotel

The TABSE Board meeting was called to order by Dr. Elaine Bailey at 9 a.m. Meditation was led by Dr. David Harris.

Roll Call was taken by Vanita Reed. Affiliates present were:

- Beaumont Areas ABSE
- Brazos Area ABSE
- Dallas Regional ABSE
- Fort Worth ABSE
- Garland Area ABSE
- Houston Area ABSE
- Killen Area ABSE

Greetings were brought to the meeting from John Washington, President-Elect, Jerry Holmes, Executive Director and Dr. Kimberly McLeod, Southwest Region representative.

Minutes were reviewed. Melvin Guider moved to accept and Kim McLeod seconded. The motion was carried.

The 2011-2012 Executive Board Meeting Schedule was presented and asked to be put on the Board members schedules. The meetings are as follow:

- November 16, 2011 (this will be at NABSE)
- January 19, 2012 – Conference Call
- February 16, 2012 (this will be at TABSE)
- February 19, 2012 (this will be at TABSE)

Melvin Guider presented the Legislative Report. He has represented TABSE through several NABSE Legislative conference calls conducted by Dr. LaRuth Gray. He has also represented TABSE in attendance of The National Education Policy Institute (NEPI) Conference conducted in Washington, D.C. on May 2 and the 2011 African American Legislative Summit in Austin, Texas on February 28. Although TABSE has been contacted by Representative Helen Giddings and Texas Senator Royce West in support of bills they were presenting, TABSE was not able to provide its support for those particular bills. However TABSE does support them in their efforts to provide leadership for Texas.

Mr. Guider also stated that the 2007 TABSE Constitution is being reviewed for possible revisions. Any suggestions should be submitted to Melvin Guider in writing. Mr. Mark Hyde has indicated interest in participating on this committee. Other members should contact Melvin Guider to participate on this committee.

Melvin Guider moved acceptance of this report and Brenda Adams seconded. The motion carried.

The expense for a mail-out ballot is expensive. Alternative ways for the election are being looked at while continuing to follow the constitution. A timeline was given to Board Members. The results will be reported to Board Members via conference call on January 19, 2012.

Dr. Bailey addressed efforts in increasing affiliates in TABSE. Several affiliates who have been strong affiliates in the past are struggling due to lost of employment by many. It was stated reaching out to our Black superintendents can be effective in gaining their support of TABSE and its activities. Affiliates must stay in touch with their members; have regular meetings and meaningful activities.

Several suggestions were proposed by Board Members. Some were

- Sending letters to Superintendents
- Have information to new teachers as recruited or at new teacher orientation
- Have new members join all 3 organizations (national, state, local)
- Partnership with faculty of colleges and universities
- Membership drives
- Face to face meetings with superintendents asking for their support

Dr. Bailey gave kudos to Marian Willard and the Dallas Affiliate for a successful conference and for raising \$36,000+ which was TABSE's portion of the proceeds. Even though Dallas was the host affiliate, this is a TABSE conference and we must work together to make each conference successful. Each affiliate can support the conference through advertisements in the conference booklet.

The Board took a break at 10:20 to prepare to tour the facilities for the upcoming TABSE Conference in 2012.

The meeting was called back to order at noon. The meditation was given and the Litany was read. Greetings were brought to the Board from Lucy Hall and Janice Williams of San Antonio.

Introductions of the TABSE Board and of the San Antonio Conference Committee participants were made.

A review of different aspects for the upcoming conference was done. It was asked that everyone generate at least \$250 in ads. The template for conference committees and responsibilities was reviewed and a review of prices for vendor space was done. San Antonio needs to meet and review past conference schedules and determine what activities and timeline they will use. Ideas for speakers were given; suggestions for tying in retired teachers to the conference, and having some type of themed luncheon were suggested.

The benediction was given and the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.