

# BRIEF CASE

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## There's still time to register for Board Leadership Institute

The 2016 OSBA Board Leadership Institute (BLI) is just a few weeks away. The April 29-30 event offers two outstanding keynote speakers, 18 breakout sessions and plenty of time to collaborate with board members from around the state. What makes BLI unique is that the curriculum is designed by board members exclusively for board members. The keynote presenters are former National School Boards Association president **C. Ed Massey** and state Rep. **John Patterson** (D-Jefferson). For more information and to register, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/32072>.

## Nomination process for Ohio Teacher of the Year underway

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is accepting nominations for the 2017 Ohio Teacher of the Year. The purpose of the program is to honor, promote and celebrate excellence in teaching and the teaching profession. ODE has administered the program since 1969 to show the value it places on high-quality teaching in Ohio schools. It is part of the National Teacher of the Year program, administered by the Council of Chief State School Officers in Washington, D.C. For further information and to make nominations, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/84381> and scroll down to the Nominations heading. The deadline is July 22.

## Governor fills State Board of Education vacancy

Gov. **John R. Kasich** has appointed Dr. **Robert E. McDonald Jr.** to represent District 8 on the State Board of Education. McDonald replaces **Robert F. Hagan**, who resigned in July. The Steubenville attorney also is an associate professor of business at Franciscan University of Steubenville. He must run for election in November to retain the seat for the unexpired term ending Dec. 31, 2018. The State Board is made up of 11 elected members and eight members appointed by the governor. The board currently is in the process of selecting a new state superintendent of public instruction.

## OSBA seeking moderators for OSBA Capital Conference sessions

OSBA is inviting school board members and administrators to serve as workshop moderators at the Capital Conference in November. Moderators introduce presenters, collect evaluations and act as a liaison between the audience and speakers. Board members serving as moderators will earn five OSBA Award of Achievement credits. Contact **Judy Morgan** at (614) 540-4000 or [jmorgan@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:jmorgan@ohioschoolboards.org) for details.

## Start making plans to celebrate PTA Teacher Appreciation Week

The first week of May has been designated 2016 PTA Teacher Appreciation Week. Teachers play a crucial role in educating the nation's children. They touch the lives of

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### Route workshop information to:

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millions of students every day, and their work and impact extend far beyond the boundaries of the classroom. To help schools, districts and communities honor their teachers, the week of May 2 has been set aside as a time to show appreciation for their efforts. For ideas on ways to celebrate and thank your teachers for their support and sacrifices, go to <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/83129>.

### **School attorneys group releases new directory**

The Ohio Council of School Board Attorneys (OCSBA) has released its 2016 online directory of members. Membership in OCSBA is limited to attorneys who currently represent or have represented an Ohio board of education. Attorneys who are school board members themselves also are eligible for membership. The directory may be searched by

attorney name, law firm or city and is available online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/90191>.

### **Wooster students' Capital Conference video now online**

Wooster High School's WSTR TV production class was the student video documentary team

### **'Dirty job' delivers lessons on waste, recycling**

Gloved, goggled and layered in big old shirts, third-grade students at **Canal Winchester Local's (Franklin)** Winchester Trail Elementary School prepared to dive in — to trash.

The project-based learning lesson of sifting through lunchroom trash was designed to get students talking about reducing waste and increasing recycling.

**Hailey Boss**, 8, told a local newspaper she learned a lot from the smelly lesson.

"I enjoyed actually learning about how much things that are thrown away could be recycled, and I did not enjoy the smell of the trash," she said.

Students learned that lunch normally produces 25 bags of trash.

Source: ThisWeek Community Newspapers

for the 2015 Capital Conference. The **Wooster City** students filmed events and conducted interviews to create a brief documentary, which is posted on OSBA's website at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/15303>. The video will be shared with other state school boards associations and used to promote the conference. OSBA soon will announce details on submitting nominations for the 2016 Capital Conference video documentary team.

### **OSBA online**

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

Photos from the 2016 OSBA spring region conferences are now posted on OSBA's Flickr page. You can view and download the pictures at [www.flickr.com/photos/ohschoolboards](http://www.flickr.com/photos/ohschoolboards). While you're there, check out the photo albums from the March 16 State Legislative Conference, OSBA's 2015 Capital Conference and much more.



## **Briefcase**

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# BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, administrative assistant of communication services

## OSBA executive searches

### Superintendent

#### District

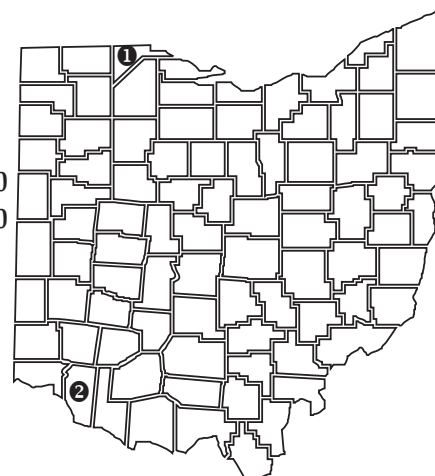
- ❶ Washington Local (Lucas)
- ❷ Milford EV

#### Deadline

- April 21
- April 22

#### Contact

- OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
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## Other searches

#### Position

Superintendent

#### District

Maysville Local (Muskingum)

#### Deadline

April 25

#### Contact

David Branch, superintendent,  
Muskingum Valley ESC, (740) 452-4518

## National searches

#### Position

Superintendent

#### District

Hemet, Calif.

#### Deadline

April 19

#### Contact

California School Boards Association/  
McPherson & Jacobson LLC,  
(888) 375-4814

Superintendent

Alpine, Calif.

April 25

California School Boards Association/  
McPherson & Jacobson LLC,  
(888) 375-4814

## Board changes

**Amanda-Clearcreek Local (Fairfield)** Board of Education member **Heather Miller** announced her resignation effective March 14. ●●● **Newton Falls EV** appointed **Don Baker** to the board effective March 24. He replaced **Edwin M. Ballas**, who died in February. ●●● **Springboro Community City** appointed Dr. **Darin Lunt** to the board effective March 17. He replaced Dr. **Ron Malone**, who resigned.

### 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

**Buckeye Local (Ashtabula)** hired **Patrick Colucci** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Thomas Diringer**, who is retiring. Colucci currently is the superintendent at **Ashtabula Area City**. ●●● **North Canton City** hired **Jeffrey Wendorf** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace Interim Superintendent **James Nicodemo**. Wendorf currently is the superintendent at **Lake Local (Stark)**. ●●● **Northmont City** hired Assistant Superintendent **Tony Thomas** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace Dr. **Sarah C. Zatik**, who is retiring. ●●● **Ridgewood Local (Coshocton)** hired **Mike Masloski** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **John L. Marks**, who is retiring. Masloski currently is the district's director of assessment, curriculum and special education. ●●● **Ross Local (Butler)** Superintendent **Greg Young** announced his retirement effective July 31.

### Treasurers

**Edison Local (Jefferson)** hired Interim Treasurer **Lisa Bruzzese** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. ●●● **Lorain City** hired **Joshua J. Hill** as treasurer effective July 1. He will replace **Dale T. Weber**, who is retiring. Hill currently is the treasurer at **Sheffield-Sheffield Lake City**. ●●● **New Richmond EV** Treasurer **Teresa S. Napier** announced her resignation effective Feb. 29. The district hired Interim Treasurer **Mike Mowery** as treasurer effective March 1.

### Sympathies

**Frank H. Bennett**, a member of the former **Clyde** Board of Education in Sandusky County, died March 10. He was 91. ●●● Former **Joseph Badger Local (Trumbull)** Board of Education member **Gene G. Shaffer** died March 20. He was 86. ●●● Former **Preble Shawnee Local (Preble)** Board of Education member **Don Buell Sr.** died March 22. He was 86. ●●● Former **Tiffin City** Board of Education member **Michael B. Lange** died March 19. He was 80.

## Management Development Series #2:

# Collective bargaining in schools: theory and practice

**Tuesday, April 19**  
**OSBA office, Columbus**

**10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  
**Cost is \$90**

Developed especially for board members, this workshop will review the basics of Ohio's collective bargaining laws, negotiated agreements and types of bargaining processes. Once the groundwork is laid, **Eric J. Johnson**, Esq., a partner at Walter Haverfield LLP, Cleveland, and OSBA Director of Management Services **Van D. Keating** will focus on the real-life experiences of school negotiations: nuances of contract language, do's and don'ts of proposals, bargaining techniques, team composition and negotiation strategy. Attend this session to increase your overall understanding of the negotiations process and help your district be more effective at the bargaining table.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Cost for the workshop is \$90 and includes lunch and materials. Register online at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops) or contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org).





# OSBA MASTER OF TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION (MTA) PROGRAM

Don't miss the upcoming 2016 sessions of the OSBA MTA program. This series of workshops will help those involved in student transportation better understand and perform day-to-day operations.

These half-day workshops — offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — include a working lunch and time for questions. All classes are scheduled twice; participants may sign up for either session. All workshops will be at the OSBA office, 8050 N. High St., Columbus, 43235. Visit [www.ohioschoolboards.org/transportation-training-programs](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/transportation-training-programs) to learn about the MTA certification program. Tuition is \$90.

## Upcoming 2016 session dates and descriptions

### April 12 — Laws, rules and policy

What is the difference between revised code, administrative code and department policy? Where does local board policy fit in? Are they all mandates or just best practices? Review the process through which ideas become a rule or regulation and how to influence this process.

### May 4 or 10 — Hot topics, safety, trends and statistics

Review hot topics in student transportation, including seat belts in school buses. Learn about National Transportation Safety Board accident studies, Ohio school bus accident statistics and any topics that attendees bring from their local districts.

Register online at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops). You also can purchase a subscription plan for all the workshops in this series. For questions about the program or to register, contact **Diana Paulins**, OSBA senior administrative assistant of policy services, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or [mta@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:mta@ohioschoolboards.org).



## New Board Member webinars: the path to success in your first year

These webinars cover timely topics to help you get up to speed during your first year on the board. Webinars for 2016 include:

- April 20 — transportation
- May 17 — legal issues
- Sept. 28 — policy
- Oct. 19 — security and safety

The cost for each webinar is \$35. Register by visiting [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops). You also can register by contacting **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (800) 589-OSBA, (614) 540-4000 or [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org). You can purchase the webinar to watch at a later date; contact Laurie Miller to learn more.

**Please note: If you signed up for the New Board Member Series or New Board Member Series Plus, you are registered for these webinars.** You will receive information about the webinars, including the link to view it, a week prior to each webinar.

Take advantage of additional savings on professional development with the New Board Member Series and New Board Member Series Plus. These two discounted training packages feature an array of professional development events designed to help you learn, network and grow. Learn more at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/new-board-member-series](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/new-board-member-series) or [www.ohioschoolboards.org/new-board-member-master-series](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/new-board-member-master-series).





Ohio School Boards Association

# Board Leadership Institute

Professional development designed by board members for board members

April 29-30, 2016 • Hilton Columbus/Polaris

The Board Leadership Institute enables board members to:

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Board members plan BLI breakout sessions during the Capital Conference

**Receive superb professional development**

Experience a comprehensive two-day training event

**Network with other board members**

Meet with colleagues to share success stories and learn from each other

**Strengthen board governance skills**

Choose from 18 breakout sessions

**Review information on sessions you missed**

Receive every handout from this board member-only event

**Earn Award of Achievement points**

Attendees receive 20 points toward the OSBA Award of Achievement

## Keynote speakers set the tone for BLI

BLI will kick off Friday, April 29, with **C. Ed Massey**. A Kentucky school board member, Massey is a former president of the National School Boards Association. He is an avid NASCAR fan and will explain what NASCAR, leadership and school boards have in common.

Ohio Rep. **John Patterson** (D-Jefferson) will close BLI on Saturday, April 30. Join Patterson for an update on state legislation impacting public education and implications for local school boards.



Massey



Patterson

## Registration and hotel details

Cost for the institute is \$245, which includes breakfast and lunch on both days and materials. Register online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/32072> or contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org).

The Hilton Columbus/Polaris is the site of the 2016

Board Leadership Institute. The Hilton is in north Columbus, is easily accessible from I-71, offers free parking and is close to many shopping and dining opportunities.

For more details, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/32072>.

# Handling a School Shooting in the National Spotlight

## *Madison Local's crisis preparations pay off*



Friday, May 6  
OSBA office, Columbus

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Cost is \$150

Learn how **Madison Local's (Butler)** crisis preparations paid off on Feb. 29, when four students were injured during a shooting at Madison Junior/Senior High School. Coordinator of School-Community Relations **A.J. Huff** will share experiences and lessons learned from that day.

District parents were quoted by the media as saying the school and law enforcement handled the active shooter situation well. Huff credits the school staff's extensive training in handling such an incident as key to the response being described as calm and collected. The district has approximately 1,500 students, 100 teachers and eight administrators.

Workshop attendees will be challenged to:

- champion the need for regular crisis response training in their districts in partnership with local law enforcement;
- take a leadership role in promoting a culture of crisis preparedness in their district;
- take home action items to implement in their district to support crisis training, preparation and response.

Don't miss this timely workshop packed with real-life examples of effective crisis communications.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Cost for the workshop is \$150 and includes lunch and materials. Register online at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops) or contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org).

## Learn how you can save time and money with BoardDocs

As the pioneer of eGovernance, BoardDocs has helped more than 1,800 organizations dramatically lower costs, increase transparency and reduce the time spent producing board packets by up to 75%.

Going beyond simply distributing PDF files, BoardDocs' cloud-based solutions are so easy to use your organization will operate more effectively from day one. BoardDocs' next-generation, paperless services allow organizations to significantly improve the way they create and manage board packets, access information and conduct meetings.

Want to learn more? OSBA and BoardDocs are hosting a free, informational webinar April 26, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. to share how nearly 100 governing bodies in Ohio are saving money and time with BoardDocs. Visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/15533> to register. Once registered, you will receive an email confirming your registration with the information you need to view the webinar. For questions about this webinar, contact **Laurie Miller**, OSBA senior events manager, at (800) 589-OSBA, (614) 540-4000 or [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org). For more information about BoardDocs, visit [www.boarddocs.com](http://www.boarddocs.com).





# WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

## OSBA MTA program

- ☐ April 12, Columbus, \$90
- ☐ May 4, Columbus, \$90
- ☐ May 10, Columbus, \$90

## Management Development Series

### #2: Collective bargaining in schools: theory and practice

- ☐ April 19, Columbus, \$90

## New Board Member Webinar:

### Transportation

- ☐ April 20, \$35

## Board Leadership Institute

- ☐ April 29-30, Columbus, \$245

## Handling a School Shooting in the National Spotlight: Madison Local's crisis preparations pay off

- ☐ May 6, Columbus, \$150

## New Board Member Webinar: Legal issues

- ☐ May 17, \$35

## New Board Member Webinar: Policy

- ☐ Sept. 28, \$35

## New Board Member Webinar: Security and safety

- ☐ Oct. 19, \$35

## OSBA Workshop Registration Form

Workshop name \_\_\_\_\_ Workshop date \_\_\_\_\_

Attendee name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

District/firm \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or P.O.# \_\_\_\_\_ to cover \_\_\_\_\_ registration(s). Make checks payable to OSBA and mail to 8050 N. High St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235-6481, fax to (614) 540-4100 or email **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org). Include a purchase order number with fax or email.



\_\_\_\_\_ Please check here if you require special accommodations. Contact us or attach a written description of needs.

**Please photocopy this form for each person**

## OSBA workshop registration procedures

OSBA sends email confirmation of registration if an email address is provided. Registration is open to all boards and staff of OSBA members. "Walk-in" registrations are welcome on a space-available basis only. Please call OSBA to check the status of registration before you arrive at the workshop. To register, you must have a purchase order number or a check payable to OSBA and a completed registration form. You may register with a purchase order number by phone, fax, email or Web page 24 hours a day.

### Award of Achievement/LPDC

Most workshops entitle members to Award of Achievement credits. Local Professional Development Committee certificates of attendance will be issued to all workshop attendees.

You may register on our website at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops). You will need a username and password.



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toll free (800) 589-OSBA,  
ext. 300; or fax us at  
(614) 540-4100.



Email registrations can be sent to Laurie Miller at [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org). Please include a purchase order number.

### Cancellation and refund policy

- Cancellations received by OSBA at least five workdays before the date of the workshop will receive a full refund or no charge to the district.
- Cancellations received less than five workdays before the date of the workshop will be charged half of the registration fee.
- No-shows and cancellations the day of the workshop will be charged the full registration amount.





# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

compiled by Angela Penquite, managing editor

## Grants for school libraries

The Lois Lenski Covey Foundation Inc. awards grants to rural and urban school libraries serving at-risk children. Priority is given to applications from libraries and agencies with real needs and limited book budgets. Funds are earmarked for purchasing books for young people, especially preschool through grade eight, and are not intended for administrative or operational use. Successful applicants have proposed purchases to update their children's book collections or to expand their holdings in specific

areas.

**Maximum award:** \$3,000

**Eligibility:** school libraries

**Deadline:** May 13

**Contact:** [www.loislenskicovey.org/6.html](http://www.loislenskicovey.org/6.html)

## Promoting materials science

To help teachers bring materials science into their classrooms, the ASM International Foundation is awarding 20 grants to enhance awareness of materials science and the role of materials scientists in society. The application requires a two-page proposal describing a curriculum-based, hands-on project that involves student

observation, communication, mathematics and science skills, while enhancing students' awareness of the materials around them.

**Maximum award:** \$500

**Eligibility:** K-12 teachers

**Deadline:** May 25

**Contact:** <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/48025>

## Rewarding the parent group of the year

PTO Today Inc. invites members of a school parent group to enter the Parent Group of the Year contest. Entrants may choose from

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# OSBA deputy director of legal services position available

The Ohio School Boards Association is accepting applications for the position of deputy director of legal services. Duties include advising and assisting the director of legal services on matters involving the business of the association, such as contracts and personnel matters; providing education law information to public school board members; writing articles and publications; and developing and presenting training programs and seminars.

The successful candidate will have excellent analytical, written and verbal communication skills; experience successfully developing and implementing new programs; and a demonstrated ability to work effectively with both internal and external partners of the association. Education law, representation of nonprofit or public entities, and/or in-house counsel experience is preferred.

Candidates for the position must be admitted to the Ohio Bar. Occasional travel and evening and weekend work is required. Suburban Columbus office, competitive salary and excellent fringe benefits. Columbus metropolitan area residency is required. Résumé, cover letter and salary requirements accepted by mail until April 22, 2016, to: Ohio School Boards Association, Deputy Director of Legal Services Search, 8050 N. High Street, Suite 100, Columbus Ohio 43235-6481. Applications without salary requirements will not be considered. EOE.

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eight categories, including outstanding family event, outstanding community service project and outstanding new group. Applicants may use this as

an opportunity to showcase their hard work while giving their schools the chance to win cash and prizes.

**Maximum award:** \$3,000

**Eligibility:** elementary and middle school parent groups, including PTO, PTA, HSA and PTC

**Deadline:** June 1

**Contact:** [www.ptotoday.com/pgy](http://www.ptotoday.com/pgy)



## NEWS

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by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

### Charter-school reform, ESSA dominate legislative conference

Charter-school and testing reforms, school funding and the reauthorization of a federal education law drew the attention of 135 public education officials from around the state who gathered with Ohio legislators March 16 at the State Legislative Conference in Columbus.

The annual event — hosted by the Ohio School Boards Association, Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA) and Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) — provides the opportunity for board members, administrators and other education leaders to meet with state representatives and senators on crucial education issues.

“Ultimately, from our perspective, it’s time for us to change the way we’re doing K-12 education because what we’ve been doing doesn’t work,” Ohio Senate President **Keith Faber** (R-Celina) said. “The reality of this, as we go forward, is to figure out how we can find consensus.”

Faber was among a group of speakers that included:

- State Rep. **Ron Amstutz** (R-Wooster), House speaker pro tempore;
- State Rep. **Fred Strahorn** (D-Dayton), House minority leader;
- State Senator **Peggy Lehner** (R-Kettering), chair of the Senate Education Committee;
- State Rep. **Andrew Brenner** (R-Powell), chair of the House Education Committee;
- OSBA, BASA and OASBO lobbyists.

In March 2015, the Senate passed Substitute Senate Bill (SB) 3, which would remove mandates and give districts flexibility to better address the needs of students and districts. Some of those mandates include changes to teacher evaluations and state and districtwide assessments.

“We seem to be having this contest between adults and kids in that what’s good for the kids is good for the adults,” said Faber, the bill’s sponsor. “We’re not

having that discussion any more. The school system is about the kids, not the adults.

“If you have a problem dealing with the adults in your system, it’s on you. It’s not on the state and it’s not on the kids.”

SB 3 is being discussed in the House Education Committee where it may be favorably voted out in the coming weeks. The bill is subject to many possible amendments.

Some of these amendments, which are being sought by e-school lobbyists, include loosening attendance reporting requirements for charter schools and removing report card data from the sponsor evaluation process.

These amendments would water down some of the important charter school accountability reforms contained in House Bill (HB) 2, which became effective Feb. 1.

Amstutz, the second-ranking

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# PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

## Career-tech reaching into middle schools

In the **Westfall Local (Pickaway)** School District, nearly every eighth-grader receives nine weeks of agriculture education.

The district, in partnership with **Pickaway-Ross Career & Technology Center**, is in the inaugural year of a movement to expose middle school grades to vocational and technical trades.

"The purpose behind this big movement toward career and technical education is that kids need to learn more about different

career fields," Pickaway-Ross Director of Secondary Education **James Nash** told a local newspaper. "There (are) a lot of high school kids who are seniors who don't really know what they want to do, so some folks are investing a lot of money into postsecondary education to find out what their kid wants to be, and then they find out that's not what they want to be or there's not a job in that particular area."

All public school districts in Ross

County have signed on to a similar expansion beginning in the fall.

Next school year, **Chillicothe City** is planning to offer five middle school programs, including business marketing, health, information technology, pre-engineering, and arts and communications.

Expansion of career and vocational education was part of House Bill 59, which passed two years ago, Nash said.

Source: Chillicothe Gazette

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member in the House, urged school leaders to take advantage of the election year.

"2016 is an important year for you to engage with those who are aspiring to represent you in the General Assembly," he said. "In some cases, you already know them. But there are a fair number of legislative districts across Ohio that are going to have new representation in both the House and Senate. This is the time when the agenda starts to develop in the minds and hearts of those who wish to represent you."

Local boards of education and school officials also will have the opportunity to provide input on the Every Student Succeeds Act

(ESSA), which President **Barack Obama** signed into law in December.

Work on federal rule making and drafting Ohio's state plan currently is underway.

Lehner noted the importance of an "open dialogue" among the legislature, Ohio Department of Education and state education officials during this process.

"We absolutely cannot pass up the opportunity to use our collective voices to shape a really high-quality education plan for the state of Ohio," she said. "And that is going to involve all of you, our teachers and our principals and school leaders across the state."

Ohio has an opportunity to explore its system and design what will work best for Ohio given the new parameters and flexibilities provided under ESSA.

Strahorn, the Democrats' highest-ranking member in the House, stressed the importance of a stable education system in Ohio.

"We have to stop changing what we expect you to do every two or three years," he said. "We need to take a breath, take a little more time, figure out what is the appropriate thing to do, lock in on it and let you do your jobs."

Following the morning sessions, attendees met with lawmakers and their aides during lunch and held further discussions later in the day.

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- 24 Southeast Region Executive Committee meeting ..... Zanesville
- 25 *Last day to submit certification for August income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to the election).*
- 26 BoardDocs webinar
- 29-30 Board Leadership Institute .... Columbus
- 29 *Last day to submit August emergency or current operating expenses levy to county auditor for August election — RC 5705.194, 5705.195, 5705.213 (95 days prior to the election).*

## May 2016

- 4 OSBA MTA Program: Hot topics, safety, trends and statistics ..... Columbus
- 4 *Last day for school district to file resolution of necessity, resolution to proceed and*

*auditor's certification for bond levy with board of elections for August election — RC 133.18(D); last day for county auditor to certify school district bond levy terms for August election — RC 133.18(C); last day to submit continuing replacement, permanent improvement or operating levy for August election to board of elections — RC 5705.192, 5705.21, 5705.25; last day to certify resolution for school district income tax levy for August election to board of elections — RC 5748.02(C); last day to submit emergency levy for August election to board of elections — RC 5705.195; last day to submit phased-in levy or current operating expenses levy for August election to board of elections — RC 5705.251(A) (90 days prior to the election).*

- 6 Handling a School Shooting in the National Spotlight Workshop ..... Columbus
- 10 OSBA MTA Program: Hot topics, safety, trends and statistics ..... Columbus
- 17 New Board Member webinar: Legal issues

## June 2016

- 1 *Last day to take action to nonrenew contracts of administrators other than superintendent and treasurer — RC 3319.02; last day to take action on and give written notice of*

*intent not to re-employ teachers — RC 3319.11(D); last day to take action on and give written notice of intent not to re-employ nonteaching employees (Note: this requirement does not apply to municipal school district employees as defined in RC 3311.71) — RC 4141.29(1)(1)(f).*

17 OCSBA School Attorney Workshop ..... Lewis Center

24 Sports Law Workshop ..... Columbus

30 2015-2016 school year ends — RC 3313.62; end of third ADM reporting period — RC 3317.03(A).

## July 2016

- 1 2016-2017 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; board may begin to adopt appropriation measure, which may be temporary — RC 5705.38(B); treasurer must certify available revenue in funds to county auditor — RC 5705.36(A)(1).
- 5 *Last day for voter registration for August election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19 (30 days prior to the election).*
- 10 *Last day for termination of teaching contract by a teacher without consent of the board of education — RC 3319.15.*