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Most Ohio charter schools would receive F's in new report cards

Seventy-two percent of charter schools would receive a failing grade for achievement test scores under the new, more rigorous school report cards coming to Ohio, Gongwer News Service reports. The projections, conducted by the Ohio Department of Education, show 60% of traditional school districts would receive the highest grade possible on the A-F report card for achievement test scores. The simulations shows charter schools struggling on other aspects of the report cards too; 89% would receive an F for four-year graduation rates.

Two out of five Ohio school districts use school safety officers, poll finds

Forty-two percent of superintendents and treasurers reported using school safety officers to help ensure school security, according to a poll recently conducted by OSBA. The survey found more than three-quarters of all school safety officers are funded by districts alone or a shared service agreement. Among districts that do not currently use school safety officers, 58% of school leaders said they are interested in acquiring them. For more on the poll, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/71744>.

OSBA mobile app puts school district information in your hands

OSBA has released a new mobile app that makes it quick and easy to access current information about Ohio public schools. The OSBA School District Directory is available now for iPhone, iPad, iPod touch and Android devices, but it's only free for a limited time. The app boasts driving directions, contact information, administrator directories, report card ratings and other school information. To learn more, visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/mobile.

Deadline approaching for Ohio Teacher of the Year nominations

The deadline to nominate educators for the 2013-2014 Ohio Teacher of the Year is May 1. Superintendents and principals are encouraged to nominate their outstanding teachers for this honor. The Ohio Department of Education program honors, promotes and celebrates excellence in teaching. For further details and to submit nominations, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/42810>.

Time is running out to register for the Board Leadership Institute

Don't miss this valuable board member training opportunity on April 26-27 in Columbus. The 12th annual OSBA Board Leadership Institute (BLI) features outstanding keynote speakers, 16 breakout sessions and plenty of opportunities to network. For details, watch your mailbox for the BLI brochure, see the flier in this *Briefcase* issue or visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/board-leadership-institute.

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Route workshop information to:

- ☐ Administrative assistants
- ☐ Administrators
- ☐ Assistant treasurers
- ☐ Principals
- ☐ Special education instructors

Student video team wanted for 2013 Capital Conference

OSBA is seeking a high school video production team to showcase its skills and document the 2013 Capital Conference. The team will attend the Nov. 10-13 conference in Columbus to shoot a 10-minute video. The final version will be streamed on OSBA's website and used in promotional materials for the conference. For the submission form and program criteria, go to www.ohioschoolboards.org/svdt. The nomination deadline is May 3.

New federal resource helps students pick best college

The U.S. Department of Education has released an interactive College Scorecard to provide students and families the information they need to make smart decisions about choosing a college. The scorecard provides students and families with clear

Former Mount Vernon City student receives diploma at 106

The Mount Vernon City Board of Education recently presented a high school diploma to a senior. A senior citizen, that is: a 106-year-old former student.

Reba Williams, who now lives in Columbus, refused to complete a book report in the 1920s and never received a high school diploma. In March, the school board decided Williams, a lifelong reader, had waited long enough for the recognition. The board presented her a diploma in a special ceremony.

"It was a real lesson in the value of a high school diploma," Mount Vernon City board member **Paula Barone** told a local newspaper. "Lots of people had to struggle really hard to be able to make those kinds of things happen."

Source: *The Columbus Dispatch*

information through an interactive tool that lets them explore numerous options based on their individual needs, including location, size, campus setting, affordability and degree programs. Access the College Scorecard at www.whitehouse.gov/scorecard.

Law institute seeks ninth-grade students

The Law and Leadership Institute is accepting applications from rising ninth graders for its 2013 Summer Institute in Akron, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton and Toledo. Transportation, meals and supplies are provided free of cost to students; participants can earn up to \$150 upon successful completion of the institute held June 24 to July 26. Learn more at www.lawandleadership.org. The application deadline is April 15.

OSBA online

● www.flickr.com/OHschoolboards

Photos are available now from the OSBA regional spring conferences and the State Legislative Conference, held March 20 in the Ohio Statehouse. Visit OSBA's Flickr page to view and download the latest photos from association events.



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BULLETIN BOARD

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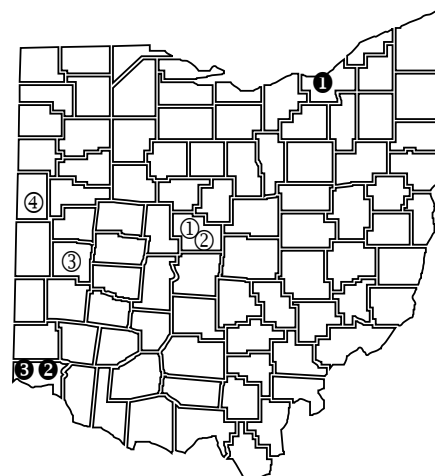
OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

District	Deadline	Contact
❶ North Olmsted City	April 8	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
❷ Lockland Local (Hamilton)	April 12	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
❸ Winton Woods City	April 29	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

Treasurer

District	Deadline	Contact
❶ Olentangy Local (Delaware)	April 16	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
❷ Buckeye Valley Local (Delaware)	April 19	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
❸ Tipp City EV	April 25	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
❹ Celina City	May 8	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



❶ = Superintendent
❶ = Treasurer

Other searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Jefferson Area Local (Ashtabula)	April 25	John Rubesich, superintendent, Ashtabula County ESC, 4200 State Rd., Ashtabula, OH 44004
High school principal	Fairfield Union Local (Fairfield)	April 19	Jan Broughton, superintendent, Fairfield Union Local, (740) 536-7384

Board changes

Akron City appointed **Veronica Sims** to the board effective March 25. She replaced **Ginger Baylor**, who resigned last month to take a position with U.S. Rep. **Marcia Fudge**. ●●● **Johnstown-Monroe Local (Licking)** appointed **Ruth Ann Booher** to the board effective immediately. She replaced **John Davis**, who resigned. Board member **Roger Montgomery** announced his resignation effective March 14. ●●● **Jonathan Alder Local (Madison)** appointed **Shannon R. Foust** to the board effective March 11. He replaced **John Adams**, who resigned in January. ●●● **ESC of Lake Erie West** appointed **James Telb** to the board effective March 19. He replaced Dr. **Angela Zimmann**, who resigned effective Feb. 20. ●●● **Middletown City Board of Education** member **Chris Fiora** announced his resignation effective March 21. ●●● **Morgan Local (Morgan) Board of Education** member **Clinton Kuntz** announced his resignation effective immediately. He has taken a job out of state. ●●● **Niles City** appointed **Lori Hudzik** to the board effective immediately. She replaced **Eric**

Editor's note

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

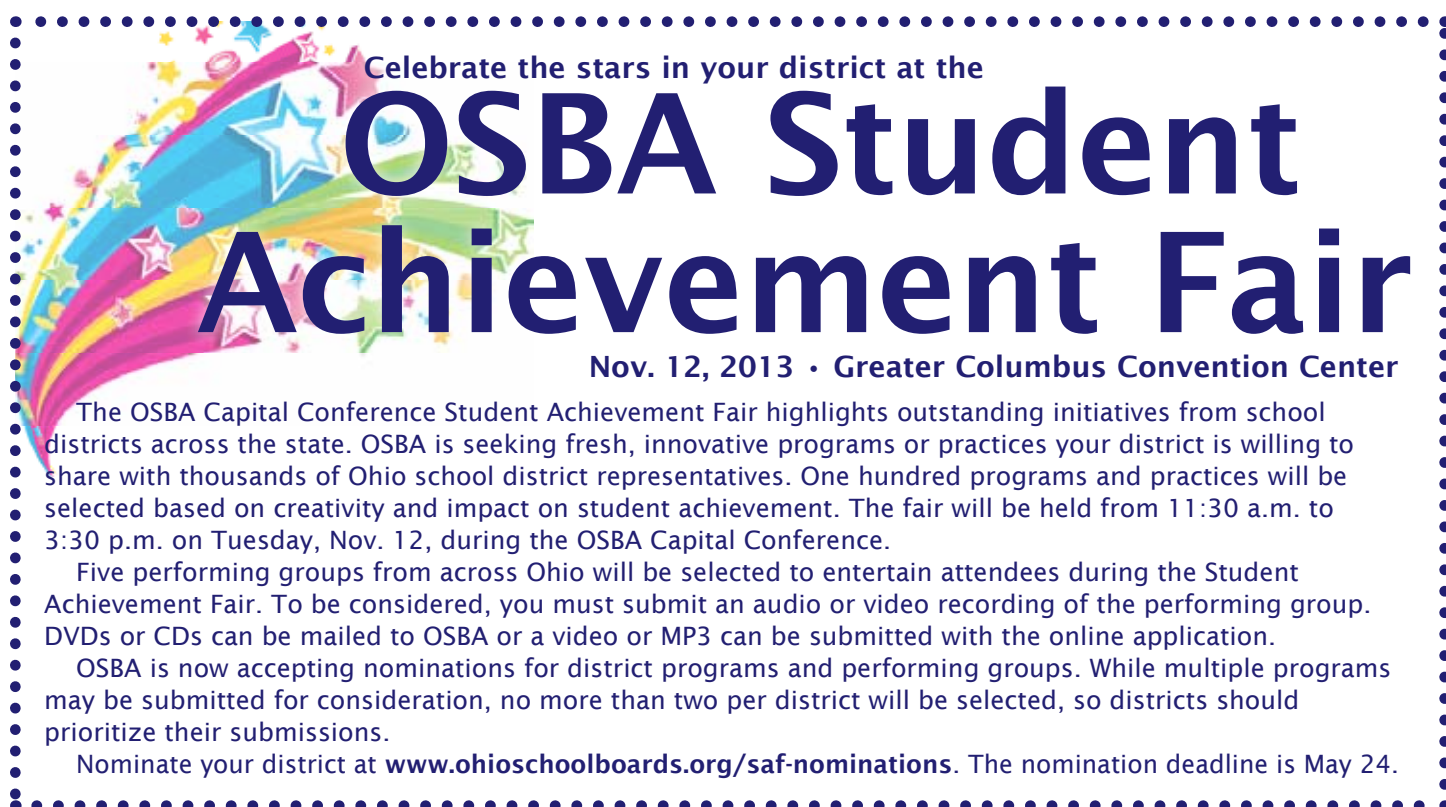
Lanham, who resigned. ●●● Sandusky City appointed **Brigitte Green-Churchwell** to the board effective immediately. She replaced **Richard Koonce**, who resigned. ●●● Spencerville Local (Allen) appointed **Ron Meyer II** to the board effective March 26. He replaced **Rachael Gilroy**, who resigned after being appointed Allen County treasurer.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Chardon Local (Geauga) hired Dr. **Michael P. Hanlon** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Joseph Bergant II**, who is retiring effective June 7. Hanlon is currently superintendent at **Painesville City Local (Lake)**. ●●● **Clearview Local (Lorain)** hired **Jerome Davis** as interim superintendent effective immediately. He replaced **Stanley P. Mounts**, who retired effective March 29. Davis will continue as the district's middle school principal while serving as interim superintendent. ●●● **Heath City** Superintendent **Thomas Forman** announced his retirement effective June 28. The board hired Assistant Superintendent **Trevor Thomas** as superintendent effective July 1. ●●● **Loveland City** hired **Chad Hiliker** as superintendent effective May 1. He will replace Dr. **John Marschhausen**, who took the superintendent position at **Hilliard City**. Hiliker is currently the district's assistant superintendent of human resources. ●●● **Middletown City** Superintendent **Greg Rasmussen** announced his resignation effective July 31. He has taken a superintendent position in Andover, Kan. ●●● **Norwayne Local (Wayne)** Superintendent **Larry Acker** announced his retirement effective July 31. ●●● **Oakwood City** hired Dr. **Kyle Ramey** as superintendent effective July 1. He will replace Dr. **Mary Jo Scalzo**, who is retiring. Ramey is currently director of instructional services at **Kettering City**. ●●● **Poland Local (Mahoning)** hired **David Janofa** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He replaced Dr. **Robert L. Zorn**, who retired. Janofa is currently superintendent at **Sandy Valley Local (Stark)**. ●●● **River Valley Local (Marion)** hired **James P. Peterson** as superintendent effective June 1. He will replace **Thomas G. Shade**, who retired. Peterson is currently superintendent at **Fredericktown Local (Knox)**. ●●● **Rossford EV** hired **Daniel E. Creps** as superintendent effective April 1. He will replace Interim Superintendent **William G. McFarland**. Creps is currently an elementary principal for **Perrysburg EV**. ●●● **Shawnee Local (Allen)** hired

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Celebrate the stars in your district at the

OSBA Student Achievement Fair

Nov. 12, 2013 • 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. 12, during the OSBA Capital Conference.

Five performing groups from across 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 May 24.

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Michael Lamb as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Paul Nardini**, who is retiring July 31. Lamb is currently superintendent at **McComb Local (Hancock)**. ●●● **Vinton County Local (Vinton)** Superintendent **John Simmons** announced his retirement effective May 31. ●●● **Circleville City** hired **Jonathan Davis** as assistant superintendent effective Aug. 1. Davis is currently the district's assistant high school principal.

Treasurers

Greenon Local (Clark) Treasurer **T. Ryan Jenkins** announced his resignation effective March 31. He has taken the treasurer position at **Pickerington Local (Fairfield)**. ●●● **New Boston Local (Scioto)** Treasurer **Donna M. Grimm** announced her retirement effective July 31. The board hired Assistant Treasurer **Samantha Hamilton** as treasurer effective Aug. 1.

Sympathies

Former **Arcanum-Butler Local (Darke)** Board of Education member **Lonnie J. Norris** died March 18. He was 72. ●●● Former **Eastern Local (Meigs)** Superintendent **Ronald D. Minard** died March 8. He was 70. ●●● **John Leo Huffman**, a member of the former **Elk Local** School Board in Noble County, died March 8. He was 92. ●●● **Harry J. Jones**, a member of the former **Germantown** School Board in Montgomery County, died March 16. He was 86. ●●● Former **Green Local (Scioto)** Board of Education member **George Edward Woodward Sr.** died March 13. He was 84. ●●● Former **Hillsdale Local (Ashland)** Board of Education member **Clifford Fulk Jr.** died March 12. He was 86. ●●● Former **Hubbard EV** Treasurer **Anthony T. Ponzio** died March 17. He was 91. ●●● Former **Kelleys Island Local (Erie)** Board of Education member **Florence "Sis" McKillips** died March 15. She was 92. ●●● **George R. Clapsaddle**, a member of the former **Logan Hills** School Board in Logan County, died March 19. He was 88. ●●● Former **Madeira City** Board of Education member **Elizabeth B. Lee** died March 20. She was 77. ●●● Former **Montgomery County ESC** Board of Education member **Dr. George John** died Feb. 25. He was 91. ●●● Former **Upper Arlington City** Board of Education member **Dr. Mary Lou Niple Burt** died March 17. She was 87. ●●● Former **Weathersfield Local (Trumbull)** Superintendent **William Rummell** died March 19. He was 81. ●●● Former **West Geauga Local (Gauga)** Board of Education member **Dr. A. John Rose** died March 12. He was 91.

Learn how you can save time and money with these webinars

BoardDocs is the exclusive eGovernance partner of OSBA. Join OSBA for any of the free informational webinar demonstrations on the dates and times listed below. The webinars will showcase BoardDocs's cloud-based solutions and demonstrate why it is the eGovernance leader, not only in Ohio, but across the nation. Participants will learn how to save money, time and be more effective with BoardDocs.



Want to learn more? Join OSBA and BoardDocs for an informative webinar. It's quick and easy to register — just choose the date and time you wish to view the webinar:

Information for current users

Tuesday, April 9, from 9 a.m.–10 a.m.

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/347116017>

Information for districts considering paperless board meetings

Tuesday, May 21, from 1 p.m.–2 p.m.

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/426197360>

Once registered, you will receive an email confirming your registration with the information you need to view the webinar. For questions about these webinars, contact **Amanda Finney**, OSBA senior marketing coordinator, at (800) 589-OSBA; (614) 540-4000; or afinney@ohioschoolboards.org. For more information about BoardDocs, visit www.boarddocs.com.



INFORMATION

by Dr. Richard J. Caster, senior school board services consultant

Evaluating firearms training services for school staff

The topic of arming school staff is a controversial one. Regardless of the emotions on both sides of the issue, a district's board of education must decide — after carefully considering all security factors and consulting with district leadership — whether this additional measure is warranted to protect students and staff.

If, after proper discussion and thorough review of the issue, the decision is to move forward, the district should address what training is required. Training

armed staff is crucial to the plan.

The guidelines below are designed to provide critical questions to ask prospective trainers so an informed decision can be made:

- How long have you been in the firearms training business?
- What related classes have you created and taught?
- Have you previously taught active shooter response?
- Who are your customers?
- What does your active shooter training for school staff involve?

- What combination of course work or existing classes do you suggest is best for arming staff, and why?
- What certifications and training do your instructors hold?
- What is the total cost of the training?
- Do you have liability insurance?
- Do you recommend follow-up and/or refresher training to requalify staff? If so, how often and what would that involve?
- Is there a certification at the end

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School data from across the state at your fingertips

Download the OSBA School District Directory mobile app today!

The OSBA School District Directory mobile app makes it quick and easy to access up-to-date information about public schools throughout Ohio.

App features include:

- driving directions and maps to locate school districts and buildings;
- website, phone, fax and other contact information for schools;
- names and contact information for school administrators;
- information about local districts, including student enrollment, report card ratings and expenditures per pupil.

The OSBA School District Directory app is available now for iPhone, iPad, iPod touch and Android devices. Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/mobile to watch a short video explaining the app and its wide range of features.



Download the app today — it's only free for a limited time. Beginning May 1, the app will be sold for 99-cents on the Apple iTunes and Google Play store. Scan the QR code to download the app on your mobile device or simply visit your app store and search for "OSBA," then select OSBA School District Directory.



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of the training or other evidence of successful completion of the training for participants?

● Will you create a process for course instructors to work with school administrators to review the performance and capability of the people trained?

This list is not meant to be all-

inclusive; it is a starting point for board members and administrators to create a benchmark for evaluating training providers. All potential trainers should be asked the same questions, and the answers to those questions may prompt additional questions.

You also should consult with your insurance company and your school attorney before making any decisions. The information above is not legal advice and should not be viewed as such.

For questions, please contact the author at (614) 540-4000 or rcaster@ohioschoolboards.org.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Michelle Francis, deputy director of legislative services

Biennial budget bill update

The House Finance and Appropriations committee recently wrapped up testimony on the “as introduced” version of Gov. **John Kasich**’s two-year budget proposal, House Bill (HB) 59. On March 21, OSBA, the Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA) and the Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) presented joint testimony in the committee followed by testimony by Dr. **Howard Fleeter**, an Education Tax Policy Institute (ETPI) consultant. Copies of the testimony are available on the OSBA BillTracker website at www.ohioschoolboards.org/billtracker by searching for “HB 59.”

The General Assembly is currently on a two-week recess for spring break and plans to return on April 8. The House is tentatively scheduled to introduce

a substitute version of HB 59 that week with changes to the budget. House Finance and Appropriations Committee Chairman Rep. **Ron Amstutz** (R-Wooster) has indicated legislators have identified “several dozen” provisions of the operating budget that will be separated from the main bill, HB 59. The House hopes to complete its work on HB 59 and send it to the Senate by April 18.

Below is a summary of some of the education-related provisions of Gov. Kasich’s proposed budget.

Core Opportunity Aid — (Base Funding Threshold)

● HB 59 does not attempt to quantify the cost of providing basic education services as a starting point by which all other components would be built. Instead, it equalizes school districts’ valuation per pupil at the

96th percentile.

● Creates a base-funding amount equal to \$5,000 per pupil, a much lower threshold than in the past.

Targeted assistance

● Sometimes referred to as “Tier 2” funding, this component provides additional revenue for districts with a combined income and property wealth below the district at the 80th percentile.

● A wealth index is created for qualifying districts and applied to a target millage rate.

● The target millage rate in Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 would be six mills and seven mills in FY 2015.

Other formula “add-ons”

Provides additional funding for early childhood access, gifted education, economically disadvantaged students and

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limited English proficiency students. The gifted education funding provides \$50 per pupil for all students (not only those identified as gifted).

Special education funding

- Inflates per-pupil weighted funding amounts from previous levels to account for increased costs over time and converts the “weights” to dollar amounts for each special education category.
- Each district is provided funds based on per-pupil weighted amounts multiplied by special education average daily membership (ADM) for each category, with a state share index applied.
- The new per-pupil funding amounts for each category are: category 1, \$1,902; category 2, \$4,827; category 3, \$11,596; category 4, \$15,475; category 5, \$20,959; and category 6, \$30,896.

Transitional aid guarantee funding

- Nearly 400 districts would receive guarantee funding in FY 2014.
- Declining enrollment is not the reason so many districts are on a guarantee; the proposed formula itself creates the large number districts on a guarantee.

Exceptional Cost Fund

- Creates a new fund (the Exceptional Cost Fund) for catastrophic aid to districts with students whose special education services cost significantly more than the special education

categorical funding would produce.

- Deducts 15% from each district’s total state funding for special education students as payment into the fund. The deduction occurs after the transitional aid guarantee is calculated.

Transportation

Implements the current transportation funding formula in statute that was suspended.

ESC governance

- Eliminates elected ESC governing boards and establishes a new structure for choosing governing board members to be appointed by “clients” that have entered into service agreements with the ESC.
- Defines an ESC client as any local government, school district, community school, chartered nonpublic school or science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) school.

ESC funding

- Reduces state subsidy for ESCs by 22.5% in FY 2014 and by an additional 27.7% in FY 2015.
- Eliminates supervisory services unit funding and the \$6.50 per-pupil transfer from the local district.
- Replaces the special education preschool units and gifted units with funding at the local district.

K-3 literacy voucher

- Expands eligibility for the EdChoice voucher program to K-3 students enrolled in buildings that receive a “D” or “F” in “making

progress in improving K-3 literacy” on the new report card in two of the three most recent report cards.

- Funding for this voucher would be deducted from the resident school district.

Income-based voucher

- Creates a “HB 136-like” voucher based on family income at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines.
- Applies to every school district in the state, regardless of the academic rating of the district school.
- Funding for this voucher would come from the Lottery Profits Education Fund, which would otherwise be used for public schools.

Subgroup compliance — privatization of education

- Requires schools to outsource services for the following subgroups of students if they fail to show “consistent progress”: gifted education, economically disadvantaged students, English language learners and students with disabilities.
- Fails to define the term “consistent progress.”
- Funding within the formula for each of these subgroups would be diverted to the third-party provider.

For the latest legislative updates, contact the OSBA legislative division at (800) 589-6722.

Editor’s note: All information in this article was current as of March 29.



ESC Workshop

Monday, May 13

9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

OSBA office, 8050 N.
High St., Columbus

Cost is \$150

Board members and
administrators are
invited

Plan to attend this annual event. This year's program will include topics and information you need in these challenging times, including:

- Budget and resources — challenges, opportunities and legislative issues.
- ESC sustainability through program and process assessment, collaboration and best practices.

Register by contacting **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, ext. 284; (800) 589-OSBA; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

OSBA Transportation Workshop

Putting you in the driver's seat

Date and location: Thursday, May 30 **Time:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel

Columbus-Worthington, Columbus

Cost: \$150, includes lunch

This seminar will focus on three specific aspects of Ohio school transportation — school bus purchase and leasing (installment purchase) options, computerized routing and on-board recording technology.



Transportation vendors will explain the options and technology in an interactive presentation and review the advantages for Ohio schools. They also will be available for one-on-one discussions about their specific products.

Join OSBA to learn how you can afford to buy a new bus (or buses), successfully implement a high-tech routing solution and place recording devices where they can see the occupants of your buses, as well as the motorists passing them. This workshop meets the administration training requirement in Ohio Administrative Code 3301-83-06.

To register for the workshop, contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, ext. 284; (800) 589-OSBA; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

Board Leadership Institute

Organizational leadership for tomorrow's schools

April 26-27, 2013 • Hilton Columbus/Polaris, north Columbus

Benefits:

- ◆ Participate in a program designed exclusively for and by board members
- ◆ Experience a comprehensive two-day training event
- ◆ Hear nationally acclaimed speakers
- ◆ Strengthen board governance skills
- ◆ Choose from 16 breakout sessions
- ◆ Network with other board members
- ◆ Receive a CD with all of the handouts from this board member-only event

Good decisions require informed decision makers

As a member of your school district's governing body, you are called at every meeting to make decisions. Some decisions are easy; others complicated. So, what can be done to improve board member development?

Almost all board members agree they could use more training in tackling school district problems. When asked how, board members say they want training that is highly task-oriented, takes a short period of time and is done in small groups led by outstanding instructors.

To meet these requests, OSBA worked with board

members across the state to develop the 12th annual Board Leadership Institute. The two-day workshop is specifically designed for board members and will focus on a wide range of topics. Participants will have the opportunity to hear keynote speakers, choose from among 18 breakout sessions and network with each other.

Twenty points will be awarded for attendance at the institute, which may be applied toward receiving OSBA's Award of Achievement and Master Board Member award.

Keynote speakers set the tone for BLI

OSBA has invited Ohio Attorney General **Mike DeWine** to kick off on Friday, April 26. A former U.S. representative, U.S. senator and Ohio lieutenant governor, DeWine recently created the Attorney General's School Safety Task Force, made up of educators, school associations and local law enforcement and first responders. OSBA is part of the task force, which will make recommendations on school safety policy.

State Board of Education President **Debe Terhar** will close BLI on Saturday, April 27. Hear an update on state education reform efforts and what they mean to local school boards.



DeWine



Terhar

Registration and hotel details

BLI will be held in Columbus on April 26 and 27. Cost for the institute is \$240, and includes continental breakfast and lunch on both days and materials. To register, contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

The Hilton Columbus/Polaris will be the site of the 2013

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

For more details, visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/board-leadership-institute.

Agenda

April 26

8 a.m. — Registration and continental breakfast

9:15 a.m. — Opening general session with Mike DeWine

10:45 a.m. — Student achievement

- ◆ Beyond the buzz about blended learning
- ◆ Measuring what matters
- ◆ The road map to Ohio's next generation of assessments

12:15 p.m. — Lunch

1:30 p.m. — Finance

- ◆ A wellness checkup for your financial forecast
- ◆ Negotiations 101 and bargaining trends
- ◆ The many shades of the budget and school funding

3 p.m. — Legal/legislative

- ◆ Moving forward together — preparing for HB 555 and other changes
- ◆ Trick or tweet — legal concerns with board members' use of social media
- ◆ The many shades of the budget and school funding

4:30 p.m. — Adjourn — Dinner on your own

April 27

7:30 a.m. — Buffet breakfast

8:15 a.m. — Board development

- ◆ That works for me — veteran board members' advice for getting good work done
- ◆ A new perspective on micromanagement — policy and practice
- ◆ Board champions — winning with difficult people

9:45 a.m. — Critical issues

- ◆ A look at controversial school safety and security measures — are any of them right for your district?
- ◆ How I met your mother ... and her attorney
- ◆ Skinnier, smarter Ohio schools

11:15 a.m. — Hot topics

- ◆ A look at controversial school safety and security measures — are any of them right for your district?
- ◆ Issues on the radar screen in high school athletics
- ◆ Affordable Health Care Act and schools

12:30 p.m. — Closing luncheon with Debe Terhar



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WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Management Development Series #2: Bring Your Own Technology

☐ April 18, Columbus, \$90

Board Leadership Institute

☐ April 26-27, Columbus, \$240

Criminal records checks: Who needs to be checked and when webinar

☐ May 9, \$35

ESC workshop

☐ May 13, Columbus, \$150

OSBA Transportation Workshop

☐ May 30, Columbus, \$150

OSBA Workshop Registration Form

Workshop name _____ Workshop date _____

Attendee name _____ Title _____

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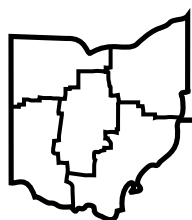
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REGIONAL ROUNDUP

compiled by Angela Penquite, senior communication design manager

Spring conferences honor district, board member achievements

In March, nearly 1,200 board members, administrators, teachers and guests attended OSBA's regional spring conferences held in six locations across the state.

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

OSBA President **Charlie Wilson, Worthington City**, OSBA Executive Director **Richard Lewis** and a number of association staff members traveled to all of the conferences to greet attendees and present OSBA updates.

If you attended a regional conference, you are eligible for five credits toward the OSBA Award of Achievement. For more information on the Award of Achievement program, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/43085> or contact OSBA.

Following is a summary of spring conferences from reports submitted by regional managers, who organize and oversee the annual spring and fall meetings. Visit OSBA's Flickr page at www.flickr.com/photos/ohschoolboards/ to view photos from the

conferences. To learn more about OSBA's regions or get contact information for your regional managers, visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/Regions.

Central Region

by Dr. Michael G. Grote
regional manager

The March 19 Central Region Spring Conference at Villa Milano set new attendance records, with 402 attending, representing 54% of the region's districts.

The conference began with a performance by **Madison Plains Local's (Madison)** High School band, followed by dinner. Central Region President **Ken Morlock**, Madison-Plains Local, was the evening's master of ceremonies. OSBA President Wilson shared research on the lack of effectiveness of charter schools. OSBA Lobbyist **Jay Smith** discussed the current state legislative agenda and OSBA Executive Director Lewis provided some advice on the importance of working as a team. The keynote address by Ohio University President Dr. **Roderick J. McDavis** was meaningful and well-delivered, addressing the importance of universities working with K-12 schools.

The region recognized several retiring superintendents who have

been consistent supporters of the region's activities, including Dr. **David Axner, Dublin City**; Dr. **J. Daniel Good, Westerville City**; Dr. **Gene T. Harris, Columbus City**; **Dale McVey, Hilliard City**; **Judith Dobbert-Meloy, Whitehall City**; and Dr. **Jeffrey W. Weaver, Upper Arlington City**. The region also honored retiring Central Region Executive Committee member **Dean Ramsey, Licking County ESC** and **Career and Technology Education Centers of Licking County**.

Numerous schools received plaques, designating them as "Outstanding Schools of Central Region" based on their recognition by *US News & World Report*, *Newsweek*, the U.S. Department of Education's Blue Ribbon status or the Ohio Department of Education's School of Promise status.

Twenty-seven school board members were presented with certificates honoring their 10 years of service, and **Jeff Meyers, Madison Local (Richland)**, was recognized for his 15 years of service. Nine board members were honored for serving 20 years.

Eight board members were recognized for receiving the OSBA Award of Achievement. **Joyce Galbraith, ESC of Central Ohio**

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and **Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technical Schools; Cathy Johnson, South-Western City**; and OSBA President Wilson received the National School Boards Association's School Board Member National Recognition award for their leadership and participation in state and national meetings.

Mark your calendar for the Central Region Fall Conference on Wednesday, Sept. 25 at Villa Milano. Visit the Central Region website at www.centralregionosba.org to download nomination forms for the fall recognitions.

Northeast Region

by Terri Neff
regional manager

March 6 marked the Northeast Region Spring Conference. Copley High School was the setting for this recognition and meeting of 110 local school board members and administrators from districts throughout the region's 19 counties.

Extra thanks go to **Copley-Fairlawn City Superintendent Brian Poe** and administrators **Aaron Sable, Steven L. Robinson, Matt Young** and **Timothy Oden** for their help with setup, arrangements and organization for the conference.

Northeast Region President **Julie Schafer**, Copley-Fairlawn City, facilitated the evening's program. The spring conference started with a social hour and networking, followed by a student performance in the high school auditorium. In keeping with this year's theme, "Setting the stage for

student success," the school's Introduction to Theatre class delighted attendees by performing a **Jonathan Rand** play entitled "Check, Please!" The play was timely and funny, and the student actors, directed by **Maggie Steffen**, were terrific.

Following the performance, attendees gathered in the Commons Area for the remainder of the program. Copley High School Chef Prep students, under the guidance of instructor **Joe Schmeltzer**, prepared a fabulous dinner. Copley High School is part of the Four Cities Educational Compact, and the Chef Prep program is housed at Copley High School.

OSBA President Wilson greeted attendees and urged them to become more involved in the defense of public education. OSBA Director Lewis provided updates on various OSBA programs and initiatives, and OSBA Director of Legislative Services **Damon Asbury** offered a legislative update.

Schafer and Wilson, assisted by Lewis and OSBA Deputy Executive Director **Rob Delane**, presented the evening's awards and recognitions.

Natalie Cooper, one of the six region nominees for Ohio Teacher of the Year, attended the conference to receive her award. A physics teacher with **West Geauga Local (Gauga)**, she recently implemented a robotics program at West Geauga High School, and her students have won local and national robotics competitions.

The region honored 24 board

members with the Award of Achievement. **Mary Kaley, Southeast Local (Portage)** and **Maplewood Career Center; Christine Seuffert, Ashtabula Area City**; and **Sue Williams, Southeast Local (Wayne)** and **Wayne County Schools Career Center** were recognized for achieving Master Board Member status. The region also recognized 54 board members for 10 years of service, three for 15 years and 21 for 20 years.

Susie Lawson, Tri-County ESC and **Wayne County Schools Career Center**, was recognized for receiving the National School Boards Association's School Board Member National Recognition award.

The Northeast Region is looking forward to returning to the Galaxy Restaurant for its Fall Conference on Oct. 2.

Northwest Region

by Dr. Judy Jackson May
regional manager

The Northwest Region Spring Conference was held at the **Penta Career Center** in Perrysburg on March 14. The region welcomed 209 guests from 27 of the region's districts.

The conference theme was "Recognizing acts of kindness in the Northwest Region." Attendees were welcomed by the Northwest Region Arrangements and Hospitality Committee and Executive Committee. The Penta Career Center Culinary Arts Program catered the event

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beginning with appetizers during registration and the social period, followed by dinner and dessert.

Northwest Region President **Eric Germann, Lincolnview Local (Van Wert)**, served as the master of ceremonies. **Kenneth E. Ault, Wood County ESC**, led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the invocation, and Penta Career Center Superintendent **Ron Matter** welcomed attendees. **Toledo City Superintendent Dr. Jerome Pecko** introduced the evening's entertainment, which included Toledo City's Start High School Chamber Winds and Scott High School Spotlight Choir.

OSBA President Wilson and

Executive Director Lewis offered a welcome and remarks, followed by a legislative update by Deputy Director of Legislative Services **Michelle Francis**.

The region honored Germann for receiving Master Board Member status, and 11 board members were recognized with the OSBA Award of Achievement. Dr. **Paul R. Lockwood II, North Point ESC and EHOVE Career Center**, received the National School Boards Association's School Board Member National Recognition award.

Virgil Hohlbein, Putnam County ESC, was presented with a 15-year veteran board member certificate by his daughter **Renee**

Kelch.

The Northwest Region Excellence in Community Service Award was presented to:

● **Ottoville Local's (Putnam) After School Program**;

● **Kalida Local's (Putnam) National Honor Society Toys for Tots program and the High School Cats Who Care program**;

● **Ottawa-Glandorf Local's (Putnam) Art Club and Intervention classrooms**; the Ottawa-Glandorf High School Student Council Teens for Jeans Drive; and the Ottawa-Glandorf High School National Honor Society Chapter's diaper drive for

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MDS #2: Bring your own technology — possibilities and challenges

Thursday, April 18
OSBA office, Columbus

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

Bring-your-own-technology (BYOT) programs are in the forefront of many conversations on education trends. There are many considerations when deciding if a BYOT program is right for your district or school. Whether your district has a BYOT program in place or is considering starting one, this workshop is for you.

Oak Hills Local (Hamilton) Schools, a nationally recognized leader in BYOT programs, will provide practical training for districts that want to implement a BYOT program. The workshop will cover general program development and implementation, infrastructure concerns, policies and procedures, and challenges and how they can be addressed. We also will discuss what a BYOT program looks like on a daily basis for students and staff. Bring your own iPad, tablet or other personal device and be prepared to learn during this interactive workshop.

Agenda

9:30 a.m.	Registration
10 a.m.	Welcome and overview
10:10 a.m.	Planning a BYOT program
11:30 a.m.	Addressing infrastructure concerns

Noon	Lunch (provided)
12:30 p.m.	Policies and procedures
1:15 p.m.	Digital passports
2 p.m.	Questions and final thoughts

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. Cost for the workshop is \$90 per attendee, and includes lunch and materials. To register, contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. You can register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/event_listing.

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the Putnam County Help Me Grow organization;

- **Oregon City's** Clay High School Visual Communications class;
- **Miller City-New Cleveland Local (Putnam)** High School Shout Out for Sydney and the Miller City-New Cleveland FFA;
- **Toledo City's** Longfellow Elementary School volunteer **Tracey Clark**, nominated by Principal **Yolanda Johnson**.

Taking top honors in the Excellence in Community Service Awards were:

- **Ottawa-Glandorf Local's** Glandorf Elementary Annual Cotton Ball Sale;
- **Leipsic Local's (Putnam)** Hoops for Hope;
- **Toledo City's** Keyser Elementary volunteers **Rick** and **Carol Graeter**, nominated by Principal **Ed Kaser**;

- **Kelch**, coordinator of Youth Ministry at the Ottoville Immaculate Conception Parish Youth Group, nominated by Hohlbein.

The Northwest Region Humanitarian Award was presented to:

- **Gibsonburg EV** Middle and High School Student Councils and the Hilfiker Elementary Student Council;
- **Oregon City's** Eisenhower Middle School student **Erek Hansen**;
- **Crestview Local (Van Wert)** Student Council and Senior Class Walking for the Dealey's Campaign.

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

- **Toledo City's** Bowsher High School volunteer **Chris Varwig**,

nominated by district board member **Lisa Sobecki**;

- **Oregon City** Business Manager **Dean E. Sandwisch**, nominated by district board member **Diana Gadus**;

- **William Lally**, retired North Point ESC superintendent, and **Dan McCarthy**, retired North Point ESC assistant superintendent, nominated by Lockwood;

- **Fremont City** Superintendent Dr. **Traci L. McCaudy**, nominated by district board members **Cindy Young** and **Alex Gorobetz**;

- **Oregon City** Superintendent Dr. **Michael Zalar**, nominated by district board members **Carol-Ann Molnar** and **Gadus**.

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

- **Lima City** Board President **Dennis Williams**, nominated by district Director of Arts **Sally Windle**;
- **Oregon City's** Clay High School teacher **Robert Bundy**, nominated by Gadus and district Director of Career Technology **Steve Bialoucki**;
- **Toledo City's** Old West End Elementary School volunteer **Naomi Thompson**, nominated by Principal **Tiffani Conner**;
- **Lima City** Superintendent **Jill Ackerman**, nominated by Williams and Windle.

The 2012 Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair Recognitions were presented to **Arcadia Local (Hancock)**, Oregon City, Penta Career Center, **Clyde-**

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Criminal records checks: Who needs to be checked and when

Thursday, May 9 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Cost is \$35 webinar

Due to popular demand, the OSBA Division of Legal Services is repeating this webinar that was originally held on Feb. 27.

In 2008, House Bill 190 required districts to conduct criminal records checks for job applicants and employees. Subsequent criminal records checks are required every five years for certain school employees. This year marks the first time these checks must be updated. But which employees are subject to criminal records checks, what checks do they need, when should they occur and how are they accomplished? This webinar will review the answers to these questions and include practical resources to help districts comply with the law.

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Green Springs EV and Toledo City.

Wood County ESC and **Springfield Local (Lucas)** were honored for 10 years of consecutive attendance at the conference by at least four members. The final event of the evening was a tribute to Northwest Region Past President **David Spridgeon**, Arcadia Local.

Upcoming events:

- Northwest Region Executive Committee meeting on Sunday, June 9 at 1 p.m. at Bowling Green State University.
- Northwest Region Fall Conference on Thursday, Oct. 3 at 5:30 p.m. at **Apollo Career Center** in Lima.

Southeast Region

by **Paul D. Mock**
regional manager

The Southeast Region enjoyed two well-attended spring conferences, with 183 registered representing 35 of the region's 84 districts.

Southeast Region President **Daniel L. Hothem**, **River View Local (Coshocton)** and **Coshocton County Career Center**, presided over both conferences, while OSBA Executive Director Lewis and OSBA President Wilson provided greetings and updates from the association.

Scioto County Career Center in Lucasville was the setting for the March 5 Spring Conference. Dinner was prepared by Cafeteria Manager **Lettie Gullett** and Culinary Arts Instructor **Kim McCray**. Student organizations and their advisors assisting with the evening's event were the

Business Professionals of America, HOSA, SkillsUSA and the Criminal Justice program. The career center's color guard presented the American flag, and Hothem led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Entertainment was provided by **Scioto Valley Local's** (Pike) **Piketon High School Rockin' Redstreak Band**, directed by **Todd Peitz**.

OSBA Deputy Director of Legislative Services **Michelle Francis** presented an informative and timely legislative update. Southwest Region President-elect **Rick Foster**, **Manchester Local (Adams)**, was recognized as a special guest from the Southwest Region. Wilson, Hothem, Lewis and OSBA Deputy Executive Director **Rob Delane** recognized **Portsmouth City** and **Scioto County Career Center** for participating in the 2012 Student Achievement Fair.

Five veteran board members were honored for 10 years of service, and Dr. **Jeffrey Dill**, **Athens City**, and **Rory Phillips**, **Wheelersburg Local (Scioto)**, were honored for 20 years of service.

John L. Boyer, **Waverly City**, and OSBA Immediate Past President **Sharon E. Manson**, **Waverly City** and **Pike County Career Technology Center**, received the OSBA Award of Achievement.

The following districts were recognized for their registration and attendance: **Athens City** for having three board members and the superintendent in attendance; **Scioto County Career Center** for having four board members and

the superintendent and treasurer in attendance; and **Minford Local (Scioto)** for having three board members and the superintendent and treasurer in attendance.

Manson recognized **Greg Simonton** and **Joel Bradburne** from the U.S. Department of Energy with custom-designed regional clocks for their contributions to local school districts. Hothem presented beautiful wood-carved bookends to **Dannie Greene** for his recent service as an at-large member of the State Board of Education, and to Manson for her year as 2012 OSBA president. Hothem also recognized **Terry Halley**, **Gallia County Local (Gallia)**, with a gavel and plaque for his year as 2012 region president.

The March 7 spring conference was held at the **Belmont-Harrison Career Center** in St. Clairsville. The meal was prepared by Culinary Arts instructor **Bobbie Tom** and her students, and SkillsUSA students and their advisors assisted with the event. **West Muskingum Local's (Muskingum)** High School Jazz Band, directed by **Andy Ruetz**, entertained attendees. The band was later recognized as the region's performing arts ensemble at the 2012 Student Achievement Fair.

OSBA Lobbyist **Jay Smith** updated attendees on current legislative activity in Columbus.

Thirteen district programs were recognized for participating in the Student Achievement Fair at the

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2012 OSBA Capital Conference.

The region honored five board members for 10 years of service, and **Anne Hoffer, Zanesville City**, was recognized for 20 years of service. Five board members received the OSBA Award of Achievement.

The following districts were recognized for their registration and attendance: **Ridgewood Local (Coshocton)** for having three board members and the superintendent and treasurer in attendance; **Noble Local (Noble)** for having four board members and the superintendent and treasurer in attendance; **Franklin Local (Muskingum)** for having three board members and the superintendent and treasurer in attendance; **St. Clairsville-Richland City** for having three board members and the superintendent and treasurer in attendance; **Belpre City** for having three board members and the superintendent in attendance; **East Guernsey Local (Guernsey)** for having four board members and the superintendent in attendance; **East Muskingum Local (Muskingum)** for having three board members and the superintendent and treasurer in attendance; **Switzerland of Ohio Local (Monroe)** for having three board members and the superintendent and treasurer in attendance; **Zanesville City** for having three board members and the superintendent in attendance; and **Barnesville EV** for having five board members and the superintendent and treasurer in

attendance.

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 12 at the **Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC)** in Clayton. Southwest Region President **Jim Sommer, Greenville City**, presided. It was a great evening and the region's 13th consecutive spring conference with more than 200 attending. There were 256 registered, plus 20 members of the **Mississinawa Valley Local (Darke)** High School Kuroi Taka Taiko Drums, directed by **Rebecca Burnett**, and five members of the career center's Airforce Jr. ROTC cadets.

Bria Smith, a senior at **Trotwood-Madison City** and MVCTC, sang the national anthem. Southwest Region President-elect **Rick Foster, Manchester Local (Adams)**, led the Pledge of Allegiance with a moment of silence for the recent passing of Dr. **Al Kettlewell**, former Southwest Region secretary, and Dr. **George John**, a former **Montgomery County ESC** board member.

At the beginning of the meeting, Sommer announced two school districts were in attendance for the first time and 18 boards had four or more board members registered

for the event.

OSBA President-elect **JoAnn Feltner, Franklin City**, made a surprise presentation of the "Friend of the Southwest" award to **Greenfield EV** Superintendent **Terry Fouch**, who is retiring this summer after 41 years in education. A second "Friend of the Southwest" award was presented to **Wyoming City** Public Information Officer **Mary Killen**, who also is retiring. Wyoming City Superintendent Dr. **Sue Lang** accepted the award on her behalf.

OSBA Executive Director Lewis provided greetings and updates from the association. OSBA Director of Legislative Services **Damon Asbury** presented a comprehensive legislative report, including the state budget bill and pending education legislation.

OSBA President Wilson, Lewis, and Foster presented certificates to veteran board members in attendance with 10, 15 or 20 years of service to their school districts. Honored were 64 board members for 10 years of service, seven for 15 years and 13 for 20 years.

The fifth annual Effective School Board awards were presented to 25 board and administrative teams. Twenty boards earned the gold level award, four earned the silver level and one board received the bronze level award.

The fifth annual NSBA National School Board Recognition Award was presented to Feltner and **Donna J. Myers, Northwestern Local (Clark)** and **Springfield-**

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Bryan Bullock, assistant editor

Wooster City makes studying for state tests fun, memorable

A **Wooster City** class took a fun, high-tech approach to preparing for recent state tests.

Wooster High School students participated in all-day review sessions for the Ohio Graduation Test that took the format of an interactive game show. Science teacher **Eric Heller** led the review session, which allowed students to use a clicker system to answer questions.

As students “clicked in,” their individual answers were displayed

in real time on a screen in front of the class and responses appeared in bar graphs.

“(They will) be taking the OGT in two weeks,” biology teacher **Melanie Vinion** told a local newspaper. “They’re reviewing things from eighth and ninth grade.”

For correctly answering a question, teams earned points picked at random from a game chart also projected on a screen. The winning teams received

prizes, such as candy and Chipotle burritos.

Assistant Principal **Nolan Wickard** said the technology keeps students involved and provides instant feedback to teachers so they can cover concepts as needed.

“The clickers allow the teacher to get a pretty good temperature of the class,” Nolan told a local newspaper.

Source: *The (Wooster) Daily Record*

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Clark Career Technology Center.

This year, the region’s recognition program was expanded to honor individuals in seven different categories rather than five. The second annual individual awards were presented:

- Outstanding administrator — **Mike Sparks, Greene County Career Center;**
- Outstanding classified staff member — **Bev McHone, Warren County Career Center;**
- Outstanding faculty member — **Jennifer Noxsel, Ross Local (Butler);**
- Outstanding treasurer — **Debbie L. Gossett, MVCTC;**
- Outstanding superintendent — **Kenneth D. Morrison, Grant**

Career Center;

- Outstanding public/community relations person — **Rebecca Beckstedt, Great Oaks ITCD;**
- Outstanding board member in a neighboring district — **Donna Myers.**

The 2013 President’s Award was presented to **Matt Light**, founder/president of the Matt Light Foundation. The award was accepted by his father, **Bill Light**, who showed a video of their work with youth and proudly accepted the award on Matt’s behalf.

William D. Ferguson Jr., Hamilton County ESC and **Great Oaks ITCD**, and **Terry Gibson, Lockland Local (Hamilton)** and **Great Oaks ITCD**, were recognized

for earning Master Board Member status in 2012. Twenty-four board members received the OSBA Award of Achievement.

Additional activities will be taking place in the region. First, nominations are being solicited to honor the region’s outstanding student programs. The nomination deadline is June 30. The region also will be mailing forms for the 2013 Effective School Board awards.

The region is encouraging participation in the Student Achievement Fair at the Capital Conference. The deadline is May 24. And finally, the Southwest Treasurers Clinic will be Tuesday, Sept. 18 at the Savannah Center in West Chester.

April 2013

- 8 *Last day for voter registration for May election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30 days prior to the election).*
- 9 BoardDocs webinar: Information for non-users
- 13-15 NSBA Annual Conference San Diego
- 15 *Last day for certain board members and administrators to file financial disclosure forms with the Ohio Ethics Commission — RC 102.02.*
- 18 OSBA Management Development Series #2: Bring Your Own Technology — possibilities and challenges workshop Columbus
- 26-27 OSBA Board Leadership Institute Columbus
- 28 OSBA Southeast Region Executive Committee Meeting Zanesville
- 29 *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 teachers — RC 3319.11(D)(1); and nonteaching employees — RC 4141.29(1)(e).*

May 2013

- 1 Arming staff: how to approach the topic webinar
- 3 *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).*
- 7 BoardDocs webinar: Information for current users
- 7 *Primary/Special Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after the first Monday).*
- 8 OSBA Northeast Region Executive Committee Meeting TBD
- 8 *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).

- 9 Criminal records checks: Who needs to be checked and when webinar
- 13 OSBA ESC Workshop Columbus
- 17 OSBA Capital Conference Planning Task Force Meeting Columbus
- 17 OSBA Executive Committee Meeting Columbus
- 18 OSBA Board of Trustees Meeting Columbus
- 21 BoardDocs webinar: Information for districts considering paperless board meetings
- 30 OSBA Transportation Workshop: Putting You in the Driver's Seat Columbus

June 2013

- 1 *Last day to take action to nonrenew contracts of administrators other than superintendent and treasurer — RC 3319.02.*
- 9 Northwest Region Executive Committee Meeting (TBD)
- 14 OSCBA Spring Seminar Columbus
- 21 OSBA Sports Law Workshop Columbus