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State board names interim superintendent

The State Board of Education has appointed **Chris Woolard**, an Ohio Department of Education (ODE) official, interim superintendent of public instruction effective May 28. Woolard serves ODE as chief program officer. He will replace Interim Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. **Stephanie K. Siddens**, who has taken the deputy superintendent position at **Upper Arlington City**.

Clean School Bus Grant competitive application now open

The Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Transportation and Air Quality has opened applications for its nationwide Clean School Bus Grant Program. This program authorizes approximately \$400 billion in funds to replace aging school buses with clean or zero-emissions models. Grant applications must be submitted no later than Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2023. For more information, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/epa>.

Primary election school tax issue results reflect economic stress

Voters approved 48% of school tax issues in the May 2 primary election, marking a significant decrease from last year's 65% passage rate. While renewal school tax proposals continue to enjoy majority support from the public, with 21 of the 29 issues passing for a 72% passage rate, this represents a decrease from last year's 88% passage rate for similar measures in the primary. Thirty-three percent of new school tax requests were approved Tuesday, May 2, with 15 of 46 issues passing. This is the lowest passage rate for these types of issues in a May election since 2007, with several levies receiving less than 20% yes votes. The declines reflect voters' concerns about current economic instability, a situation which is also sure to affect districts whose issues failed as they work to meet their students' educational needs.

Board members: OSBA seeks nominations for regional committees

OSBA is accepting applications for 2024 regional positions. Volunteering for a committee provides an opportunity to enhance interaction with board members from other districts and represent your district at regional and state events. School board members interested in serving on the regional executive committees, in a regional office or as a regional at-large member of the OSBA Board of Trustees are encouraged to apply. If you are currently serving on a committee and would like to continue serving in 2024, you must submit an application. For more information, visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/call-committee-nominations. That webpage also has information on available committee positions, descriptions of each committee's functions and time commitment information. The deadline to apply is June 30.

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- Administrators
- Principals
- Communication specialists
- Transportation supervisors

No-cost threat assessment training available

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is offering Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines (CSTAG) training at no cost until June 30. CSTAG is the only school threat assessment model that has demonstrated effectiveness in controlled studies. The one-day training, available at Ohio educational service centers, fulfills the new training requirements stated in the Safety and Violence Education Students (SAVE Students) Act. For more information, see <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/ohio/cstag-training>.

ODE releases new peer tutoring guidance

The Ohio Department of Education has created a guide for districts wanting to create a peer tutoring program, which would

count toward students' Community Service, local Student Engagement or OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Graduation Seals while helping promote academic excellence. This guide is now available at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/ohio/peer-tutoring>.

Bus Stops Here program fills Akron-Canton food bank

Twelve school buses and vans delivered more than 10,000 pounds of food to the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank through the Hunger: The Bus Stops Here program involving school districts in Stark, Tuscarawas and Wayne counties.

"It's an honor to have so many school districts come together to support local hunger relief and the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank," Foodbank President and Chief Executive Officer **Dan Flowers** said in a statement. "This food drive brings together schools across county lines, making it a unique partnership with tremendous impact."

Participating elementary, middle and high schools in 12 school districts collected nonperishable food items and financial donations. Source: The Repository

K-12 cybersecurity bill reintroduced

The bipartisan Enhancing K-12 Cybersecurity Act, first drafted in 2021, has been reintroduced in the U.S. House of Representatives. The bill would establish federal programs to monitor, analyze and counter cyberattacks. You can read remarks from the sponsoring representatives and view the full text of the bill at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/senate/cybersecurity>.

OSBA online

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Whatever the results of your district's levy campaigns this primary season, chances are you are evaluating your financial plans for the year ahead. OSBA members enjoy access to powerful tools for forecasting and analyzing school finances, including consulting services. Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/financial-services to learn more.



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BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, senior administrative assistant of communication services

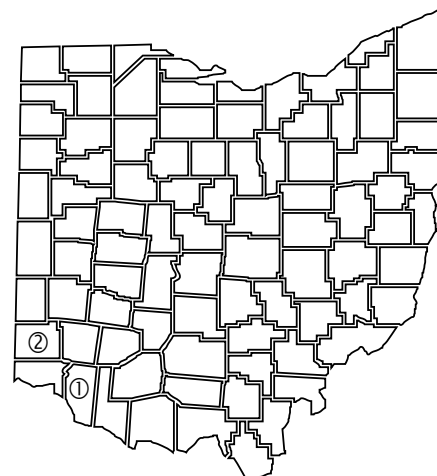
OSBA executive searches

Treasurer

District	Deadline	Contact
① New Richmond EV	May 30	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

Superintendent

② Lakota Local (Butler)	May 31	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
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Other Ohio searches

Position	Location	Deadline	Contact
Treasurer	Bucyrus City	June 9	Kevin Kimmel, superintendent, Mid-Ohio ESC, kimmel.kevin@moesc.net

National searches

Position	Location	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Newport News, Va.	May 26	Gina Patterson, executive director, Virginia School Boards Association, (434) 295-8722
Superintendent	Lancaster, S.C.	June 5	Judy LeGrand, superintendent search coordinator, South Carolina School Boards Association, (803) 988-0226
Superintendent	Raeford, N.C.	June 6	Sam Thorp, assistant legal counsel for superintendent searches, North Carolina School Boards Association, (919) 747-6706

Board changes

Big Walnut Local (Delaware) appointed **Todd Smith** to the board effective April 17. He replaced **Sherri Dorsch**, who resigned. ••• **Miamisburg City** appointed **Nila Taylor Getter** to the board effective April 25. She replaced **Tim Lewis**, who resigned. ••• **Southeast Local (Wayne)** Board of Education member **Tim Suppes** announced his resignation effective immediately. He is moving outside the district. ••• **Trotwood-Madison City** appointed **Craig Anderson Jr.** to the board effective immediately. He replaced **Michael Andrews**, who resigned in March.

Editor's note: Job postings must be received six weeks before the application deadline to ensure timely publication. Thank you for your cooperation.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Benton Carroll Salem Local (Ottawa) hired Assistant Superintendent **Cathy Bergman** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. She will replace Dr. **Guy Parmigian**, who is resigning. ••• **Dawson-Bryant Local (Lawrence)** hired Director of Instructional Programs **Ellen Adkins** as superintendent effective July 1. She will replace **Steven Easterling**, who is resigning. ••• **Princeton City** hired **Elgin Card** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Tom Burton**, who is retiring. Card is currently senior director of the Lakota Outreach, Diversity and Inclusion office at **Lakota Local (Butler)**. ••• **Shelby City** hired **Michael Browning** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Tim Tarvin**, who is retiring effective July 31. Browning is currently high school principal at **London City**. ••• **Spencerville Local (Allen)** hired **Brian D. Woods** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Cynthia Endsley**. Woods is currently middle school principal at **Parkway Local (Mercer)**.

Treasurer

Big Walnut Local (Delaware) hired Interim Treasurer **Darren Jenkins** as treasurer effective Aug. 1.

Sympathies

Former **Orange City** Board of Education member **William Sayle** died March 28. He was 83. ••• Former **Pymatuning Valley Local (Ashtabula)** Board of Education member **John F. Struna** died April 27. He was 68.

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT FAIR 2023

Nominate a student program or artwork

The OSBA Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair highlights outstanding student performance groups and fresh, innovative initiatives from school districts across the state. The fair will be held during the OSBA Capital Conference.



DATE

Monday, Nov. 13

TIME

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

LOCATION

Greater Columbus
Convention Center

NOMINATION DEADLINE

Friday, Oct. 27

Student Achievement Fair district programs

The Student Achievement Fair showcases exemplary programs that improve student achievement. Examples of district programs in the Student Achievement Fair include photography, agricultural, environmental, science and transition-to-work programs.

Student digital art display

The Student Achievement Fair features a digital student art show. Outstanding artwork by students from school districts across the state will be on display.

Have questions? Contact:

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student program or artwork.



OSBA FORUM

Join us as we discuss the current issues in public education.

Date	Time	Cost
May 23	11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Free

Save the date for this upcoming virtual event. May's OSBA Forum guest will be State Board of Education President Paul LaRue. OSBA Forums tackle the critical issues facing public education today. We discuss and provide insights and strategies to assist you in today's challenging environment.



Register at: www.ohioschoolboards.org/events

Human Capital Essentials Training with ODE

Wednesday, June 21 | 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. | Columbus

Districts are well-equipped to serve and support students when they hire, grow and retain quality staff. In this training, we will build principal capacity in the following areas:

- human capital system and organizational alignment;
- recruitment, branding and communication;
- hiring practices;
- employee engagement.



This training addresses standards in all four domains of Ohio's Principal Standards. Participants will receive an e-badge and six contact hours.



For more information and to register: www.ohioschoolboards.org/events



Ohio Council of School
Board Attorneys (OCSBA)

School Attorney Workshop

Date

Friday, June 9

Time

8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

Location

OSBA office and virtual

Cost

\$180

Register

[www.ohioschoolboards.org/
events](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/events)

8:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast

9 a.m.

First Amendment overview

Discuss how recent First Amendment decisions affect districts on a day-to-day basis and what school board attorneys can expect in the future.

10:30 a.m.

Levy guidance for school board attorneys

Representatives from the state auditor's office will join OCSBA to review the new guidance document on levies for public officials, including school district officials and employees.

11:30 a.m.

Lunch

12:15 p.m.

Student discipline issues for the legal practitioner

In addition to specific requirements for disciplining K-three students, transfer students and students with disabilities, unions have begun to focus on student discipline and how it is managed during negotiations. Learn more about the legal aspects of student discipline and get solutions.

1:30 p.m.

Media and the schools: How to be active and proactive

Understand why your clients should be proactive with media and how to react when they're featured in or become the story.

2:40 p.m.

Ethics and school board officials

Workshop speakers will discuss some of the Ohio Ethics Commission's recent advisory opinions affecting school board officials and employees.

3:40 p.m.

Business meeting

4 p.m.

Adjourn



Pre-Board Candidate Webinar

Learn about being a board member at a free workshop conducted by OSBA

JULY
22

10 a.m. to noon



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WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

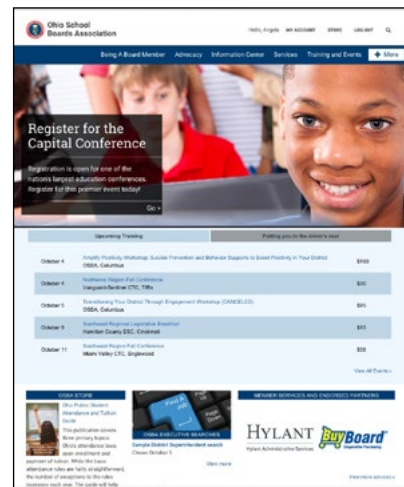
Register at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops

OSBA members can access member-only information, including workshop registration, by logging in to the OSBA website.

How to log in

Click on “Log in to your account” on the top right of the website. Log in using your email address on file and your password. Click “Reset your password” if needed.

If it says “We could not find your email address,” or if this is your first time logging in to the site, click “Create new account.” At the username prompt, enter your email address, select your affiliation and school district, and click “Submit.” Create a password and add your job title on the next screen. An email with a link to activate your account will be sent to you. Click on the link to activate your account, and you will be directed to a home screen.



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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Nicole Piscitani, lobbyist

Changes to Third Grade Reading Guarantee law discussed at the Statehouse

In 2012, the Ohio General Assembly passed the Third Grade Reading Guarantee law, requiring schools to administer diagnostic assessments to identify students from kindergarten through grade three who are not on track to pass the Ohio English Language Arts (ELA) test administered in the third grade. Schools are required to provide Reading Improvement Monitoring Plans (RIMPs) to identified students. Students in the third grade are required to take two ELA tests and meet the cut score that the State Board of Education designates. The current cut score for the 2022-23 school year is 685. Students who do not meet the cut score risk retention to the third grade unless they meet an alternate assessment score.

The Ohio House in the 134th General Assembly passed a bill that would have removed the retention provision from current law and would have eliminated the fall ELA test. The bill failed to make it out of the General Assembly during lame duck due to the Ohio Senate's concerns about proficiency rates and desire to ensure that identified students still received focused instruction.

The Ohio House in the 135th General Assembly has renewed efforts to change the Third Grade Reading Guarantee law but has incorporated additional provisions to address the concerns of the Ohio Senate.

Substitute House Bill (HB) 33, the biennial budget bill that passed the Ohio House on April 26, 2023, included many provisions regarding literacy. Gov. Mike DeWine, in the introduced version of the budget, incorporated requirements that the Ohio Department of Education compile a list of high-quality core curriculum and instructional materials in English language arts. This list of evidence-based reading intervention programs must be aligned with the science of reading and provide strategies for effective literacy techniques. School districts, community schools and STEM schools are required to use instructional materials from the list beginning no later than the 2024-25 school year. The budget also includes funding for professional development and curriculum to help schools and teachers with implementation.

The Ohio House maintained the literacy provisions the governor introduced but also included provisions on the Third Grade Reading Guarantee:

- eliminating student retention beginning with the 2023-24 school year;
- maintaining the requirement that districts and schools offer RIMP services to students in grades K-three who read below grade level;
- requiring districts and schools to provide RIMP services to fourth- and fifth-grade students who are reading below grade level and to students who have been retained in any grades K-three and have received RIMP services for two school years but continue to read below grade level;
- requiring school districts and schools that retained students for the 2023-24 school year, based solely on those students' scores on the 2022-23 ELA, to promote the students to the fourth grade;
- elimination of one annual administration of the third-grade ELA assessment.

The Senate Education Committee held several hearings

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on the education-related provisions of HB 33, including one focused on literacy that delved deeper into conversations regarding the Third Grade Reading Guarantee law. The Ohio Senate is expected to release its budget amendments by the end of May, and at that time, the third-grade reading guarantee provisions may be maintained, changed or deleted.

Meanwhile, the House Primary and Secondary Education committee passed HB 117, sponsored by Reps. Gayle Manning (R-North Ridgeville) and Phillip M. Robinson Jr. (D-Solon), which includes all of

the Third Grade Reading Guarantee provisions found in HB 33 but also requires the State Board of Education to include the teaching of phonics in the K-five standards. The bill is waiting for a vote on the House Floor. The passing of HB 117 out of committee not only solidifies the House Primary and Secondary Education committee's will to change the law but also provides an additional avenue for them to do so if the Ohio Senate removes the provisions from HB 33.

The State Board is required to set the cut score for the upcoming school year and must raise the score each year until the

cut score matches the proficiency score, which is 700. The current cut score is 685. The State Board, at its May meeting, passed a recommendation out of committee to move the cut score to 690 for the 2023-24 school year. While the State Board is required to raise the cut score, it also stated through a resolution passed at the November 2022 board meeting that it would recommend for the General Assembly to remove the retention provisions of the Third Grade Reading Guarantee law. The State Board will vote on the cut score during its next meeting, which is scheduled for June 13.



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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

Perry Local students beautify school campus, park

Members of **Perry Local's (Stark)** high school environmental and gardening clubs teamed up with Home Depot Inc. to spruce up the landscape around the school campus and a local park gazebo.

Students pulled weeds, planted flowers and put down new mulch, adviser **Cathy Changet** told a local newspaper.

"In the fall, we had bulbs," Changet said. "We've weeded. The program allows students to beautify the school while learning

a little bit about plants and when to plant them and how to care for them."

The two clubs focus on a variety of topics throughout the school year. Recently, the environmental club visited SA Recycling in Massillon to learn about the recycling process.

The clubs have started a composting project at the school.

Sophomore **Jacob Carter** said he likes gardening and especially working with flowers,

such as roses.

He did similar projects at his former school and was excited to be able to do gardening at Perry.

Perry Local senior **Lidia Brockett** didn't mind getting her hands dirty as she moved mulch around, filling in spots around plants.

"I do this for a living," she said, adding that she works at Beech Creek Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve in Alliance.

Source: The Independent



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A GUIDE FOR 2023 SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

Ohio's public school board members, one of the largest groups of elected officials in the state, are charged with major responsibilities in government — providing the best educational opportunities possible for Ohio's youth and managing and controlling the political subdivision of the school district.

What does a school board member do?

The broadest definition of a school board's role is that it acts as the governance team for the school district. School boards adopt policy and oversee the district's policy manual. The board's most important role is to employ the superintendent and treasurer and work closely with them to establish and set policy, vision and long-range goals and be accountable for the fiscal health and opportunities provided to the district's students and families.

School board members need to be strong district ambassadors to the community and work to build public support and understanding of public education. Remember, individual board members do not hold authority unless it has been delegated to them. The board's legal authority is held by the governing body as a whole and is exercised through voting in public meetings.

Board member responsibilities

The role and function of board members often are misinterpreted by the public. The board is a policymaking body, and members are the chief advisers to the superintendent on community attitudes. Board members do not manage the day-to-day operations of a school district; they see to it that the system is managed well by professional administrators.

Board members do not evaluate staff, other than the superintendent and treasurer, nor do they typically become involved in employment interviews, other than those of the superintendent, business manager and treasurer. Board members may be consulted during the hiring process for other positions, such as assistant superintendent.

KEY DATES

AUG.
9

Nominating petition must be filed with county board of elections by 4 p.m.*

NOV.
7

Election Day

JAN.
1

Newly elected board members take office

* If your district is one of the few with a primary election, your nominating petition will be due earlier. Check with your county board of elections.



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WHAT IS A GOOD BOARD MEMBER?

We often hear that one person is a good board member or another is a bad board member, yet we seldom hear a clear definition of what constitutes a “good” board member. In reality, there are about as many philosophical theories about board governance as there are board members. Members must recognize that people usually don’t react to the same problem in an identical manner, so flexibility is necessary. However, there are some acceptable guidelines.

A good board member:

- Knows that they can legally act as a board member only when the board of education is in session. No single person can act for the board. No board member, unless authorized, should speak on behalf of the board.
- Avoids administrative decisions or attempting to second-guess the administration. The superintendent is the chief administrator, and the board has no administrative function.
- Is well acquainted with school policies.
- Votes at all times in the best interests of the school district.
- Is flexible and realizes there are times when changes must be made, when tradition cannot be honored and when pressure must be ignored.
- Remembers that board business often requires confidentiality, especially in processes involving students, personnel, land acquisition, negotiations and security.
- Is able to support a decision when it is made.
- Is interested in obtaining facts but also remembers that the administration is responsible for operating the schools and cannot spend all its time making reports to an individual board member.
- Is a good listener at board meetings, in the community or anywhere else, but never commits themselves, the board or the administration.
- Knows that the reputation of the entire school district is reflected in their behavior and attitude.

RUNNING FOR YOUR LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

HOW TO BECOME A SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE

To run for a school board seat you must be:

- a U.S. citizen;
- at least 18 years old;
- a resident of the school district for at least 30 days preceding the election;
- registered to vote in the school district for at least 30 days preceding the election.

Conflicts of interest

There are conflicts of interest of which all board members must be aware to prevent jeopardizing their reputation or that of the school district. In addition to actions and relationships prohibited by school statutes, other prohibitions are set out in criminal statutes and statutes enforced by the Ohio Ethics Commission (OEC). If you already are a public employee or officeholder, a position on a board of education may be incompatible with your current position. Before seeking election, potential candidates should make certain they are eligible to serve. For a review of the applicable laws in this area, please see the “Conflicts of Interest” section of the OSBA’s Get on Board website.

Election

Members are elected on a nonpartisan ballot on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November in odd-numbered years. The term of office is four years, although in certain instances two-year terms must be filled to complete an unexpired term. When elected, your term begins on the first day of January after the election and expires on Dec. 31. Most boards of education have five members; however, some larger districts have seven. Two members (or four on a seven-member board) are elected at one general election and three members are elected at a general election two years later.



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GETTING STARTED

You can obtain an election packet from your county board of elections office that includes the necessary forms and petitions required to become a candidate. Many of these forms can also be downloaded from the Ohio secretary of state's website.

Filing your petition

A candidate must file a petition to run for a seat on a board of education. This nominating petition must be filed with the county board of elections by 4 p.m. on Aug. 9, 2023, the 90th day before the November general election (RC 3513.254, 3513.255). As of April 2023, the filing fees were \$30.

Candidates may obtain the petition forms and discuss questions about filing with their county board of elections. For more information on filing your petition, please see the "Campaign First Steps" video on OSBA's Get on Board website, which walks candidates through the nominating petition form and the process for gathering signatures.

Campaigning

After filing your petition, it's time to begin gathering support. Candidates for boards of education run their campaigns in a variety of ways. Some campaigns are conducted primarily by word-of-mouth. Others are large-scale campaigns, with many signs, appearances and fundraisers. Each candidate decides how to structure their campaign. For a review of the different types of campaigns frequently used by board candidates, please see the "Campaign First Steps" video on OSBA's Get on Board website.

Candidates who want to receive campaign contributions and/or make campaign expenditures are required to form a campaign committee and must track all campaign contributions and expenditures. A candidate's ability to solicit contributions and spend campaign funds is heavily regulated by state law. For more information about the types of permissible contributions and expenditures, and the rules that must be followed when using campaign signs, literature, posts and other campaign items, please see the "Contributions and Expenditures" video on OSBA's Get on Board website.

Finally, it's important to note that most candidates for boards of education are required to periodically file an itemized statement of campaign contributions and expenditures with their county board of elections. Candidates for a board of education of a school district or ESC having a total student enrollment of 12,000 or more must also file a financial disclosure statement with OEC.

For a review of the required reports and their deadlines for the 2023 campaign season, please see the "Reporting Requirements" video on OSBA's Get on Board website. You also can contact your county board of elections or the Ohio secretary of state elections section at (614) 466-2585 or visit www.sos.state.oh.us.

SIGNATURES NEEDED

The number of registered voters' signatures needed varies.

TYPE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT/NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED

Local and exempted village
25

City
Population
under 20,000
25

City
Population
20,000 to 49,999
75

City
Population
50,000 to 99,999
150

City
Population
greater than 100,000
300

Educational
Service Center
(ESC)
50



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TRAINING AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

Learn about being a board member at a free workshop

OSBA will conduct a free, two-hour Pre-Board Candidate Webinar on Saturday, July 22, 2023. Led by OSBA staff, this session is for those considering running for a school board seat and current school board members who were appointed to office and now must run for election. Register for this session at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/preboard-candidate-workshop>.

School board candidate training: Attend a Board Candidate Workshop or Webinar for insight on running your campaign

OSBA is offering Board Candidate Workshops for those who have been certified to run by their boards of elections. These sessions will explain the roles and responsibilities of being a board member and the legal aspects of campaigning and being a board member. In-person Board Candidate Workshops will be offered at three locations across the state. The registration fee is \$55.

As an alternative, OSBA also is offering a condensed version of this workshop as an on-demand webinar beginning Monday, Aug. 9. The first half of the Board Candidate Webinar will focus on board roles and responsibilities, and the second half will cover campaign finance and legal issues. The cost is \$55.

Workshop and webinar registrants will receive a Board Candidate Kit, which includes "Candidate: A practical guide to running for school board;" a subscription to the OSBA Journal, the premier bimonthly magazine for school board members; and a subscription to Briefcase, a semimonthly newsletter.

Session details and registration information is available at www.getonboardohio.org/board-candidate-workshops-and-webinar.

What is the Ohio School Boards Association?

The Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) was founded in 1955 to serve the needs of the state's public school boards of education. The nonpartisan, not-for-profit association's vision is to lead the way as the respected voice of Ohio public education.

OSBA is an association of member boards of education. Members have a wide range of services available to them, including training, advocacy, legal assistance, administrator searches, transportation consulting and policy development, among others.

OSBA's website (www.ohioschoolboards.org) is an excellent source for boardmanship information, including the latest in education-related legislation and issues.



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May 2023

- 23 OSBA Forum Virtual
- 31 Last day for the board of education to submit update of its five-year projection of operational revenues and expenditures for the current fiscal year and the ensuing four fiscal years to the Ohio Department of Education – RC 5705.391; Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3301-92-04.

June 2023

- 1 Last day to take action to nonrenew contracts of administrators other than superintendent and treasurer – RC 3319.02(C); last day to take action on and give written notice of intent not to reemploy teachers – RC 3319.11(D); last day to take action on and give written notice of intent not to reemploy nonteaching employees (Note: This requirement does not apply to municipal school district employees as defined in RC 3311.71) – RC 4141.29(I) (1)(f).
- 9 OCSBA School Attorney Workshop Columbus and virtual
- 17 Northeast Region Lake County Captain's Game Fundraiser Eastlake
- 21 Human Capital Essentials Training with ODE Columbus

- 27 OSBA Forum Virtual
- 30 2022-23 school year ends – RC 3313.62; end of third ADM reporting period – RC 3317.03(A).

July 2023

- 1 2023-24 school year begins – RC 3313.62; last day for board to notify teaching and nonteaching employees of succeeding year salaries – RC 3319.12, 3319.082; treasurer must certify available revenue in funds to county auditor – RC 5705.36(A)(1); deadline for superintendent to notify the Ohio Department of Education about the implementation or cessation of a blended learning or online learning model in the district – RC 3302.41, 3302.42.
- 10 Last day for voter registration for August election – RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30 days prior to election); last day for termination of teaching contract by a teacher without consent of the board of education – RC 3319.15.
- 15 Last day to adopt school library district tax budget on behalf of a library district – RC 5705.28(B)(1).
- 22 Pre-Board Candidate Webinar..... Virtual
- 31* Last day to submit certification for November income tax levy to Ohio.

Department of Taxation – RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to election); last day for board of education to adopt a plan to require students to access and complete online classroom lessons (“blizzard bags”) in order to make up hours for which it is necessary to close schools – RC 3313.482(A)(1); semiannual campaign finance reports must be filed by certain candidates (by 4 p.m.) detailing contributions and expenditures made through June 30, 2023 – RC 3517.10(A)(4).

August 2023

- 1 Budget, Analysis & Discussion Seminar Columbus
- 1 Last day to file statistical report with Ohio Department of Education – RC 3319.33.
- 2 Central Region Executive Committee Meeting TBD
- 2 Northwest Region Executive Committee Meeting Wadsworth and virtual
- 2 Reasonable Suspicion Training Virtual
- 4 Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law Workshop Columbus and virtual
- 4 Last day to submit emergency, current operating expenses or conversion levy to county auditor for November general