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May 1 the last day to preregister for OSBA Board Leadership Institute

The deadline to preregister for the OSBA Board Leadership Institute (BLI) is noon on May 1. After that, attendees must register on-site for the May 2-3 event. BLI offers a wealth of valuable learning sessions and numerous networking opportunities for new board members and veterans alike. Keynote speakers are leadership expert and author Dr. **Mike Thomson** and state Sen. **Randy Gardner** (R-Bowling Green). BLI also features 18 breakout sessions, two luncheons and breakfast on both days. For additional information and to register, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/33166>.

Governor names ex-Fairview Park City board member to State BOE

Gov. **John Kasich** appointed **Brad Lamb** to the District 5 seat on the State Board of Education on April 11. Lamb was a **Fairview Park City** board member from 2006 to May 2012, when he resigned due to moving out of the district. He fills a vacancy left by **Bryan C. Williams**, who resigned in December amid ethics concerns. Lamb must win election in November to serve the rest of the term, which expires at the end of 2016. He is a Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court bailiff and former executive director of the county's Republican Party.

ODE seeking Ohio Schools to Watch candidates

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) urges diverse, high-performing, growth-oriented middle-level schools to apply for recognition in the Ohio Schools to Watch program, a partnership of ODE, the Ohio Middle Level Association, Otterbein University and the Ohio Federation of Teachers. The program seeks schools that are well on their way to meeting the following criteria: academic excellence, developmental responsiveness, social equity and effective organizational structures and processes. For more information, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/40075>.

Voters will see nearly 150 school tax issues on primary ballot

Ohio school districts will seek approval of 148 tax issues in the May 6 primary election, according to the Ohio secretary of state. The 2013 primary election had 137 school issues on the ballot. Of those, 81 were approved, for a 59% passage rate.

Ohio school board member elected to NSBA Board of Directors

Charlie Wilson, **Worthington City**, was elected to a three-year term on the National School Boards Association (NSBA) Board of Directors during NSBA's recent annual conference. Wilson will be one of three board members representing NSBA's Central Region. The Board of Directors directs the implementation of NSBA policy. Two other Ohioans were re-elected to terms on NSBA's Council of Urban Boards of

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Route workshop information to:

- ☐ Administrators
- ☐ Assistant treasurers
- ☐ Principals
- ☐ Transportation supervisors

Education Steering Committee:
Bruce Alexander, Akron City, and Willetta A. Milam, Cleveland Municipal. The council supports urban school boards, fosters effective district leadership and addresses educational challenges facing the nation's urban centers.

SW Region seeks outstanding student programs to honor

The OSBA Southwest Region is accepting nominations for outstanding student programs to be recognized at the region's annual fall conference on Oct. 9. Program categories are: multidistrict impact; ongoing; new; volunteer; and special recognition. Details and nomination forms are posted at www.ohioschoolboards.org/sw-region; the nomination deadline is June 30. For further information, contact Southwest Regional Manager **Ronald J. Diver** at (937) 746-7641 or rdiver@ohioschoolboards.org.

Shaker Heights City students set world record with toy car

Shaker Heights City students set a world record for Hot Wheels cars as part of a recent fundraiser for a school PTO.

Fifth-grader **Everett Hunter** led a group of students at Woodbury Elementary School in an effort to construct a 9-foot, 9-inch loop for a Hot Wheels car to travel. A parent released the toy car from a platform 24 feet above the school's gymnasium floor. After multiple attempts, the car completed the loop, which is six inches higher than the previous Guinness World Record.

"I had to be here, this is about what Shaker Heights students can do," Superintendent Dr. **Gregory C. Hutchings Jr.** told a local newspaper. "I am (as) excited as the students."

Students raised more than \$12,000 for the Woodbury PTO.

Source: *Sun News*

OSBA research repository offers many resources

OSBA continues to build its online repository of education-related research materials for school board members and administrators. The collection is part of an OSBA initiative to help member districts learn about the

latest innovations and successes in K-12 public education and school district management. It features white papers, articles and studies by OSBA staff, Ohio colleges and universities, and other educational experts from around the state and nation. To learn more, visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/education-research.



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OSBA online

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As part of its Stand Up for Public Schools campaign, OSBA is seeking school success stories to post online. Visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/42079> to submit your district's stories and photos. OSBA, in coordination with NSBA, recently launched the campaign to raise awareness about the importance of public schools and locally elected boards of education. To find out how you can get involved with Stand Up for Public Schools, visit www.standupforOHpublicschools.org.



BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, administrative assistant of communication services

OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

District

- ① Kent City
- ② Westlake City

Deadline

May 19
TBD

Contact

OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
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Treasurer

District

- ① Fremont City

Deadline

May 26

Contact

OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

① = Superintendent

① = Treasurer



Other searches

Position

Superintendent

District

Black River Local (Medina)

Deadline

May 5

Contact

Carmela Lioi, superintendent,
Tri-County ESC, (330) 345-6771, ext. 232
Kathleen A. Leist, assistant
superintendent for human resources,
Hamilton City, (513) 868-4447

Business manager

Hamilton City

May 15

Board changes

Nelsonville-York City Board of Education member **Duane Andrews** announced his resignation effective April 9. ●●● Tallmadge City appointed **Mark W. Fairhurst** to the board effective April 16. He replaced **Valorie K. Prulhiere**, who resigned.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Alexander Local (Athens) hired **Lindy Douglas** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. She will replace **Jeffrey Cullum**, who is retiring. Douglas currently is director of curriculum and testing at Nelsonville-York City. ●●● Fairview Park City hired **Geoffrey G. Andrews** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Brion Deitsch**, who is retiring. Andrews currently is head of the Western Academy of Beijing in China. ●●● Lisbon EV hired **Joe Siefke** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Donald M. Thompson**, who is retiring. Siefke currently is the district's junior/senior high school principal. ●●● Salem City hired Dr. **Joe Shivers** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Thomas P. Bratton**, who resigned. Shivers currently is the district's high school principal. ●●● Westlake City Superintendent Dr. **Daniel J.**

Editor's note

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

Keenan announced his resignation effective July 31. He has taken the executive director position at the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation. ●●● **Lakewood City** hired **Roxann Ramsey-Caserio** as assistant superintendent effective Aug. 1. She will replace **Kevin Bright**, who is resigning. Ramsey-Caserio is the district's director of teaching and learning.

Treasurers

Chardon Local (Geauga) hired **Ashley Brudno** as interim treasurer effective May 5. She will replace current Interim Treasurer **Paul Pestello**, and will become treasurer effective Aug. 1. Brudno currently is assistant treasurer at **Orange City**. ●●● **Licking County ESC** hired Assistant Treasurer **Trent Montgomery** as interim treasurer effective May 1. He replaces **Ellen Towner**, who is retiring effective April 30.

Sympathies

Former **Connotton Valley Union Local (Harrison)** and **Buckeye Career Center** Board of Education member **George L. McCullough** died April 2. He was 85. ●●● **Donald L. Meredith**, a member of the former **Green Camp** School Board in Marion County, died April 11. He was 88. ●●● Former **Pymatuning Valley Local (Ashtabula)** Board of Education member **Maurice H. Mead** died March 25. He was 86. ●●● Former **Southern Local (Perry)** Board of Education member **Roberta Ricketts Fisher** died March 26. She was 65. ●●● **Kenneth Eugene Felumlee**, a former member of the **Tri-Valley Local (Muskingum)** and former **Fazeysburg-Nashport (Muskingum)** and **Muskingum County** boards of education, died April 13. He was 91.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services

Ohio House of Representatives passes MBR legislation

Prior to a short spring recess, the House passed several bills that are part of the midbiennium budget review (MBR) package. Included in this package is House Bill (HB) 487, which encompasses most of the K-12 MBR education provisions, as well as HB 483, which is the main appropriations bill for state agencies.

The largest component of HB 487 is a measure that would convert the existing postsecondary options for high school students to a new College Credit Plus (CC+) program. Following joint testimony by OSBA, the Ohio

Association of School Business Officials and the Buckeye Association of School Administrators to the House Education Committee, legislators made several positive changes to the bill.

The first was the removal of a minimum amount for tuition and fees in local negotiations under the CC+ program. OSBA wants to encourage districts to promote CC+ among their students and families, and was concerned that the artificial floor amount would serve as a disincentive for school districts to participate in the program.

The second issue addressed by the committee involved delays in: expanding career-technical education to grades seven and eight; developing and implementing the career advising policy; and creating student success plans as alternate paths to graduation. OSBA feels these temporary postponements amended into the bill will not only allow districts more time to plan, but also allow for the necessary resources to be implemented in the next state budget.

In addition, OSBA also supports

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provisions added to the bill that will help improve oversight of Ohio's community school start-ups and provide greater accountability for the millions of public dollars supporting these efforts.

As HB 487 moves to the Senate, OSBA will work to preserve these positive changes and address some other issues, including adding an income-based means test for tuition and fees related to CC+ and removing eligibility for community school students to participate in extracurricular activities in their districts of residence. The latter change was added as part of an omnibus amendment in the House Education Committee.

HB 483, the main MBR appropriations bill, also contains several provisions affecting public education. These include:

- allowing 18-year-old (rather than 19 under current law) individuals to take the GED without additional administrative requirements if withdrawn from high school;
- eliminating the requirement for a student between the ages of 16 and 18 to gain superintendent approval to take the GED;
- appropriating \$2.5 million and establishing the Adult Career Opportunity Pilot Program for individuals 22 or older seeking a high school diploma through a community college program;
- appropriating \$5 million for a dropout recovery program to allow individuals age 22 to 29 to earn a diploma through a district or charter school's dropout recovery program or at a JVSD's

adult education program;

- allowing Straight A Fund grants to be used for expenses incurred outside of the fiscal year in which the grants were awarded for up to 12 months following the award.

OSBA encourages its members to continue to contact their legislators on these issues as the legislation heads to the Senate for consideration. Also, watch for OSBA eAlerts with the latest information on the MBR process.

Senate Bill (SB) 229 — OTES

In December, the Senate unanimously passed SB 229 to give school district leaders some relief from the administrative pressure of Ohio Teacher Evaluation System (OTES) requirements and offer districts more flexibility on the percentage that student progress measures represent on teacher evaluations.

The House Education Committee recently accepted a substitute version of SB 229 that makes sweeping changes to the Senate-passed version with the addition of 32 new provisions to the original proposal. Substitute SB 229 also makes significant changes to the original flexibility provisions in the Senate version.

OSBA supported the provisions in the Senate version of SB 229, largely because its modifications to OTES were proposed by OSBA members in Sen. **Randy Gardner's** (R-Bowling Green) legislative district and are supported across the state.

OSBA urges districts to reach

out to House members and request that the spirit of the Senate-passed version of the bill be retained.

Districts should act soon, because there is a short window of opportunity to influence legislators before the General Assembly recesses for its summer break.

OSBA offers the following talking points to use when encouraging your House representatives to support the provisions in the Senate version of SB 229:

- We support flexibility aimed at relieving some administrative burden for districts in conducting full OTES evaluations for every teacher every year.
- The Senate version would have given districts the authority to scale back the OTES process for their highest-performing teachers while maintaining appropriate levels of oversight.
- We support the increased flexibility in the original version of SB 229 that would provide an appropriate range from which districts might choose for the percentage of a teacher's evaluation attributed to student progress measures (lowering the mandated percentage from 50% to 35%).
- We fear the significant expansion and the magnitude of the changes to the OTES process contained in the substitute bill will result in confusion and frustration at the local level.
- Overall, the changes in the substitute version of the bill do not appear to increase flexibility for districts and are likely to increase

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— not reduce — the administrative burden for districts.

OSBA will provide additional information as further action on the bill takes place. It is important

that association members engage legislators, particularly those in the House, on this issue. Be sure to share your experiences during this the first year of OTES

implementation, as well as the talking points OSBA has provided.

Editor's note: All information in this article was current as of April 16, 2014.



REGIONAL ROUNDUP

compiled by Angela Penquite, senior communication design manager

Spring conferences honor district, board member achievements

More than 850 board members, administrators, teachers and guests attended OSBA spring regional conferences held in six locations across the state in March.

The region conferences — always popular events — offer attendees numerous opportunities for networking with fellow board members and creating new contacts. They also enjoy dinner, student entertainment, keynote speakers and numerous honors, awards and recognitions.

OSBA President **Susie Lawson**, **Tri-County ESC** and **Wayne County Schools Career Center**, OSBA Executive Director **Richard Lewis**, OSBA Deputy Executive Director **Rob Delane** and a number of association staff members traveled to the conferences to greet attendees and present OSBA updates.

Following is a summary of the spring conferences from reports submitted by the regional managers, who organize the annual spring and fall meetings. Visit

www.flickr.com/photos/ohschoolboards/sets to view photos from the conferences. Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/regions to learn more about OSBA's regions or to contact your regional manager.

Central Region

by Jeff Chambers
interim regional manager

The Central Region's Spring Conference took place on March 19 at Villa Milano in Columbus. Central Region President **Randy Reisling**, **South-Western City**, was the evening's master of ceremonies. OSBA President Lawson welcomed attendees and encouraged them to take full advantage of OSBA's services. OSBA Executive Director Lewis provided advice to newly elected board members and others on keeping things in perspective. OSBA Director of Legislative Services **Damon Asbury** shared information on the recently introduced midbiennium budget review and other bills OSBA is

monitoring.

Fifteen schools received plaques designating them Outstanding Schools of the Central Region based on their recognition as U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon Schools or Ohio Department of Education School of Promise.

Three board members were presented with certificates honoring their 10 years of service and nine board members were recognized for 15 years of service. **Windy McKenna**, **Gahanna-Jefferson City** and **Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technical Schools**, was recognized for 20 years of service.

Six board members were honored for receiving the OSBA Award of Achievement. Dr. **Marguerite Bennett**, **Mount Vernon City** and **Knox County Career Center**, received the Master Board Member award. **Charlie Wilson**, **Worthington City**, received the National School Boards Association's (NSBA) School Board

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Ohio School Boards Association

Board Leadership Institute

Professional development designed by board members for board members

May 2-3, 2014 • Hilton Columbus/Polaris

The Board Leadership Institute enables board members to:

Attend a seminar designed for and by board members

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 all of the handouts from this board member-only event

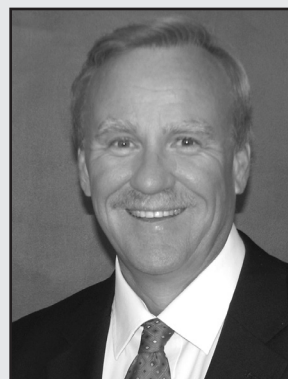
Earn Award of Achievement points

Attendees receive 20 points toward the OSBA Award of Achievement

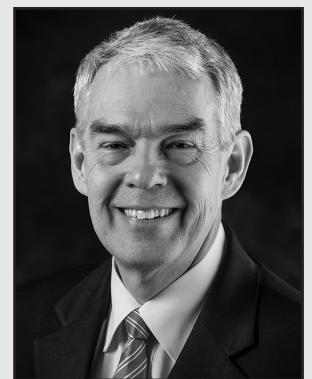
Keynote speakers set the tone for BLI

BLI will kick off on Friday, May 2, with Dr. **Mike Thomson**. Thomson fills his high-energy talks with real-life examples and practical applications for board members. He will share strategies for saving your sanity in today's world.

OSBA has invited Ohio Sen. **Randy Gardner** (R-Bowling Green) to close BLI on Saturday, May 3. Hear an update on the General Assembly's work and how it affects local school boards.



Thomson



Gardner

Registration and hotel details

Cost for the institute is \$240, and includes breakfast and lunch on both days and materials. Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops or contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

The Hilton Columbus/Polaris is the site of the 2014 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.

PUPIL TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING PROGRAM

This new series of workshops will help those involved in student transportation better understand and perform day-to-day operations.

This half-day workshop includes a working lunch and time for questions. Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops or contact **Laurie Miller**, OSBA senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.



PUPIL TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING PROGRAM #5 *Fleet compliance*

Wednesday, May 7 • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. • \$90 • OSBA office, Columbus

This class will focus on bus maintenance and safety checks, compliance with Ohio State Highway Patrol inspections and how to make the best use of the driver pre-trip inspection. It also will delve into the value of a preventive maintenance plan, bus purchasing and using alternative fuels.

OSBA Student Achievement Fair

Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014 • Greater Columbus Convention Center

The OSBA Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair highlights outstanding initiatives from school districts across the state. OSBA is seeking fresh, innovative programs or practices your district is willing to share with thousands of Ohio school district representatives. One hundred programs and practices will be selected based on creativity and impact on student achievement. The fair will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 11, during the OSBA Capital Conference.

Five performing groups from around Ohio will be selected to entertain attendees during the Student Achievement Fair. To be considered, you must submit an audio or video recording of the performing group. DVDs or CDs can be mailed to OSBA or a video or MP3 can be submitted with the online application.

OSBA is now accepting nominations for district programs and performing groups. While multiple programs may be submitted for consideration, no more than two per district will be selected, so districts should prioritize their submissions.

Nominate your district at www.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations. The nomination deadline is June 27.



Safe Schools Summer Camp — protecting students and staff

Wednesday, June 18 and Thursday, June 19
Thomas Worthington High School, Worthington

Cost: \$195

The Ohio School Boards Association, in cooperation with the Columbus Division of Police SWAT team and the Columbus Division of Fire Bomb Squad, presents a two-day workshop focused on protecting staff and students in your district.

During this workshop, participants will attend informative presentations, as well as witness and participate in training scenarios led by highly trained tactical officers. Learn about explosives and try your hand at engaging a shooter while another attendee plays the role of the “bad guy.”

Tentative agenda

June 18

8 a.m.	Registration and continental breakfast
9 a.m.	Welcome and introductions
9:15 a.m.	The active school shooter/time conundrum
10:30 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m.	Law enforcement responses
Noon	Lunch (provided)
1 p.m.	Participation in scenarios
4 p.m.	Adjourn

June 19

8 a.m.	Registration/continental breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Travel to St. Charles High School, Bexley (transportation provided)
9 a.m.	Review day's activities
9:30 a.m.	Real-time response to simulated crisis
Noon	Lunch (provided)
1 p.m.	Explosives: what do they look like and how do they work?
3 p.m.	Wrap up and return to Thomas Worthington High School

Come prepared to participate and learn — dress appropriately for a dirty environment and possible inclement weather. *Note:* All participation is purely voluntary.

The fee for the two-day workshop is \$195, and will include training, materials, and breakfast and lunch both days. Because of the interactive nature of this event, attendance is limited to 40 participants.

To register, contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Board Leadership Institute
☐ May 2-3, Columbus, \$240

**Pupil Transportation
Administrator Training
Program #5: Fleet compliance**
☐ May 7, Columbus, \$90

**Safe Schools Summer Camp
— protecting students and
staff**
☐ June 18-19, Columbus, \$195

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. 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. You will need a username and password.



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Suite 100, Columbus, OH
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Phone
or fax

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(614) 540-4000, ext. 300;
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. 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.

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Member National Recognition Program award for leadership and participation in state and national meetings.

Mark your calendar for the Central Region Fall Conference on Sept. 24 at Villa Milano. Visit the Central Region Web page at www.ohioschoolboards.org/cr-region to download nomination forms for the fall recognitions.

Northeast Region

by Terri Neff
regional manager

March 5 marked the Northeast Region's Spring Conference. **Maplewood Career Center** was the setting for this meeting of school board members and administrators from districts throughout the region's 19 counties.

The spring conference started with a social period and networking, followed by dinner prepared by the career center's culinary arts students, instructed by Chef **Dan Remark** and his staff.

Northeast Region President **Denise Baba, Streetsboro City**, facilitated the evening's program, with 108 in attendance. During dessert, she gave a brief presentation highlighting how the Streetsboro City School District went from "fire to bond issue in a few short years."

Streetsboro City's Streetsboro Theatre, directed by **James Boardwine**, performed several scenes from **Jason Pizzarello's** "Alice in Wonderland."

OSBA President Lawson provided a warm welcome and

urged attendees to become more involved in the defense of public education. OSBA Executive Director **Lewis** provided updates of various programs and initiatives and OSBA Director of Legislative Services **Asbury** presented a legislative update and outlook.

Baba, Lawson, Lewis and OSBA Deputy Executive Director **Rob Delane** presented the evening's awards and recognitions.

A new honor, The President's Award, recognized the late **Jacqueline Hillyer**, who passed away in August. A former Northeast Region Executive Committee member and board member at **Buckeye Local (Ashtabula)**, she dedicated her life to education, first as a teacher, then a board member, all the while fighting for equality in athletics for women. Her family will receive the award at an upcoming Buckeye Local board meeting.

The region honored seven Ohio Teacher of the Year nominees and recognized the 2013-14 Ohio Teacher of the Year, **Debra J. McDonald**, Wayne County Schools Career Center.

Sixteen board members received the Award of Achievement. Master Board Member honors were presented to **Barb Gunter** and **Kellie Patterson**, both from **Cuyahoga Falls City**. The region also recognized board members for 10, 15, 20, 30 and 35 years of service. **Kenneth C. Blair Jr., Newbury Local (Geauga)** and **Auburn Career Center**, received a glass award and a standing

ovation as he was recognized for 40 years of service.

Lawson and **Karen Dendorfer, Parma City**, were recognized for receiving NSBA's School Board Member National Recognition Program award.

Special thanks to Maplewood Career Center Superintendent **Randy Griffith**, Supervisor of Business Affairs **Russell B. McKenzie** and Custodian **Criss Conn** for their help with setup, arrangements and organization for this year's conference.

The Northeast Region will return to the Galaxy Restaurant for its fall conference on Oct. 1.

Northwest Region

by Dr. Judy Jackson May
regional manager

The Northwest Region Spring Conference — originally scheduled for March 13 but canceled due to weather — was held on March 26 at the Fremont campus of the **Vanguard-Sentinel Career and Technology Centers**. The region eagerly welcomed 111 guests, who were greeted by members of the region's Arrangements and Hospitality Team.

The program opened with appetizers during a social period and a silent auction with items donated from **Vantage Career Center** and **EHOVE Career Center's** "Fab Lab." Auction items included a solid bamboo grilling set, wall clock and child's rocking chair. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds from the auction will

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benefit the region's Educational Book Grant Fund. The career centers shared the other 75% and donated it to organizations: EHOVE Career Center selected the Phil Seker Helping Hands Fund; Vantage Career Center selected the Interact Club. Many thanks to those who purchased items. It is always a pleasure to highlight the talent of the region's students.

Following the social period, Northwest Region President **Timothy McKinney, Bath Local (Allen)**, thanked attendees who were able to brave the weather. Special thanks went to **Waynesfield-Goshen Local (Auglaize)**, which had more than 20 people attending to be recognized for their participation in the Student Achievement Fair at the 2013 OSBA Capital Conference. **Wood County ESC** also received special recognition for their dedicated attendance at the region's fall and spring conferences for 11 consecutive years.

Vanguard-Sentinel Career and Technology Centers Superintendent **Gregory A. Edinger** welcomed attendees and **Kenneth E. Ault**, Wood County ESC, led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the invocation. Bowling Green State University College of Education and Human Development Dean Dr. **Brad Colwell** also offered remarks. Dinner followed, which was coordinated by Vanguard-Sentinel Career and Technology Centers Director **Rosemary Kreiger**, with assistance from the center's

student ambassadors.

OSBA President Lawson offered a welcome on behalf of OSBA, followed by a legislative update by OSBA Director of Legislative Services Asbury. **Fremont City's** Fremont Ross High School Jazz Ensemble, directed by **John Calhoun**, entertained attendees.

The region honored Northwest Region Immediate Past President **Eric Germann, Lincolnview Local (Van Wert)** and Vantage Career Center, for his service as the 2013 region president. Master Board Member honors went to **Carol-Ann Molnar, Oregon City; Diana Gadus**, formerly of Oregon City; **Penny Kill, Spencerville Local (Allen)** and **Apollo Career Center**; and **Jackie Place**, Bath Local and **Apollo Career Center**. Nine board members received the OSBA Award of Achievement.

The Northwest Region Excellence in Community Service Awards were presented to the following outstanding nominees:

- EHOVE Career Center's SkillsUSA and Public Service Academy;
- **Kalida Local's (Putnam)** Kalida High School Recycles;
- **Seneca East Local's (Seneca)** Seneca East High School student **Seth Martin**;
- **Springfield Local's (Lucas)** Students In Action, which took the top honors in the High School Excellence in Community Service category.

The region also recognized other districts for participating in the 2013 Student Achievement Fair,

including Bath Local's Bath High School Chamber Choral, which represented the region as a performing arts ensemble at the fair.

The Northwest Region Humanitarian Award was presented to:

- **Sandusky City** Human Resources Facilitator **Tina Beatty**;
- Seneca East Local and Vanguard-Sentinel Career and Technology Centers board member **Jaimie L. Beamer**;
- Seneca East Local Elementary Principal **Brad Powers**;
- Attica-Venice-Reed Fire District Chief **Brett Meyers**.

The Who's Who in the Northwest Region Excellence Award for Outstanding Leadership nominees included:

- **Gibsonburg EV's** Gibsonburg Middle School student **Emma Widmer**;
- Gibsonburg EV Food Service Director **Jeanne Brink**;
- **Washington Local (Lucas)** Treasurer **Jeffrey Fouke**;
- Seneca East Local's Seneca High School student **Kristen Bowerman**;
- **Toledo City** Superintendent Dr. **Romules Durant**;
- **Findlay City** Superintendent Dr. **Dean Wittwer**;
- Kenneth E. Ault;
- Sandusky City Graphics Specialist **Bill Ehrnsberger**;
- Springfield Local board member **Kenneth Musch**.

Taking top honors in the Who's Who in the Northwest Region Excellence Award for Outstanding Leadership were:

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● Fremont City Director of Human Resources & Community Relations **Christine Opelt**;

● **Elida Local (Allen)** board member **Brenda Stocker**.

Following the award presentations, Dr. **Paul R. Lockwood II**, **North Point ESC** and **EHOVE Career Center**, announced the winners of the silent auction and McKinney closed the conference by sincerely thanking all the attendees for their continued support and participation.

Upcoming events:

- June 8 — Region executive committee meeting, Bowling Green State University
- Sept. 30 — Northwest Region Treasurers' Clinic, Hilton Garden Inn, Perrysburg
- Oct. 16 — Region fall conference, Vantage Career Center, Van Wert

Southeast Region

by Paul D. Mock
regional manager

The Southeast Region enjoyed two well-attended spring conferences, with 221 registered. Thirty-seven of the region's 84 districts were represented, for a 44% turnout. Southeast Region President **David Carter**, **East Guernsey Local (Guernsey)**, presided over both conferences, while OSBA Executive Director **Lawson** and OSBA President **Lewis** provided greetings and updates from the association.

The **Buckeye Hills Career Center** in Rio Grande was the setting for the March 4 spring

conference. Dinner was prepared by Catering Manager **Terra Fowler** and staff from Flavours by Sodexo. Special thanks to Sodexo for its sponsorship of the conference.

OSBA Lobbyist **Jay Smith** presented an informative and timely legislative update. **Lawson**, **Carter**, **Lewis** and OSBA Deputy Executive Director **Delane** recognized seven programs for participating in the 2013 Student Achievement Fair. **Jackson City's** Jackson High School Symphonic Choir was recognized for representing the region as a performing arts ensemble at the fair.

Four veteran board members were honored for 15 years of service. **Larry E. Holdren**, **Ohio Valley ESC** and **Washington County Career Center**, was recognized for 40 years of service. OSBA Immediate Past President **Sharon E. Manson**, **Waverly City** and **Pike County Career Technology Center**, was honored with her 13th OSBA Award of Achievement.

The following districts were recognized for their attendance: **Athens City** for having four board members and the associate superintendent in attendance; **Jackson City** for having four board members, the superintendent and the treasurer in attendance; **Gallia-Vinton ESC** for having five board members and the superintendent in attendance; **Meigs Local (Meigs)** for having three board members and the superintendent in attendance; and **Gallipolis City**

for having three board members, the superintendent and the treasurer in attendance.

The March 6 spring conference was held at **Northern Local's (Perry)** Sheridan High School in Thornville. The delicious meal was prepared by Food Service Supervisor **Terri Miller** and served by the Sheridan High School Student Council, assisted by advisers **Nathan Reedy** and **Chris Ann Grunert**. National Honor Society students served as greeters, along with their adviser **Jenny Mohler**. The Sheridan High School Jazz Band, directed by **David Fazakas III**, performed during the social hour. After dinner, the Sheridan High School Show Choir, directed by **Beth McClain**, delighted the audience with its performance.

OSBA Director of Legislative Services **Asbury** presented an information-filled legislative update.

Fourteen programs were recognized for participating in the 2013 Student Achievement Fair.

The region honored four veteran board members for 15 years of service and three for 30 years of service. Also recognized were **Kenneth E. Warnock**, **Ohio Valley ESC**, for 33 years of service and **George L. Martin**, **Ohio Valley ESC**, for 35 years of service. Three board members received the OSBA Award of Achievement and **Frederick W. Meredith**, **Belpre City**, received the OSBA Master Board Member award.

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Carter also recognized Southeast Region Immediate Past President **Daniel L. Hothem, River View Local (Coshocton) and Coshocton County Career Center**, with a gavel and plaque for his year as 2013 region president. Hothem also was honored for his 10 years of service on the region executive committee.

The following districts were recognized for their attendance: **Franklin Local (Muskingum)** for having four board members, the superintendent, the assistant superintendent and the treasurer in attendance; **East Guernsey Local and Cambridge City** for having three board members and the superintendent in attendance; **East Muskingum Local (Muskingum)** for having five board members, the superintendent, the assistant superintendent and the treasurer in attendance; **Crooksville EV** for having four board members and the treasurer in attendance; **Maysville Local (Muskingum)** for having five board members and the superintendent in attendance; **Muskingum Valley ESC** for having five board members, the superintendent, the assistant superintendent and the treasurer in attendance; and **Northern Local** for having five board members, the superintendent and the treasurer in attendance.

A moment of silence was held at both conferences in memory of **Don E. Carpenter**, who passed away in January. He served on the **Barnesville EV and Belmont-Harrison Career Center** boards for

27 years, served on the Southeast Region Executive Committee for 22 years and was a member of the OSBA Board of Trustees.

Thanks to all districts that attended and contributed to the success at both locations. Your continuing support of the Southeast Region is appreciated.

Southwest Region

*by Ronald J. Diver
regional manager*

The Southwest Region Spring Conference was held on March 11 at **Great Oaks ITCD**. Southwest Region President **Rick Foster, Manchester Local (Adams)**, presided. It was a great evening, and the region's 14th spring conference with more than 200 attending. There were 286 registered, plus 35 members of the Manchester Local High School Choir and eight members of Great Oaks ITCD's Naval Jr. ROTC.

Southwest Region President-elect **Gail Martindale, Cedar Cliff Local (Greene) and Greene County Career Center**, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Foster announced two school districts in attendance for the first time and 26 boards had three or more board members registered.

The Distinguished Educator and Friend of the Southwest award was presented to **Warren County ESC Superintendent John Lazares**, who is retiring. He has been a strong supporter of the region and OSBA. A second Friend of the Southwest award was presented to Great Oaks ITCD Superintendent

Dr. Roberta White, who also is retiring.

OSBA President Lawson and Executive Director Lewis presented certificates to veteran board members. Honored were 11 board members with 10 years of service, 24 with 15 years of service, five with 20 years of service, nine with 30 or more years of service and **Larry L. Besecker, Darke County ESC and Miami Valley Career Technology Center**, for 40 years of service.

Lawson and Lewis provided greetings and updates from the association. OSBA Lobbyist Smith reviewed pending legislation, including the proposed midbiennium budget review bill.

The region's recognition programs honored individuals in seven categories:

- Outstanding administrator — **Laura Bemus, Greenville City**;
- Outstanding classified staff member — **Marilyn Diane Meyer, Goshen Local (Goshen)**;
- Outstanding faculty member — **Lisa Bricker, Greene County Career Center**;
- Outstanding treasurer — **Tammy S. Emrick, Miamisburg City**;
- Outstanding superintendent — **Janet Baker, Hamilton City**;
- Outstanding public/community relations person — **Peg Allen, Warren County Career Center**;
- Outstanding board member in a neighboring district — **David E. Yockey, Milford EV and Great Oaks ITCD**.

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Bryan Bullock, assistant editor

Loveland City students create working 3-D bioprinter

A group of **Loveland City** students are receiving widespread attention for their innovative creation: a working 3-D bioprinter.

Loveland High School (LHS) seniors **Nathan Bryant**, **Cameron Spicer** and **Thomas Worsham** created the device. It has the ability to print and grow bacteria — and is the culmination of a nine-month capstone project the students began as juniors as part of a biotechnology class.

“You don’t see this happen

every day,” said **Jamie Allison**, LHS biotechnology teacher. “I’ve seen something like this happen now once in my career.”

The bioprinter has received local and national media coverage, including **www.3DPrint.com**, which wrote that students “accomplished something many medical students would be proud of.”

“This is a proud moment for all of us in education,” said Loveland City Superintendent **Chad**

Hilliker. “It is phenomenal, and I salute these students and their teachers — all of them — on achieving this amazing feat.”

The biotechnology capstone is a student-selected project that is the pinnacle of research for LHS students enrolled in the course.

“You get to learn things you never knew possible,” said Spicer. “You get to test the boundaries and push the boundaries of what high school students can do.”

Source: Loveland City

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School Board awards were presented to 30 board and administrative teams. Twenty-eight boards earned the gold-level award, one earned the silver level and one board received the bronze-level award.

The sixth annual NSBA School Board Member National Recognition Program award was presented to **Jo Ann W. Feltner**, formerly of **Franklin City**.

The 2014 President’s Award was presented to Dr. **Kevin Boys**, president of Southern State Community College. Boys is a former **Loveland City** superintendent and has been president of the community college for five years.

Richard Birt, **Northwestern Local (Clark)**; **Doug S. Mowen**, formerly of **Eaton Community City** and **Miami Valley Career Technology Center**; and **Jesse Reed**, formerly of **Valley View Local (Montgomery)**, were recognized for earning Master Board Member status in 2013. Each was presented a flower, OSBA plaque and a new name badge showing “MBM” after their name.

Twenty-four board members were honored with the OSBA Award of Achievement. Each recipient was presented with a flower, certificate and pin showing the number of years each had earned the award.

Additional activities will be

taking place in the region. First, nominations are being solicited to honor outstanding student programs in the region with Miami University Middletown providing the judges. The deadline is June 30. The region also will soon be mailing forms for the 2014 Effective School Board Awards.

The region is encouraging participation in the Student Achievement Fair at the Capital Conference. Student achievement is the region’s most important goal. The deadline for Student Achievement Fair applications is June 27. Finally, the Southwest Treasurers’ Clinic will be Thursday, Oct. 2 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Miamisburg.

April 2014

- 24 Management Development Series #2 Workshop Columbus
- 27 Southeast Region Executive Committee meeting..... Zanesville
- 28 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).
- 30 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(I)(1)(e).

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- 2 Last day to submit August emergency or current operating expenses levy to county auditor for August election — RC 5705.194, 5705.213 (95 days prior to the election).
- 2-3 Board Leadership Institute Columbus
- 6 Special Election Day; Primary Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after the first Monday).
- 7 Pupil Transportation Administrator Training Program #5..... Columbus
- 7 Northeast Region Executive Committee meeting.....TBD

- 7 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).
- 18 Northwest Region Executive Committee meeting.....Bowling Green
- 27 BoardDocs library, packet and goal-tracking webinar

June 2014

- 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(I)(1)(f).
- 8 Northwest Region Executive Committee meeting.....Bowling Green
- 13 OCSBA Spring Seminar.....Lewis Center
- 18-19 Safe Schools Summer Camp — Protecting students and staff workshop.....Columbus
- 20 Sports Law Workshop.....Columbus
- 30 2013-2014 school year ends — RC 3313.62.

July 2014

- 1 2014-2015 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).
- 7 Last day for voter registration for August election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30 days prior to the election).