

BRIEF CASE

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OSBA president nominated for NSBA Board of Directors seat

OSBA President **Charlie Wilson**, **Worthington City**, has been chosen as the National School Boards Association (NSBA) Central Region nominee for the NSBA Board of Directors. Wilson was selected during the Central Region's annual meeting, July 19-21 in Minneapolis. If elected by the NSBA Delegate Assembly, he will begin serving a three-year term on the board. The Delegate Assembly will meet in April during the NSBA Annual Conference in New Orleans. Six members of the OSBA Executive Committee and association Executive Director **Richard Lewis** participated in the NSBA Central Region meeting.

Globalization, technology expert Zhao set for Capital Conference

Dr. **Yong Zhao** will headline the 2013 OSBA Capital Conference Second General Session. The conference is Nov. 10-13 in Columbus. Zhao is an internationally known scholar, author and speaker whose work focuses on the impact of globalization and technology on education. He has designed schools that cultivate global competence, created computer games for language learning and founded research institutions to explore innovative education models. He currently is the presidential chair and associate dean for global education at the University of Oregon's College of Education. For details, visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/2013-capital-conference.

Resignation creates third vacancy on State Board of Education

At-large State Board of Education member **Angela Thi Bennett** of East Cleveland has resigned. According to Gongwer News Service, Bennett left in anticipation of taking a job leading a Cleveland-area charter school. Gov. **John Kasich** appointed her to the board in 2011. Bennett's departure leaves three openings on the board for Kasich to fill, including an at-large seat formerly held by **Stanley Jackson**, whose term expired Dec. 31, and an elected seat that was held by **Jeff Hardin**, who died in March.

Conference hotel reservations open online Aug. 29

Capital Conference hotel reservations will be taken online on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 9 a.m. on Aug. 29. You must be registered for the conference or exhibiting in the Trade Show to be eligible for conference lodging. Once registered, housing information will be sent to your housing contact person. For details, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/85758>.

OSBA kicking off 12th annual Media Honor Roll program

It's time for school districts to submit selections for the 2013 OSBA Media Honor Roll. The program enables districts to recognize reporters and news outlets for

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Route workshop information to:

- Administrative assistants
- Administrators
- Assistant treasurers
- Principals
- School board candidates

providing fair, accurate education coverage. Honoring journalists covering your district can promote good relationships and balanced reporting. Details have been sent to superintendents, treasurers and communication directors. For more information and to make your selections, visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/media-honorroll. The deadline is Sept. 16.

Student Achievement Fair still has openings

OSBA strongly urges districts to nominate their top programs for the Student Achievement Fair, which will be held Nov. 12 during the Capital Conference. The fair features 100 booths of the most innovative school programs in the state. If transportation costs are an issue, districts might consider partnering with nearby school systems to travel to Columbus. To submit nominations, visit <http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/SAF>.

North Royalton students hold 31-day kindness campaign

North Royalton City students kicked off an effort in July to do a good deed every day of the month.

North Royalton High School senior **Brooklyn Barnes** created a website to help others get involved in the 31 Days of Kindness campaign. Students performed random acts of kindness — such as giving coffee to a bus driver or hiding caring messages in library books — and posted videos of their efforts on YouTube at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/21957>.

“I hope to impact at least one person,” Barnes told a local newspaper. “I don’t expect to change the whole world. I want to give people hope and let them know that it’s never too late to make change in the community.”

Source: *The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer*

A nomination form also can be found in this issue of the *Briefcase*.

Ohio Ethics Commission webinar series continues

The next Ohio Ethics Commission monthly webinar is scheduled for Sept. 3 at 10 a.m. Dates for the remaining webinars

are Oct. 11, 10 a.m.; Nov. 5, 1 p.m.; and Dec. 18, 1 p.m. The one-hour sessions focus on the Ohio Ethics Law. To register, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/86314>.

Magna Awards program accepting nominations

Nominations for the 2014 *American School Board Journal* Magna Awards are now being accepted online. Sponsored by Sodexo, the national recognition program honors school board best practices and innovative programs that promote student learning. Details are available at www.asbj.com/magna.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org
To help school districts prepare for the Common Core standards, OSBA has posted a number of resources on its website for convenient access. Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/common-core to learn more.



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BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, administrative assistant of communication services

Board changes

Clearview Local (Lorain) appointed Rev. **Danny Parsons** to the board effective immediately. He replaced **Eddie Corcino**, who resigned. ●●● **Elida Local (Allen)** appointed **Pat Schymanski** to the board effective July 15. He replaced **Brad A. Settlege**, who resigned. ●●● **Ledgemont Local (Geauga)** appointed **Joseph Lobdell** to the board effective immediately. He replaced **Bill Swan**, who resigned. ●●● **Leetonia EV Board of Education** member **Douglas Jones** announced his resignation effective Aug. 1. He is moving out of the district. ●●● **Madison Local (Butler)** appointed **Brad Miller** to the board effective immediately. He replaced **Mike Miller**, who died in May. ●●● **Madison-Plains Local (Madison)** appointed **Rick Blosser** to the board effective July 16. He replaced **Michael Brandt**, who resigned due to moving out of the district. ●●● **Orange City** appointed **Melanie Weltman** to the board effective Aug. 12. ●●● **Painesville City Local (Lake)** appointed **Alison Rossman** to the board effective immediately. She replaced **Gerald Kalb**, who resigned. ●●● **South-Western City** appointed **Lee Schreiner** to the board effective July 8. He replaced **Jo Ellen Myers**, who resigned due to moving out of the district. ●●● **Southwest Licking Local (Licking)** Board of Education member **Cindy Zaino** announced her resignation effective July 18. ●●● **Streetsboro City** appointed **Brian Violi** to the board effective immediately. He replaced **Cynthia Pennock-Hanish**, who resigned.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Carey EV hired **Michael A. Wank** as superintendent effective Sept. 1. He will replace Interim Superintendent **Rod Russell**. Wank currently is the superintendent at **Seneca East Local (Seneca)**. ●●● **Crestline EV** hired **Noreen Mullens** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. She replaced **Ken Miller**, who announced his resignation effective July 8. Mullens previously was the director of curriculum and special education at **Fort Frye Local (Washington)**. ●●● **Cuyahoga Heights Local (Cuyahoga)** hired **Joseph Bergant II** as interim superintendent effective Aug. 1. He replaced Dr. **Edwin S. Holland**, who resigned to take the superintendent position at **Orange City**. Bergant previously was the superintendent at **Chardon Local (Geauga)**. ●●● **Grant Career Center** hired **Lisa L. Tuttle-Huff** as superintendent effective immediately. She replaced **Kenneth D. Morrison**, who retired. Tuttle-Huff previously worked at **Butler Tech**. ●●● **Huntington Local (Ross)** hired **Keith Stevenson** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He replaced **Jerry Mowery**, who took the superintendent position at **Zane Trace Local (Ross)**. Stevenson previously was the district's high school principal. ●●● **Lakota Local (Sandusky)** hired **Jon Detwiler** as superintendent effective immediately. He replaced **David M. Danhoff**, who announced his resignation effective July 31 to take the chief of staff and transformation officer position at **Sandusky City**. Detwiler previously was the middle school principal at **Clyde-Green Springs EV**. ●●● **Lucas Local (Richland)** hired **Dan Freund** as superintendent effective Sept. 1. He will replace **Steven E. Dickerson**, who is retiring. Freund previously was the superintendent at **Mansfield City**. ●●● **Mapleton Local (Ashland)** hired **Rodney Hopton** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He replaced **John L. Marks**, who took the superintendent position at **Ridgewood Local (Coshocton)**. Hopton previously

Editor's note

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

was the director of pupil services at **Wooster City**. ●●● **New London Local (Huron)** hired **Bradley Romano** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He replaced **Carol A. Girton**, who retired. Romano previously was the district's high school principal. ●●● **Niles City** hired Interim Superintendent **Frank Danso** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. ●●● **Osnaburg Local (Stark)** hired **Mel Lioi** as interim superintendent effective Aug. 1. She replaced **Melissa Marconi**, who took a principal position at **Tuslaw Local (Stark)**. ●●● **Sheffield-Sheffield Lake City** hired **Michael Cook** as superintendent effective Jan. 1. He will replace Dr. **Will R. Folger**, who is retiring effective Dec. 31. Cook currently is the district's high school principal. ●●● **Wickliffe City** Superintendent Dr. **Rosemary Gornik** announced her resignation effective immediately. She has taken a position at Kent State University. The district hired Dr. **James Costanza** as interim superintendent effective Aug. 1. ●●● **Zane Trace Local (Ross)** hired **Jerry Mowery** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He replaced **Richard Spindler**, who took the superintendent position at **Berne Union Local (Fairfield)**. Mowery previously was the superintendent at **Huntington Local (Ross)**. ●●● **Green Local (Summit)** hired **Kevin Finefrock** as assistant superintendent effective Aug. 1. He previously was an elementary school principal in the district. ●●● **Minford Local (Scioto)** hired **Barbara A. Dever** as assistant superintendent effective immediately. She currently is the district's high school principal. ●●● **Olmsted Falls City** hired **Kelli Cogan** as assistant superintendent effective immediately. She replaced Assistant Superintendent Dr. **James L. Lloyd**, who was hired as the district's superintendent. Cogan previously was a principal at **Avon Lake City**. ●●● **Painesville City Local (Lake)** hired **Joshua Englehart** as assistant superintendent effective immediately. He replaced **Denise Ward**, who took an administrative position at **Warrensville Heights City**. ●●● **Wyoming City** Assistant Superintendent **Susan Wells Brunk** announced her resignation effective Aug. 1. She has taken a principal position at **Forest Hills Local (Hamilton)**.

Treasurers

Waynesfield-Goshen Local (Auglaize) hired **Tonia Hovest** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. She replaced **Douglas L. Passet**, who resigned. Hovest previously worked in the state auditor's office.

Sympathies

Former **Antwerp Local (Paulding)** and **Union-Scioto Local (Ross)** Superintendent **Ralph D. Brown** died July 15. He was 85. ●●● **Don Elmer Gernert**, a member of the former **Bloomville** Board of Education in Seneca County, died July 9. He was 82. ●●● Former **Columbus City** Board of Education member **Robert Woodson Teater** died July 21. He was 86. ●●● Former **Crestwood Local (Portage)** and **Maplewood Career Center** boards of education member **Pearl Edgar Campbell** died July 22. She was 89. ●●● Former **Dayton City** Board of Education member **William E. Goodwin** died July 18. He was 82. ●●● **Walter Joe Neidhardt**, a member of the former **Franklin County** and **Central Ohio JVS** boards of education, died July 5. He was 84. ●●● Former **Fort Recovery Local (Mercer)** Board of Education member **Maurice J. Grieshop** died July 24. He was 82. ●●● Former **Greenon Local (Clark)** Board of Education member **Jack Mounts Jr.** died July 12. He was 77. ●●● **Helen A. Minoff**, a member of the former **Gypsum** Board of Education in Ottawa County, died July 12. She was 102. ●●● Former **Lake County** and **Auburn JVS** boards of education member **Robert E. Schupp** died July 20. He was 85. ●●● **Virginia R. Hoffman**, a member of the former **Mecca Township** Board of Education in Trumbull County, died July 25. She was 97. ●●● Former **Salem City** Board of Education member **Michael "Mike" J. Fenske** died July 14. He was 69. ●●● Former **Springfield City** Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Dr. **Robert H. Lehman** died July 20. He was 88. ●●● Former **Struthers City** Board of Education member **Harold L. Milligan** died July 24. He was 102. ●●● Former **Wadsworth City** Assistant Superintendent and Treasurer **George O. Mayer Jr.** died July 17. He was 85. ●●● Former **West Liberty-Salem Local (Champaign)** Board of Education member **Elizabeth "Betty" I. Wirick** died July 19. She was 87.

Correction

The July 22 *Briefcase* incorrectly reported on page 4 that **Buckeye Valley Local (Delaware)** Treasurer **Sandra M. Griscom** was retiring. Griscom resigned, rather than retired, to take the fiscal project manager position at TRECA. The *Briefcase* apologizes for the error.



Showcase outstanding student programs at the 2013 Student Achievement Fair

"The Student Achievement Fair is the centerpiece of the conference. ...The quality of the projects and performances gets better every year." — Kathy LaSota, OSBA Student Achievement Fair coordinator

Student Achievement Fair booths

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. While multiple programs may be submitted for consideration, no more than two per district will be selected, so districts should prioritize their submissions.

Applications may be submitted by mail or online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/SAF.

Student Achievement Fair application

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2013 • 11:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Student Achievement Fair booths: Title of program (please limit program title to 40 characters): _____

In 25 words or less, describe your **student achievement program**, including what others will learn from your booth. (You may submit additional material that describes your program.)

Will you need electricity? Yes No

Submitted by: _____
(Please inform the contact person as to your submission.)

Title: _____

Daytime phone: () _____

Email: _____
(Please print)

Contact person: _____

Title: _____

Daytime phone: () _____

Email: _____
(Please print)

Superintendent: _____

Email: _____
(Please print)

School district: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Ohio

ZIP: _____

If selected, your district's program will be showcased in a 10x10-foot booth that can accommodate up to five people. (More details to follow.) Applications may be submitted online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/SAF, or mail **student achievement program** applications to **Debby Hoopes**, senior administrative associate of search services, OSBA, 8050 N. High St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235. Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/SAF for specific details regarding the Student Achievement Fair.

OSBA Board Candidate Workshops

Are you “retiring” from board service? Do you otherwise anticipate an opening on your board of education? If so, OSBA encourages you and others on your board to consider community members who have the potential to be great board members. Please invite and encourage them — and any others you might already know of who hope to win election — to attend one of five Board Candidate Workshops to be held in August and September.

These five sessions, conducted by professional staff from OSBA, will lead candidates through a concise and valuable program to help them better understand the everyday roles and responsibilities of school board members and the legal aspects of being a board member. The cost to attend is \$90.



The dates and locations are:

Aug. 20 — Ohio University Inn, Athens
Aug. 22 — Hilton Garden Inn, Perrysburg
Aug. 27 — Dayton Marriott, Dayton

Sept. 5 — Northeast Ohio Medical University, Rootstown
Sept. 7 — OSBA office, Columbus

Directions to each location are on the OSBA website at www.ohioschoolboards.org/event_listing. All sessions (except Sept. 7) run from 6 p.m.–9 p.m., with registration and buffet beginning at 5:30 p.m. The session on Sept. 7 runs from 9 a.m.–noon (registration begins at 8:30 a.m.).

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

OSBA webinar

Learning delivered to your computer



Learn about issues relevant to public education through OSBA’s webinars. These sessions offer an informal, convenient way to learn in your office or home.

To register for this webinar, contact Senior Events Manager **Laurie Miller** at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. You also can register by visiting www.ohioschoolboards.org/event_listing. Once registered, you will receive a link to view the webinar, so if you can’t view the webinar live, you can watch the recorded version later.

Trick or tweet — legal concerns with the use of social media

Thursday, Aug. 15, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. • Cost is \$35

The district’s use of social media comes with many responsibilities. This webinar will help you identify your legal responsibilities in an area where the law is dynamic and, quite honestly, behind the times. Join two OSBA attorneys for a look at social media as a public record, the district’s ability to regulate comments and feedback on social media, the records management challenges associated with using social media and more!

2013 Treasurers' Clinics

*Sharing knowledge, developing solutions
and growing professionally*

- ◆ **Designed for treasurers, business managers, board members, administrators and treasurer's office personnel**
- ◆ **Fulfill local and state professional development needs, including CPE and auditor of state in-service credits**
- ◆ **Five convenient locations across Ohio**

Choose the date and location that best fits your schedule:

Friday, Sept. 6	Northeast Ohio Medical University, Rootstown
Tuesday, Sept. 10	Ohio University Inn and Conference Center, Athens
Wednesday, Sept. 18	Savannah Center, West Chester
Friday, Sept. 20	Embassy Suites, Columbus
Tuesday, Sept. 24	Hilton Garden Inn, Perrysburg

Plan now to attend the 2013 OSBA Treasurers' Clinics to be held in five locations around the state. These clinics provide the most current information on school district fiscal issues. Treasurers, business managers, board members, administrators and treasurer's office personnel are encouraged to attend.

The Treasurers' Clinics offer timely information on a multitude of topics relevant to all members of a district's management team. Attendees also can fulfill their local and state professional development needs, including in-service, LPDC and continuing professional education credits.

Registration and continental breakfast begin at 8 a.m. The fee is \$150, which includes registration, continental breakfast, lunch and materials. You can register by contacting **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Trick or tweet — legal concerns with the use of social media

Aug. 15, webinar, \$35

OSBA Board Candidate Workshop

- Aug. 20, Athens, \$90
- Aug. 22, Perrysburg, \$90
- Aug. 27, Dayton, \$90
- Sept. 5, Rootstown, \$90
- Sept. 7, Columbus, \$90

Treasurers' Clinics

- Sept. 6, Rootstown, \$150
- Sept. 10, Athens, \$150
- Sept. 18, West Chester, \$150
- Sept. 20, Columbus, \$150
- Sept. 24, Perrysburg, \$150

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.



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Phone or fax

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



Email registrations can be sent to Laurie Miller at Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. Please include a purchase order number.

You may register on our website at www.ohioschoolboards.org. Events are listed at the bottom of the page. You will need a username and password.

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.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Michelle Francis, deputy director of legislative services

Breaking down the education components of House Bill 59

After five months of deliberations, a new school-funding formula, a major expansion of vouchers, drastic changes to JVSD governance and last-minute tax reform changes, the General Assembly passed the state biennial budget in late June.

The appropriation items in House Bill 59, the \$62 billion budget for fiscal years (FY) 2014-2015, became effective when the governor signed the legislation June 30. But the nonappropriation items will not go into effect for 90 days from that date unless otherwise indicated in the bill. Following are some highlights of the education portions of the budget.

- Basic aid
 - ◆ Creates a new funding formula.
 - ◆ Sets per-pupil basic aid at \$5,745 in FY 2014 and \$5,800 in FY 2015 (used to calculate the Core Opportunity Grant).
 - ◆ No traditional chargeoff; the new State Share Index (SSI) determines state and local contributions.
 - ◆ Basic aid amount is multiplied by the SSI.
- Targeted assistance
 - ◆ New Tier 2 funding based on a district's capacity to raise discretionary funds locally;

based on six mills scaled by the wealth index.

- ◆ Districts with a significant portion of property under Current Agricultural Use Value (CAUV) receive additional consideration.
- Economically disadvantaged aid
 - ◆ \$269 per pupil in FY 2014 and \$272 in FY 2015.
 - ◆ Calculated by multiplying the per-pupil amount by the squared poverty index by the poverty average daily membership (ADM).
- Limited-English-proficient funding: Calculated by multiplying one of three categories with set amounts by the SSI.
- Special education funding
 - ◆ Calculated by multiplying one of six "weighted" category amounts by the SSI.
 - ◆ Increases catastrophic costs funding to \$40 million each year.
- K-3 literacy funding, provided via two tiers
 - ◆ Tier 1: \$125 per pupil in FY 2014 and \$175 in FY 2015; calculated by multiplying the per-pupil amount by the kindergarten through third-grade ADM by the SSI.
 - ◆ Tier 2 : \$86 per pupil in FY 2014 and \$115 in FY 2015; calculated by multiplying the

per-pupil amount by the kindergarten through third-grade ADM. This portion is provided by the state in its entirety.

- Gifted funding: \$5 per pupil in FY 2014 and \$5.05 in FY 2015 for identification; unit funding for services.
- Career-tech funding: Calculated by multiplying one of three categories with set amounts by the SSI.
- Transportation
 - ◆ Revises the transportation funding formula and eliminates the following components: efficiency factor, high school transportation incentive, incentive to transport students within a two-mile limit and funding to account for transporting charter and private school students.
 - ◆ Includes supplemental transportation funding for low-wealth/low-density districts.
- Guarantees/transitional aid: 191 districts on the guarantee in FY 2014 and 177 districts in FY 2015.
- Gain caps
 - ◆ 6.25% in FY 2014 and 10.5% FY 2015.
 - ◆ Affects 342 districts in FY 2014 and 242 districts in FY 2015.

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● Vouchers

- ◆ Creates a new income-based voucher for families who are at or below 200% of federal poverty guidelines, regardless of a school district’s academic rating. The program begins in FY 2014 for kindergarten students and adds the next grade higher in each subsequent year. The budget appropriates \$25.5 million over the biennium from the Lottery Profits Education Fund to pay for the program.
- ◆ Expands EdChoice voucher eligibility in the 2016-17 school year to students in the kindergarten through third-grade buildings that receive a “D” or an “F” on the new K-3 literacy component of the new report card in two of the three most recent report cards.
- ◆ Requires private schools to administer the state achievement

tests to all of their students if at least 65% of the students are participating in any of Ohio’s four voucher programs. However, parents not using a voucher can opt their children out of this provision.

- Educational service centers
 - ◆ Retains the \$6.50 per-pupil deduction.
 - ◆ Repeals the requirement that ESCs provide supervisory services to client districts and repeals the unit funding for those services.
 - ◆ Sets the per-pupil state aid amount at \$37 in FY 2014 and \$35 in FY 2015.
- Joint vocational school districts
 - ◆ Creates five new weights for career-tech categories.
 - ◆ The formula uses the same basic aid per-pupil amounts as traditional districts.
 - ◆ Funding components are similar to traditional districts,

but without the K-3 literacy component and targeted assistance funding.

- ◆ The state share percentage is based on the JVSD formula instead of the SSI.
- JVSD governance
 - ◆ Overhauls the way JVSD boards are appointed and drastically changes their governance structure.
 - ◆ Requires JVSD board members to meet certain criteria in order to be appointed to the board.
- Tax reform: Eliminates the 10% and 2.5% rollback replacement payments for property taxpayers on new and replacement levies.
- ADM count
 - ◆ The October ADM count week continues for FY 2014.
 - ◆ Beginning in FY 2015, there must be three enrollment counts that will be annualized.
- Days to hours

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OSBA Executive Searches

If retaining a successful, long-term leader is a priority for your district, rely on OSBA!

Finding the right leader for your district will be among the most significant decisions you make as a board. For more than 30 years, the OSBA search process has proven successful in nearly 1,000 executive searches for Ohio’s diverse school districts and other related organizations. No one does it better!

For information on Ohio’s best administrative search team, call OSBA’s Kathy LaSota, Dr. Richard J. Caster or Cheryl W. Ryan at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.



PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Bryan Bullock, assistant editor

At-risk Cincinnati City students visit Yellowstone National Park

A group of at-risk Cincinnati City students recently experienced an unforgettable educational adventure: a trip to Yellowstone National Park.

The trip was organized by the Cincinnati Arts & Technology Center (CATC), which helps at-risk students in the school district make up course credits while emphasizing art instruction, character-building lessons, motivation and career exposure.

Ten CATC students were

selected for the trip; students had to complete a rigorous application process and commit to two months of preparation.

Through its parent organization, the National Center for Arts & Technology, CATC partnered with Park Journeys, the Yellowstone Park Foundation, Yellowstone Association and National Park Service to organize and fund the trip for students, many of whom come from low-income families.

Students learned about geology,

nutrition, wildlife, teamwork and self-reflection during the trip. They also maintained journals and blogs to reflect on their journey.

CATC will measure how the trip affects the students' academics and behavior next year.

"You can't go through this and not come out on the other side with a lot of transformation," Clara Martin, CEO of CATC, told a local newspaper. "That'll be different for every kid."

Source: *The (Cincinnati) Enquirer*

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- ◆ No changes in the 2013-14 school year.
- ◆ Beginning in 2014-15, the minimum school year will be based on hours rather than days.
- ◆ The current 182-day requirement will be converted to 455 hours for half-day kindergarten; 910 hours for all-day kindergarten and grades one through six; and 1,001 hours for grades seven through 12.
- ◆ Districts must conduct a public hearing on the school calendar 30 days prior to adopting it.
- School safety and security
 - ◆ School districts are authorized to levy a property tax

- exclusively for safety and security purposes.
- ◆ The legislation appropriates \$12 million from the Ohio School Facilities Commission for school safety and security grants to districts.
- ◆ Extracurricular activities Districts are required to allow home-schooled students the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities at their school of residence.
- ◆ Districts are permitted to allow home-schooled students who are not entitled to attend school in the district the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities if the district where the student is

- entitled to attend does not offer that extracurricular activity.
- ◆ Districts are required to allow private school students the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities at their school of residence if their private school does not offer the extracurricular activity.
- For the latest legislative updates, please contact the OSBA legislative division at (800) 589-6722.

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August 2013

- 12 Budget Analysis and Discussion Workshop Columbus
- 15 Trick or tweet — legal concerns with the use of social media webinar
- 18 Southeast Region Executive Committee Meeting Marietta
- 20 Board Candidate Workshop Athens
- 21 BoardDocs webinar: Information for districts considering paperless board meetings
- 22 Board Candidate Workshop ..Perrysburg
- 26 *Last day to file (by 4 p.m.) as a write-in candidate for November election — RC 3513.041 (72 days prior to the election).*
- 27 Board Candidate Workshop Dayton

September 2013

- 2 Treasurers' ClinicWorthington
- 3 SE Regional Legislative Liaison Meeting Zanesville
- 5 NE Regional Legislative Liaison Meeting Valley View
- 5 Board Candidate Workshop Rootstown
- 6 Treasurers' Clinic Rootstown
- 7 Board Candidate Workshop.. Columbus

- 9 NW Regional Legislative Liaison MeetingPerrysburg
- 10 Treasurers' Clinic Athens
- 13 OSBA Executive Committee Meeting Columbus
- 13 OSBA Board of Trustees Meeting Columbus
- 18 Treasurers' Clinic West Chester
- 20 Treasurers' Clinic Columbus
- 24 Treasurers' ClinicPerrysburg
- 21 BoardDocs webinar: Information for districts using BoardDocs
- 25 Central Region Fall Conference Columbus
- 26 Southeast Region Fall Conference Nelsonville
- 30 SW Regional Legislative Liaison Meeting Clayton

October 2013

- 1 *Last day for board to adopt annual appropriation measure — RC 5705.38(B).*
- 2 Northeast Region Fall ConferenceWadsworth
- 3 CR Regional Legislative Liaison Meeting Columbus
- 3 Northwest Region Fall Conference Lima

- 7* *Last day for voter registration for November election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30 days prior to the election).*
- 10 Southwest Region Fall Conference Dayton
- 15 *Last day for certification of average daily membership — RC 3317.03; last day for certification of licensed employees to State Board of Education — RC 3317.061.*
- 18 School Law for Treasurers Workshop Columbus
- 23 Intensive Legal Workshop Columbus
- 24 BoardDocs webinar: Information for districts considering paperless board meetings
- 24 *Pre-general election campaign finance reports must be filed by candidates, political action committees, caucus committees (legislative campaign funds) and political parties (by 4 p.m.) detailing contributions and expenditures from the last day reflected in the previous report through Oct. 16, 2013 — RC 3517.10.*
- 28* *Last day to submit certification for February income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to the election).*