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Northeast Region board member is 2018 OSBA president-elect nominee

The OSBA Nominating Committee has selected **John W. Halkias, Plain Local (Stark)**, as the association's 2018 president-elect nominee. If elected by the OSBA Delegate Assembly at the Capital Conference in November, he will serve a year as president-elect before becoming president in 2019. Halkias, who has been a Plain Local board member since 2000, serves on the OSBA Board of Trustees, Federal Relations Network and Rules Committee. He also is a member of OSBA's Northeast Region Executive Committee and was region president in 2015.

State expands options for earning industry-recognized credentials

Ohio's high school students now have access to 49 more industry-recognized credentials, thanks to the input of companies and industries across the state. The Ohio Department of Education added the credentials to guide career-based program development and help students prepare for in-demand jobs and careers. Some students go right into the workforce after earning credentials. For others, the credentials allow them to earn money to help finance college. A list of industry-recognized credentials is available at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/18612>.

Report examines links between schools, health care services

A Health Policy Institute of Ohio report takes a look at ways schools can play a role in improving and maintaining their students' health. The report recommends that schools include more health services, including mental health services, by partnering with health care providers. It also said that schools offering access to health services are more able to keep students in class and improve their academic achievement and long-term health. The report is posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/44206>.

Has your school district registered for the 2017 Capital Conference?

The 62nd annual OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show is set for Nov. 12-14 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. Registration materials and the conference program were sent to districts several weeks ago. The event features renowned speakers, more than 150 workshops, seminars, information sessions and networking events and a world-class education trade exhibition and Student Achievement Fair. Board members should contact their treasurer to register for the conference and special events. For details, visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org>.

St. Louis deputy superintendent named CEO of Lorain City Schools

The Lorain City Academic Distress Commission has named **David Hardy Jr.** as the district's CEO. Hardy comes to Lorain from St. Louis Public schools, where he served

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as deputy superintendent for academics. The district came under state oversight earlier this year via an amendment to House Bill (HB) 70. The General Assembly passed the controversial last-minute amendment in 2015. The law requires restructuring the academic distress commission in districts that have had three consecutive years of failing grades on the state report card and naming a CEO who operates independently of the elected school board. The CEO also has full operational and managerial control of a district, among other powers. Lorain City is the second district to be put under state control by HB 70. Youngstown City became the first in 2015.

It's time to make selections for 2017 Media Honor Roll

The 2017 OSBA Media Honor Roll program is underway. The program enables districts to

Police dog in training becomes therapy dog for students

A 2-year-old yellow Labrador named Jax didn't have the nose to sniff out bombs and drugs, but he will help students at **Stow-Munroe Falls City Schools** this fall.

The donated therapy dog will be a "reading buddy" and primarily work with students in kindergarten through sixth grade, particularly those in special needs classes.

Jax was unable to finish K-9 training because of a weak sense of smell. That's when Sgt. **Steve Miller**, a school resource officer with the district, worked with the Von der Haus Gill German Shepherds & Police K-9 academy to bring Jax to the district.

Therapy dogs can cost up to \$12,000. They can help calm children with emotional needs and promote better self-esteem.

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recognize journalists for providing fair, accurate coverage of their schools. Details were emailed to all superintendents, treasurers and communication directors Aug. 3. For more information and to make your selections, visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/media-honor-roll. The deadline is Sept. 15.

ODE releases guidance on new attendance legislation

State legislators passed House Bill (HB) 410 in December to support school districts with a preventive approach to excessive absences and truancy. Districts must amend or adopt policies that outline plans for students with excessive absences. View the Ohio Department of Education's HB 410 guidance document at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/68193>.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

A new school year is about to begin. Now is the perfect time to check out the large collection of books offered in the online OSBA Store. These publications can help you keep abreast of the latest education issues as well as enhance your leadership skills. Take a few minutes to browse some of the store's nearly 150 titles at www.ohioschoolboards.org/store.



Briefcase

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BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, senior administrative assistant of communication services

OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

District	Deadline	Contact
① Ohio School for the Deaf	Sept. 1	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
② Ohio State School for the Blind	TBD	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



Board changes

Ashtabula Area City Board of Education member **Maureen Vaught** announced her resignation effective June 30 and member **Kimberly George** announced her resignation effective July 14. The board appointed **James Brady Sr.** and **Debra Barrickman** effective immediately to replace them. ●●● East Liverpool City Board of Education member **William Cowan** announced his resignation effective Aug. 31. ●●● Massillon City appointed **Monica Webb** to the board effective July 26. She replaced **Mary F. Strukel**, who resigned.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Bradford EV hired **Joe Hurst** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He replaced **Ken Miller**, who resigned to take the human resources director position at **Kettering City**. Hurst previously was the high school principal at **Graham Local (Champaign)**. ●●● Manchester Local (Adams) Superintendent Dr. **Charles J. Shreve** announced his retirement effective July 31. The district hired Director of Special Programs **Brian Rau** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. ●●● Northridge Local (Montgomery) hired **Scott Schmidt** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He replaced Dr. **Chris Ryan Briggs**, who took the superintendent position at **Pickerington Local (Fairfield)**. Schmidt previously was the assistant superintendent at **Gahanna-Jefferson City**. ●●● Northwest Local (Scioto) Superintendent Dr. **Dana Pollock** announced her resignation effective July 12. She has taken the high school principal position at **Manchester Local (Adams)**. ●●● South Central Local (Huron) Superintendent **Martha A. Hasselbusch** announced her resignation effective July 13. The district hired **John Ruf** as interim superintendent. Ruf will continue to serve as an assistant superintendent at **North Point ESC**. ●●● Swanton Local (Fulton) hired **Jay LeFevre** as interim superintendent effective Aug. 1. He replaced **Jeff Schlade**, who took the director of human resources position at **Lakewood City**.

Editor's note

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

Treasurers

Boardman Local (Mahoning) hired **Nick Ciarniello** as treasurer effective Aug. 14. He replaced Interim Treasurer **Kimberly Yauman**. ●●● **Brecksville-Broadview Heights City** hired **Jeff M. Hall** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. He replaced **Richard Berdine**, who took the treasurer position at **Revere Local (Summit)**. Hall previously was a banker. ●●● **Buckeye Local (Medina)** hired **Jennifer Knapp** as treasurer effective Aug. 7. She replaced **Carolyn Weglewski**, who retired. Knapp previously was the assistant treasurer at **Nordonia Hills City**. ●●● **Paulding EV** hired **Kimberly D. Jones** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. She replaced **Maria Rellinger**, who took the treasurer's position at **Apollo Career Center**. Jones previously was the treasurer at **Western Buckeye ESC**.

Sympathies

Former **Brunswick City** Board of Education member **Barbara Ann MacDougall** died July 16. She was 84. ●●● Former **East Palestine City** Board of Education member **Dr. William "Bill" Fullerton** died July 22. He was 93. ●●● Former **Elyria City** Assistant Superintendent **Wayne McQuillin** died June 18. He was 94. ●●● Former **Findlay City** Treasurer **Jack Edward Veit** died July 12. He was 83. ●●● Former **Garaway Local (Tuscarawas)** Board of Education member **Rebecca A. "Becky"**

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OSBA Board Candidate Workshops

Are you retiring from a board? Do you 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 others — to attend one of five OSBA Board Candidate Workshops.

These sessions, conducted by OSBA experts, 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 \$95.

The dates and locations are:

Aug. 30 — Northeast Ohio Medical University, Rootstown

Sept. 7 — Hilton Garden Inn Dayton South, Miamisburg

Sept. 11 — Hilton Garden Inn, Findlay

Sept. 12 — Ohio University Inn, Athens

Sept. 16 — OSBA office, Columbus

Directions to each location are on the OSBA website at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops. All sessions (except Sept. 16) run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., with registration and buffet beginning at 5:30 p.m. The Sept. 16 session runs from 9 a.m. to noon (registration begins at 8:30 a.m.).

For those unable to attend a workshop, a Board Candidate Webinar will be held Sept. 21 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. This webinar can be purchased after Sept. 30 to view at your convenience. The webinar covers board roles and responsibilities and legal and campaign finance issues. The cost of the webinar is \$50 (price includes sales tax).

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



2017 Treasurers' Clinics

Choose the date and location that best fits your schedule:

Friday, Sept. 15	Hilton Garden Inn Dayton South, Miamisburg
Tuesday, Sept. 26	Northeast Ohio Medical University, Rootstown
Thursday, Sept. 28	Hilton Garden Inn, Findlay
Tuesday, Oct. 3	Ohio University Inn and Conference Center, Athens
Thursday, Oct. 5	Kent State University at Tuscarawas, New Philadelphia
Tuesday, Oct. 10	OSBA office, Columbus

Plan now to attend the 2017 OSBA Treasurers' Clinics to be held around the state. These clinics provide the most current information on school district fiscal issues. New for 2017: We're pleased to announce that the Treasurers' Clinics have been approved for five continuing professional education (CPE) credits.

Agenda

8 a.m.	Registration and continental breakfast	
8:25 a.m.	Welcome and announcements	
8:30 a.m.	Cybersecurity with K-12 technology Attorneys from Frost Brown Todd LLC will discuss expanding the use of technology in K-12 education. Learn how to mitigate the increased privacy and security risks that accompany such use.	
9:30 a.m.	Networking break	
9:45 a.m.	Internal controls, segregation of duties and common audit comments in schools Representatives from the auditor of state's office will discuss the importance of segregation of duties as a fundamental internal control. They also will share common audit comments issued for schools.	1:15 p.m.
10:45 a.m.	Find your fit: Insurance pooling Insurance consultants from GradyBenefits will discuss joint-purchasing of insurance through cooperatives, consortia and other risk pools. They also will review various pooling structures, funding methodologies, participation rules and risk-sharing programs.	Property tax cases Bricker & Eckler LLP attorneys will provide an update on pending legislation, including efforts to curtail and eliminate districts' rights to participate in property tax cases. Review your rights as well as procedures for participating in property tax disputes. Learn how to seek exemption for school property or new construction on school-owned property. Hear tips on participating in cases initiated by other property owners
11:45 a.m.	Lunch and legislative update OSBA lobbyists share recent General Assembly activities, including current legislation and continued discussions on a variety of issues contained in the biennial budget legislation, House Bill 49. Learn where the legislature stands on taking action to override several	2:15 p.m. 2:30 p.m.
		Networking break Understanding the current market, diversification and investment policy statements Investment professionals from The Edwards Group will provide insights into the current market environment and discuss the impact of rising interest rates and the benefits of diversification. Learn about the importance of having a written investment policy statement and its essential elements and objectives.
		3:30 p.m. Adjournment Note: All handouts and presenter biographies will be available online only.

Participate in a full day of professional development for only \$120. Treasurers, business managers, board members, administrators and treasurer's office personnel are all encouraged to attend. Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops or contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

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Diversity and Inclusion in the Law

Friday, Sept. 22, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. • Cost \$155

OSBA office, 8050 N. High St., Columbus, (614) 540-4000

Agenda

- 8:30 a.m.** Registration and continental breakfast
8:50 a.m. Welcome
9 a.m. **Diversity strategies for successful schools**
Acquire strategies and guidance that show the benefits of diverse and inclusive climates in schools while reducing student and staff isolation and improving academic performance.
Jackie Powers, curriculum supervisor, equity and inclusion, and Heather Cole, diversity coordinator, Olentangy Local (Delaware)
- 10 a.m.** **Discipline disparities and why they matter**
Review the issue of disparities in school discipline, the legal and educational reasons for why they matter and what districts can do to reduce them.
Nicholas E. Subashi, Esq., and Tabitha Justice, Esq., Subashi & Wildermuth
- 11 a.m.** Break
11:15 a.m. **Boosting inclusion for students with disabilities**
Schools must ensure equal access to participation in extracurricular activities for students with disabilities. Review your district's legal obligations, including the services and accommodations school officials and coaches should provide.
Andrea Stone, Esq., Ulmer & Berne LLP

- 12:15 p.m.** Lunch (provided)
1 p.m. **Managing religious diversity in schools**
Learn how to develop your district's policies and practices to appropriately manage expressions of religion and beliefs, such as time or days off for observances, dietary restrictions or dress codes.
Jacklyn M. McGlothlin, Esq., Graydon Head & Ritchey LLP
- 1:45 p.m.** Break
2 p.m. **What a new president means for Ohio's diverse student learners**
Review executive orders, guidance memos and other policy documents recently issued by President Donald Trump and his administration and their impact on Ohio's diverse student learners.
William M. Deters II, Esq., and Giselle S. Spencer Esq, Ennis Britton Co. LPA
- 3 p.m.** Adjourn

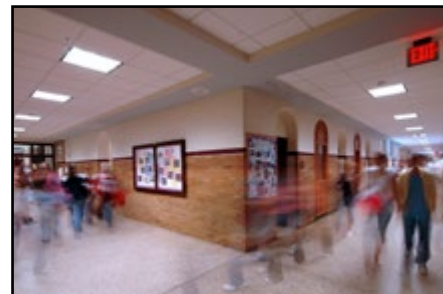
This workshop has been submitted to the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education for CLE hours.

The cost is \$155, which includes registration, materials, lunch and light refreshments. Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops or contact Laurie Miller, OSBA senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

Management Development Series #4: Early Intervention and De-escalation Techniques in Schools

Tuesday, Sept. 19
OSBA office, Columbus

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Cost is \$95



School safety is about more than the major incidents you hear about in the news. You need a well thought-out emergency management plan and a commitment to training staff in all aspects of school safety.

Join OSBA staff and an experienced Columbus police officer to explore emergency management plans, the importance of early intervention and de-escalation techniques that can be implemented when needed.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Cost for the workshop is \$95 and includes lunch and materials. Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops or contact Laurie Miller, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

OSBA MASTER OF TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION (MTA) PROGRAM

Don't miss the kickoff of the 2017-18 MTA program. This series of workshops will help those involved in student transportation better understand and perform day-to-day operations.

These half-day workshops — offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — include a working lunch and time for questions. Each class is scheduled twice; participants may sign up for either session. Each class is \$95 or you can purchase an MTA subscription for the workshop series; contact **Diana Paulins**, OSBA senior administrative assistant of policy services, for subscription information. All workshops will be at the OSBA office, 8050 N. High St., Columbus, 43235. Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/transportation-training-programs to learn about the MTA certification program.



Workshop dates and descriptions

Sept. 13 or 20 — Routing and technology

In today's school environment it is essential to maximize route efficiency and get the best use out of your buses. This also becomes key as we manage continuing driver shortages. No one can afford to run extra buses or run buses with only a few students on them. Look at proven strategies for determining how many buses you need, routing styles, cost analysis and technologies available to help with routing.

Oct. 18 or 25 — Personnel management

Transportation administrators must have some knowledge of labor practices to effectively manage their staffs. Discuss working with contracts, discipline, driver qualifications and evaluations and how to manage issues.

Nov. 29 or Dec. 6 — Transportation rules and regulations

Explore federal, state and local regulations and a checklist that every transportation department can use to measure its performance and compliance. This class is a favorite for new supervisors, veteran supervisors and other school administrators who are responsible for pupil transportation services.

Feb. 7 or 14 — The transportation handbook

Guidelines and procedures are essential and can be the manager's best friend. Discuss the handbook development process, as well as what to include in the handbook and how to keep it current.

April 4 or 11 — Public relations and working with the media

Experience a "live interview" process to learn how to develop talking points and stay on target in an interview. Also learn how to build proactive media relationships.

May 2 or 9 — Designing your operational plan and building keys for success

Review how to put the operational plan together, including timelines and how to schedule or delegate projects. Discover how building support networks and stakeholder groups are key to your success.

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



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Board Candidate Workshop

- Aug. 30, Rootstown, \$95
- Sept. 7, Miamisburg, \$95
- Sept. 11, Findlay, \$95
- Sept. 12, Athens, \$95
- Sept. 16, Columbus, \$95

OSBA MTA Program

- Sept. 13, Columbus, \$95
- Sept. 20, Columbus, \$95
- Oct. 18, Columbus, \$95
- Oct. 25, Columbus, \$95
- Nov. 29, Columbus, \$95

- Dec. 6, Columbus, \$95
- Feb. 7, Columbus, \$95
- Feb. 14, Columbus, \$95
- April 4, Columbus, \$95
- April 11, Columbus, \$95
- May 2, Columbus, \$95
- May 9, Columbus, \$95

Treasurers' Clinics

- Sept. 15, Miamisburg, \$120
- Sept. 26, Rootstown, \$120
- Sept. 28, Findlay, \$120
- Oct. 3, Athens, \$120

- Oct. 5, New Philadelphia, \$120
- Oct. 10, Columbus, \$120

Management Development Series

- #4: Safety and Security**
- Sept. 19, Columbus, \$95

Diversity and Inclusion in the Law

- Sept. 22, Columbus, \$155

Board Candidate Webinar

- Sept. 21, webinar, \$50

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 online 24 hours a day.

Award of Achievement/LPDC

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

You may register on our website at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops. You will need a username and password.



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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.

Cancellation and refund policy

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

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Garber died July 24. She was 90. ●●● Darrel E. Knisely, a member of the former Gorham-Fayette School Board in Fulton County, died July 11. He was 86. ●●● Dr. Ralph W. Sinks, superintendent of the former Hamilton County School District, died July 9. He was 90. ●●● Former Medina City Treasurer Wallace M. Gordon died July 3. He was 70. ●●● Douglas C. Darnell, a member of the former Mineral Ridge School Board in Trumbull County, died July 19. He was 74. ●●● Former Minster Local (Auglaize) Board of Education member Frederick J. Boecker died July 7. He was 97. ●●● Former Napoleon Area City and Four County Career Center Board of Education member Merl Bauman died July 10. He was 87. ●●● Former Perrysburg EV Board of Education member George J. Williams died July 11. He was 91. ●●● Former Springfield City Board of Education member Donald Kenneth Henderson died July 8. He was 87. ●●● Former Streetsboro City Superintendent John F. "Jack" Carney died July 7. He was 75. ●●● Former Union Local (Belmont) Board of Education member Karen Dawn Dunfee died July 8. She was 70. ●●● Maynard F. Hagemeyer, a member of the former Warren County School Board, died July 16. He was 98. ●●● Former Wellington EV Board of Education member Fred Lyle Alspach died July 19. He was 70. ●●● Woodridge Local (Summit) Board of Education member Dr. Linda J. Ocepek died July 16. She was 68.



INFORMATION

by Laurie Miller, CMP, senior events manager

Capital Conference hotel reservations open Sept. 13

Attendees can begin making hotel reservations for the 2017 Capital Conference and Trade Show at 9 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 13. Included in the Capital Conference Brochure is a list of hotels in which OSBA has secured room blocks; there are 12 properties to choose from, with varying overnight rates. All of the prices through Passkey, our official provider, are below \$200 per night. Hotel reservations must be made online through Passkey to obtain rooms at the special conference rates.

This year's conference will take place Sunday, Nov. 12, Monday, Nov. 13, and Tuesday, Nov. 14, eliminating the need to book rooms for Tuesday night. The

housing block now includes some rooms overnight on Saturday, Nov. 11.

Please note that all the hotels are in downtown Columbus, which makes the free shuttle service OSBA provides convenient for attendees. It is easy to take a shuttle from most hotels to the Greater Columbus Convention Center High Street entrance. The shuttle also alleviates the need to find and pay for additional parking near the center. Hotel locations and parking options are marked on the map included in the brochure on page 13.

It has come to OSBA's attention that "hotel housing pirates" have begun their unethical targeting of Capital Conference attendees and

exhibitors. They are soliciting and encouraging OSBA members and exhibitors to book hotel rooms through them. We want you to be aware of this fraudulent practice. OSBA does not authorize any other housing company or independent broker to make housing reservations for our conference. If any other company contacts you, please do not book with it since your housing reservations will not be confirmed.

You must be registered for the conference to book rooms through Passkey. District treasurers and exhibitors must register their staff before 3 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 7. The contact person will receive a link and unique housing code on

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Monday, Sept. 11, to use Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 9 a.m. to secure hotel reservations for their attendees.

OSBA encourages districts to be realistic about how many hotel rooms they actually need when making reservations — there will be a \$100 charge for each canceled room. You can modify the name on the reservation, dates of the stay and hotel, subject to availability, until Wednesday, Nov. 8, at no charge.

Many attendees from the same district or company like to stay at the same hotel. This can make it challenging to get rooms close to the convention center because they fill up faster than rooms for

attendees making single reservations. The properties with larger blocks of rooms are the Hyatt Regency, Hilton Columbus Downtown, Crowne Plaza and Renaissance Hotel. Housing will be available at these hotels slightly longer because they start with more rooms in their blocks.

The convention center has completed its renovations. Please note some room name changes from prior years. The Terrace Ballroom is now called the Short North Ballroom, and the Grand Ballroom is now the Union Station Ballroom. The concourses OSBA uses for the conference are now named A, B and C; the large exhibit halls are now A and B.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, but be sure to mark Nov. 12, 13 and 14 on your calendar now for the 2017 Capital Conference. The insights, ideas, information and contacts you take back to your district will be priceless. All the conference information you need will be available in the Capital Conference Guide you receive prior to your arrival in Columbus.

OSBA looks forward to hosting and serving you at the 62nd annual Capital Conference and Trade Show. Complete information about the OSBA Capital Conference, including registration information and housing details, is available at <http://conference.ohio.schoolboards.org>.



NEWS

by Teri Morgan, deputy director of board and management services

OSBA offers school board training close to home

Over the years, board members across the state have asked for professional development programs close to home. To meet this need, OSBA, with endorsement from the Ohio Educational Service Center Association, created the OSBA ESC Leadership Academy.

The academy delivers cost-effective training specifically tailored to school board members and administrative leadership teams served by their local ESCs.

This year, OSBA has added even more value to the program by enabling ESCs to offer two or four three-hour professionally facilitated programs.

Each fall, a new ESC Leadership Academy begins and runs throughout the school year. The session topics are picked by ESC administrators, in consultation with their boards and district superintendents. OSBA provides expert speakers from its staff and consultants to present a

2.5-hour program followed by a 30-minute question-and-answer session. In addition to providing expert speakers for the programs, OSBA promotes the academy to member districts regionally and statewide.

New sessions added for the 2017-18 school year include:

- The board's role in improving student achievement
- Levy campaigns: Best practices for board members and

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

Middletown graduate, pageant queen leads anti-bullying effort

A recent graduate of Middletown City's Middletown High School wears the Miss Teen Ohio International crown and sash, which she's using to help area children overcome bullying.

Au'Lauren Million, who was bullied as a young girl, recently delivered an instructional pep talk to dozens of children at the local YMCA.

"I enjoy speaking to young people ... because I was severely bullied in elementary and middle

school, so I feel like it is my duty — and my calling — to raise awareness about this epidemic that is occurring," she told a local newspaper.

One of Million's goals is to see all schools incorporate an anti-bullying program into their curriculum.

"One in four children are bullied every day and over 3.2 million students are bullied every day, so I think it's very important and very vital in society today that a young

person like myself is raising awareness about this problem that is occurring," she said.

Million, who competed in the Miss Teen International Pageant in West Virginia last month, also created the Crown Academy, which focuses on community service and leadership.

Her volunteer efforts include speaking about breast cancer awareness and Middletown City's Learning is Cool initiative.

Source: Journal-News

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administrators

- Community engagement: Getting and keeping everyone invested
- Transportation ins and outs: Trends, budgeting, efficiency and parent expectations
- Did we make the right hiring decision? Board member best practices
- Social media and your school district: Make it work for you instead of against you!
- Using your report card to improve learning
- Negotiations 101: Trends and the role of the board
- Implementing the new learning standards (Common Core): A tutorial for board members

Board members benefit by:

- learning from expert presenters and facilitators on relevant topics;
- establishing a network of peer support from their local area;
- earning a certificate of completion and attendance to be used for OSBA's Award of Achievement credits;
- saving time and money with minimal travel for board of education professional development.

In addition to board members having the opportunity to experience a wider variety of training close to home, the academy helps strengthen ESCs' exposure to their surrounding districts and members. It also

showcases local ESCs as premium training facilities.

If you're a board member, ask your ESC superintendent if there is an ESC Academy offered in your area. If so, take advantage of this outstanding opportunity and sign up to attend. If not, encourage your ESC superintendent to participate.

If you are an ESC board president or superintendent and want more information about hosting an academy, contact the author at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or tmorgan@ohioschoolboards.org. Don't miss this chance to offer your members first-rate training and highlight the valuable training your ESC offers.

August

- 14 Budget Analysis and Discussion (BAD) SeminarLewis Center
- 20 Southeast Region Executive Committee meeting..... Logan
- 30 Board Candidate Workshop..... Rootstown

September

- 7 Board Candidate Workshop.....Miamisburg
- 11 Board Candidate WorkshopFindlay
- 12 Board Candidate WorkshopAthens
- 13 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Routing and Technology..... Columbus
- 15 Treasurers' Clinic.....Miamisburg
- 16 Board Candidate Workshop ..Columbus
- 19 Management Development Series #4: Safety and security..... Columbus
- 20 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Routing and Technology..... Columbus
- 21 Board Candidate Webinar
- 22 Diversity and Inclusion in the Law Workshop..... Columbus
- 26 Treasurers' Clinic..... Rootstown
- 27 Central Region Fall Conference..... Columbus
- 28 Treasurers' Clinic..... Findlay

- 28 Southeast Region Fall Conference..... Albany
- 28 *Last day to file (by 4 p.m.) as a write-in candidate for November general election – RC 3513.041 (72 days prior to the election).*

October

- 1 *Last day for board to adopt annual appropriation measure – RC 5705.38(B).*
- 3 Treasurers' Clinic.....Athens
- 4 Northeast Region Fall Conference.....Wadsworth
- 5 Treasurers' Clinic..... New Philadelphia
- 5 OSBA/OHSPRA Communication Workshop..... Columbus
- 5 Northwest Region Fall Conference.....Perrysburg
- 10 Treasurers' Clinic..... Columbus
- 10 *Last day for voter registration for November election – RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30 days prior to election).*
- 12 Southwest Region Fall Conference..... Cincinnati
- 13 Administrative Professionals Workshop..... Columbus
- 15 *Last day for certification of licensed employees to State Board of Education – RC 3317.061.*
- 18 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Personnel management..... Columbus

- 19 Management Development Series #5: Policy..... Columbus
- 19 Northwest Region Fall Conference..... Archbold
- 25 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Personnel management..... Columbus
- 26 *Deadline for filing pre-general election campaign finance report for certain candidates, detailing contributions and expenditures from 4:01 p.m. on the last day reflected in the previous report through 4 p.m. on the twentieth day before the election (October 18) – RC 3517.10(A)(1) (12th day prior to election).*
- 31 *End of first ADM reporting period – RC 3317.03(A).*

November

- 1 *Last day for classroom teachers to develop online classroom lessons ("blizzard bags") in order to make up hours for which it is necessary to close schools – RC 3313.482(A)(3)(a).*
- 7 *General Election Day – RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after the first Monday).*
- 12-14 OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show..... Columbus
- 12 Southeast Region Executive Committee Meeting..... Columbus