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THE OHIO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

Serving the public school leadership team



School board members — this month is for you

Serving as a school board member can sometimes be a thankless job, but not this month. That's because January is School Board Recognition Month in Ohio. Each January, school districts and communities around the state honor their board members for their year-round commitment to Ohio's 1.8 million public schoolchildren. OSBA also is dedicating this month to recognizing Ohio's nearly 3,500 board members, and is sending personalized certificates and recognition month posters to all member districts. In addition, an electronic resource kit with other ideas for honoring board members is available on the OSBA Web site at www.osba-ohio.org/sbrm.

OSBA welcomes new board members to association

OSBA congratulates the hundreds of new school board members whose terms began this month. As you'll learn from your new board of education colleagues, OSBA provides a wealth of training, assistance and services to help you effectively perform your board duties and save your districts money. To learn more, visit OSBA's Web site: www.osba-ohio.org.

Cleveland-area educator named 2010 Ohio Teacher of the Year

Cleveland Heights-University Heights City educator **Natalie Wester** is the Ohio Department of Education's 2010 Ohio Teacher of the Year. **Deborah S. Delisle**, superintendent of public instruction, made a surprise announcement and presented the third-grade teacher with a certificate during an all-school assembly on Dec. 17 at Gearity Professional Development School, where Wester teaches. For more on Wester and the Ohio Teacher of the Year program, visit <http://links.osba-ohio.org/93246>.

Federal Relations Network delegation heading to Washington

A group of Ohio school board members and OSBA staff will travel to Washington, D.C., for the 37th annual Federal Relations Network (FRN) Legislative Conference. They will meet with Ohio's legislators to discuss key federal education issues during the Jan. 31–Feb. 2 conference. FRN is a national grassroots advocacy network in which members are appointed by their state associations to serve as advocates. OSBA appoints two FRN members in each of Ohio's 18 congressional districts.

Board members' cyberlobbying efforts help break state budget impasse

Cyberlobbying works! Many school board members used social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter to get the word out on the state budget impasse and their efforts made a difference at the Statehouse. See "Legislative Report," beginning on page 4 for a report on House Bill 318 and how board members helped impact the process.

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Route workshop information to:

Board member-elects

OSBA fills two vacancies in legal services division

Attorneys **Sara Clark** and **Jessica Spears** have joined the OSBA legal division as deputy director and staff attorney, respectively. Both assumed their new roles in December. Clark comes to OSBA from the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, where she advised public agencies and drafted policies, directives and legislative proposals. Spears worked as an OSBA policy specialist before making the move to the legal division.

Award of Achievement deadline is fast approaching

The deadline to submit OSBA Award of Achievement and Master Board Member applications is Jan. 22. Applications are available at www.osba-ohio.org/aa.htm. For further information, contact **Judy Morgan** at (614) 540-4000 or jmorgan@ohioschoolboards.org.

Biden portrayal earns boy a vice presidential letter

A **Manchester Local (Summit)** student's role as Vice President **Joe Biden** in a wax museum biography project won him personal recognition from the vice president himself.

Matt Decapita was assigned to choose a famous person, dress up as the character, write a report and present a speech. The Nolley Elementary School boy colored his hair gray, wore a suit and stood behind a vice president's podium his mother made. His mother sent photos and the speech to Biden, who personally responded with a letter praising Matt's work on the project, autographed photos and a vice presidential coin.

His mother said that when Matt got home from school the day the letter arrived he immediately ran back to school to show his teacher.

Source: *The Suburbanite*

The awards will be presented at OSBA regional spring conferences.

IRS decreases mileage reimbursement rate for 2010

The Internal Revenue Service's 2010 optional standard mileage rate used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile

for business reflects a decrease of 5 cents from 2009. Beginning on Jan. 1, the standard mileage rate will be 50 cents per mile for business miles driven.

This month in OSBA history

In January 1957, **Donald Clippinger, Athens City**, became OSBA's second president after 1956 President **Jack Stewart, Bedford City**, set a precedent by declining a second term.

OSBA online

● www.osba-ohio.org

Become a fan! OSBA now has a page on the social networking Web site Facebook. Visit the site to learn about association benefits, workshops, services, legislative advocacy, important updates and much, much more. To start networking with a growing group of public education supporters, log on at www.osba-ohio.org and click on the Facebook icon on the right side of the page.



Briefcase

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BULLETIN BOARD

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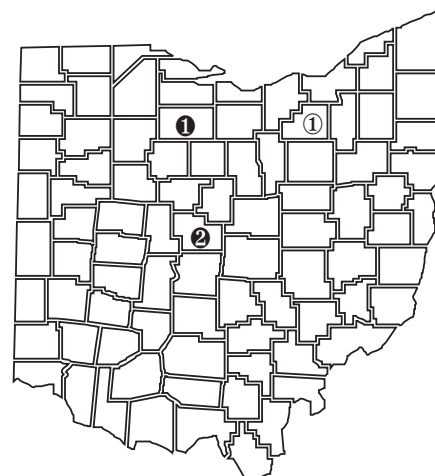
OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

District	Deadline	Contact
① Fostoria City	Jan. 22	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
② Buckeye Valley Local (Delaware)	TBD	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

Treasurer

① Highland Local (Medina)	Feb. 9	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
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Other positions

Treasurer	Springfield Local (Summit)	Jan. 29	Linda M. Fuline, superintendent, Summit County ESC, (330) 945-5600, ext. 511222
Principal/assistant principal	Winton Woods City	until filled	Courtney Wilson, executive director of human resources, Winton Woods City, humanresources@wintonwoods.org

National searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Randolph, Mass.	Jan. 15	Glenn Koocher, executive director, Massachusetts Association of School Committees, (617) 523-8454
Superintendent	Olympia Fields, Ill.	Jan. 15	Donna Johnson, director of executive searches, Illinois Association of School Boards, (630) 629-3776
Superintendent	Klamath Falls, Ore.	Jan. 18	Chuck Bugge, executive search consultant, Oregon School Boards Association, (503) 588-2800

Editor's note

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

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	St. Paul, Ore.	Jan. 18	Chuck Bugge , executive search consultant, Oregon School Boards Association, (503) 588-2800
Superintendent	Hood River, Ore.	Jan. 19	Chuck Bugge , executive search consultant, Oregon School Boards Association, (503) 588-2800
Superintendent	Portland, Ore.	Jan. 20	Linda Borquist , executive search consultant, Oregon School Boards Association, (503) 588-2800
Superintendent	Wahpeton, N.D.	Jan. 21	McPherson & Jacobson, (701) 642-6741

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Edgewood City Superintendent **Larry Knapp** announced his retirement effective June 30. ●●● **Finneytown Local (Hamilton)**

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Michelle Francis, legislative specialist

Legislature passes budget fix, other education-related bills

As 2009 wound down, the General Assembly finally reached agreement on how to fill an \$851 million school-funding shortfall. Lawmakers also passed other education-related bills that addressed dating violence, Junior ROTC, Race to the Top and election reforms.

Budget fix — HB 318

Ohio was facing a total of almost \$1.7 billion in cuts to K-12 public education, but thanks to OSBA members who contacted their state legislators, the General Assembly passed House Bill (HB) 318.

The \$851 million hole in the

state’s education budget was created earlier this year when the Ohio Supreme Court ruled Gov. **Ted Strickland**’s plan to install video lottery terminals (VLTs) at horse racetracks was subject to a referendum. In addition to that shortfall, the state stood to lose an additional \$750 million in federal stimulus money for being out of compliance in its maintenance of efforts for spending on education by falling below a certain threshold. This loss also called into question an additional \$200 to \$400 million Ohio could receive in federal Race to the Top funds. As a result, the Ohio Department of

Education (ODE) prepared a district-by-district spreadsheet projecting across-the-board cuts in state school funding: 10.31% in fiscal year 2010 and 15.74% in fiscal year 2011.

However, because of your efforts, the legislature resolved the budget impasse before the end of the year, preventing devastating cuts to public schools. The final agreement in HB 318 will:

- Delay the final 4.2% income tax cut from HB 66 for two years. It is estimated that this delay will generate \$844 million, essentially enough to fill the \$851 million

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New board members:

Trying to maneuver the maze of boardmanship?

Find your way at the New Board Member Academy



- **Designed for new board members**
- **Plenty of networking opportunities**
- **Intensive, day-and-a-half academy held in two locations:**

○ Jan. 16-17 — Findlay Inn & Conference Center, Findlay; phone number (419) 422-5682; call for rates

○ Jan. 16-17 — Embassy Suites, Independence; phone number (216) 986-9900; call for rates

- **Saturday sessions are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

School boardmanship is more complex and demanding than ever. To carry out their leadership duties effectively, it is necessary for new school board members to begin moving from the role of an involved citizen to that of a responsible elected official as soon as possible. High-quality board member education, designed specifically for newly elected board members, can help you become a more effective educational leader in your community.

These intensive day-and-a-half academies will focus on:

- the world of boardmanship
- communicating effectively
- board policy 101
- how Ohio schools are funded
- collective bargaining and employee relations issues
- the Sunshine Law and executive sessions

Cost for the academy is \$175 per board member. Four books are included with workshop tuition: *Boardmanship*, *Board-Treasurer Partnership*, *Board-Superintendent Partnership* and *Board-Legislature Partnership*.

To register, call (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA. Visit www.osba-ohio.org/training.htm to see agendas and directions for each location.

Lead your district in achieving its mission



attend the Board Presidents' Workshop

Saturday, Jan. 30 ● OSBA office, Columbus, and Findlay Inn & Conference Center, Findlay
Saturday, Feb. 6 ● Roberts Conference Centre, Wilmington, and NEOUCOM, Rootstown
Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. The program is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

School board presidents serve critical leadership roles in their school districts. The president is the visible leader of the board and responsible for the efficient and legal operation of board business.

Unfortunately, too many board presidents attempt to accomplish the duties of president by going it alone, feeling that on-the-job training is all that is needed to fulfill this leadership responsibility. It is to your advantage and a benefit to your school district to be well-informed and skillful enough to perform your leadership duties effectively. Bring your questions about your leadership role to this workshop.

Agenda includes:

Board development

- ◆ Role of the school board president
- ◆ Indicators of an effective board
- ◆ A board president's checklist
- ◆ Effective board operating principles
- ◆ Open Q&A session

Legal issues

- ◆ Open meetings and open records
- ◆ Presiding and using parliamentary procedure at meetings
- ◆ New reporting requirements
- ◆ Open Q&A session

Management services

- ◆ Best practices in health care pooling
- ◆ Key employee issues
- ◆ Administrative hearings
- ◆ Arbitrations/SERB
- ◆ Contract administration
- ◆ Open Q&A session

The workshop will be presented by OSBA staff. Tuition is \$130 and covers registration, materials, lunch and refreshments.

To register, call (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA. Visit www.osba-ohio.org/training.htm to learn more.

Southeast Region Spring Conferences



Gallia Academy High School program — Tuesday, March 2

5:30 p.m. Registration and social hour

6:15 p.m. **Presiding**
Sharon Manson, Southeast Region president; board member, Waverly City and Pike County Career Technology Center

Dinner and entertainment
Gallipolis City's Gallia Academy High School's Jazz Band and Madrigals

Greetings and update from OSBA
John Pennycuff, president, OSBA; board member, Winton Woods City; and Richard Lewis, executive director, OSBA

Recognition of Teacher of the Year nominees
NSBA School Board Member National Recognition Program

Recognition of Student Achievement Fair participants

Presentation of OSBA Awards of Achievement

Recognition of veteran board members

Program — legislative update
Damon Asbury, director of legislative services, OSBA

Adjourn

Locations

March 2
 Gallia Academy High School
 2855 Centenary Road
 Gallipolis, OH 45631
 (740) 446-3211

March 4
 Mid-East Career and Technology
 Centers — Zanesville Campus
 400 Richards Road
 Zanesville, OH 43701
 (740) 454-0101

Directions

To Gallia Academy High School (Gallia County): From the north: Take US 35 south; exit at Rodney Pike. Turn south on SR 850. Turn left on SR 588. Turn right on Centenary Road (County Road 10); follow Centenary Road to the school. Turn left at the second entrance to high school.

From the south: Take SR 7 north to SR 141. Turn right onto Centenary Road. Turn right at the first entrance to high school.

To Mid-East Career and Technology Centers — Zanesville Campus: Take I-70 to exit 157. Turn south on SR 93/Pleasant Grove Road. Turn right onto US 40 west. Go one mile to traffic light and turn left onto Richards Road.

Campus is on the left. Drive past the welcome center and turn left. Drive past the Ed Resource Complex. Parking lot is on the right.

Award of Achievement

This conference entitles board members to five Award of Achievement credits.

Authority for reimbursement

Ohio Revised Code Section 3315.15 authorizes the establishment of a service fund for board members. This fund can be used for expenses incurred for meetings such as this.

Mid-East Career and Technical Centers program — Thursday, March 4

5:30 p.m. Registration and social hour

6:15 p.m. **Presiding**
Sharon Manson, Southeast Region president; board member, Waverly City and Pike County Career Technology Center

Dinner and entertainment
Zanesville City's High School Wind Ensemble

Greetings and update from OSBA
John Pennycuff, president, OSBA; board member, Winton Woods City; and Richard Lewis, executive director, OSBA

NSBA School Board Member National Recognition Program

Recognition of Student Achievement Fair participants

Presentation of OSBA Awards of Achievement

Recognition of veteran board members

Program — legislative update
Jennifer Economus, legislative specialist, OSBA

Past president's recognition

Adjourn

Registration

Please check which conference you will attend.

March 2, Gallipolis March 4, Zanesville

Registration and dinner fee is \$35 each for OSBA members, guests and spouses. Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ to cover _____ registrations for the OSBA Southeast Region Spring Conference. Please make checks payable to OSBA Southeast Region Spring Conference and mail to **Paul D. Mock, region secretary, 685 E. Main St., Logan, OH 43138-1737**. Phone (740) 385-5240; fax: (740) 380-2487; e-mail: pmock@ohioschoolboards.org. Deadline for registration is Tuesday, Feb. 23. Please include payment with reservation. Registrants who cancel at least three workdays before the day of the meeting may request a full refund. All others will be charged the full registration fee.

District/county _____

Name, title _____

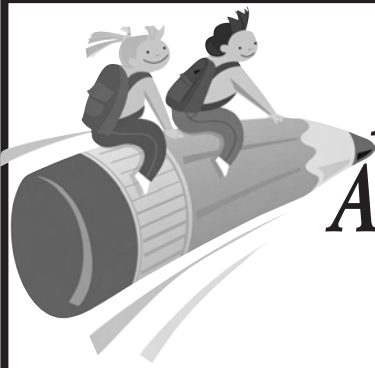
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Name, title _____



_____ Check here if you require special accommodations.

Attach a written description of needs. (Please photocopy this form for additional registrations.)



Northwest Region 63rd Annual Spring Conference

Thursday, March 11, 2010

Apollo Career Center
3325 Shawnee Road, Lima, OH 45806
(419) 998-2961



5:30 p.m. Registration, socializing and appetizers
Welcome and introductions
Kenneth E. Ault, Northwest Region president; board member, Wood County ESC

Dinner
Provided by Apollo Career Center's Restaurant Management Technology program

Entertainment
Bath Local's (Allen) High School Jazz Band; introduction by Robert McPheron, Bath Local and Apollo Career Center

OSBA update
John Pennycuff, OSBA president, board member, Winton Woods City; and Richard Lewis, executive director, OSBA

OSBA Legislative update

Keynote speaker: "To teach a child"

7:45 p.m. Awards and recognitions
● **Recognition of Award of Achievement recipients and NSBA School Board Member National Recognition Program**
Presenters: Kenneth E. Ault and John Pennycuff
● **Recognition of past Northwest Region Executive Committee members**
Presenters: Dr. Angela Zimmann, Northwest Region president-elect; board member, Lucas County ESC; and Brian Baker, Northwest Ohio ESC
● **Recognition of 2010 Teacher of the Year nominees**
Presenters: Jackie Brown, Rossford EV; and Timothy McKinney, Bath Local
● **Recognition of 2009 National Board Certified Teachers**
Presenters: Dr. Angela Zimmann and Kenneth E. Ault
● **Recognition of 2009 Northwest Region Outstanding Board Participation award**
Presenter: Dr. Paul R. Lockwood II, North Point ESC and EHOVE Career Center

8:30 p.m. Adjourn

Award of Achievement

This conference entitles board members to five Award of Achievement credits.

Authority for reimbursement

Ohio Revised Code Section 3315.15 authorizes the establishment of a service fund for board members. This fund can be used for expenses incurred at meetings such as this.

Directions

From the north: Take I-75 south to exit 120 toward Apollo Career Center. Turn right onto West Breese Road. Turn right onto Shawnee Road. The center is on the right.

From the south: Take I-75 north to exit 120 toward Fort Shawnee. Turn left onto West Breese Road. Turn right onto Shawnee Road. The center is on the right.

From the east or west: Take SR 309 or SR 30 to I-75. Follow the directions above.

Registration

Registration and dinner fee is \$30 per person or \$160 per table (seats six) for OSBA members, guests and spouses. Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ to cover _____ registrations or _____ tables. Please include a list of attendees and titles with your registration. **Please make checks payable to OSBA Northwest Region and mail to Dr. Judy Jackson May, region secretary, 517 Education Building, Bowling Green, OH 43403.** Phone (419) 372-7373. E-mail address is jjacksonmay@ohioschoolboards.org. Deadline for registration is Friday, March 5. Please include payment with reservation. Registrants who cancel at least three workdays before the day of the meeting may request a full refund. All others will be charged the full registration fee. While checks are preferred, we can accept purchase orders for districts reserving one or more tables.

District/County _____
Name, Title _____
Name, Title _____
Name, Title _____



_____ Check here if you require special accommodations. Attach a written description of needs. (Please photocopy this form for additional registrations.)

Southwest Region Spring Conference

New location!

Tuesday, March 16

Miami Valley Career Technology Center, 6800 Hoke Road, Clayton, OH 45315

Phone: (937) 837-7781

5:15 p.m. Registration and social period

A message from OSBA

John Pennycuff, OSBA president; board member, Winton Woods City

6:15 p.m. Welcome

Donna J. Myers, Southwest Region president; board member, Northwestern Local (Clark) & Springfield-Clark Career Technology Center

OSBA update

Richard Lewis, executive director, OSBA

Entertainment

Students from Northwestern Local's (Clark) High School Jazz Band, directed by Jim Yeazell

Legislative update

OSBA

6:20 p.m. Presentation of colors

Miami Valley Career Technology Center's Air Force Junior ROTC Color Guard

NSBA School Board Member National Recognition Program

Richard Lewis and John Pennycuff

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence

JoAnn Feltner, Southwest Region president-elect; board member, Franklin City

2010 President's Award

Recipient: Dr. Karen F. Rafinski, president & CEO, Clark State Community College

Buffet dinner

Prepared and served by Northmont Food Services

Presentation of certificates to Ohio Teacher of the Year candidates from the Southwest Region

John Pennycuff and Donna Myers

7:10 p.m. General Session

Introductions by Donna Myers

Presentation of Awards of Achievement and Master Board Member awards

John Pennycuff and Katie McNeil, Southwest Region immediate past president; board member, Middletown City and Butler Technology & Career Development Schools

Recognition of veteran board members

Recognition of 2009 effective school boards

Adjournment

Directions

I-70 west from I-75. Drive approximately seven miles. Turn left (south) at exit 26, Hoke Road. The career center is one mile on the left. Turn into the second driveway.

Award of Achievement

This conference entitles board members to five Award of Achievement credits.

Authority for reimbursement

RC Section 3315.15 authorizes the establishment of a service fund for board members. The fund can be used for expenses incurred at a meeting such as this.

Registration

Registration and dinner fee is \$38 each for OSBA members, guests and spouses. Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ to cover _____ registrations for the OSBA Southwest Region Spring Conference. **Please make checks payable to OSBA Southwest Region and send reservations to Ronald J. Diver, region secretary, 8797 Meadowlark Drive, Franklin, OH 45005.** Phone is (937) 746-7641; e-mail is rdiver@ohioschoolboards.org. Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, March 9. Please include payment with reservation. Registrants who cancel at least three workdays before the day of the meeting may request a full refund. All others will be charged the full registration fee.

District/county _____

Name, title _____

Name, title _____

Name, title _____



____ Check here if you require special accommodations. Attach a written description of needs. (Please photocopy this form for additional registrations.)



Central Region Spring Conference

Wednesday, March 17
Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Road, Columbus

Central Region conferences are a great place to build board rapport and grow positive relationships between your administrative team and the board. Reserve a table or two and bring your board and leadership staff.

Note: Districts are encouraged to reserve a table for \$320, able to seat eight people, providing more room for

attendees. At past conferences, some districts have reserved more than one table. If your district has programs, teachers or board members being recognized, you will want to bring a large group and reserve multiple tables. Payment by check is preferred, but purchase orders will be accepted for districts reserving full tables.

5 p.m. Social hour (Complimentary appetizers and a cash bar will be available)

5:50 p.m. Student performance

6 p.m. Dinner

7 p.m. Greetings from OSBA

John Pennycuff, OSBA president; board member, Winton Woods City; Charlie Wilson, Central Region president; board member, Worthington City; and Richard Lewis, executive director, OSBA

7:20 p.m. Legislative update
OSBA

7:35 p.m. Recognitions

- Outstanding teachers from the Central Region
- Recognition of board members celebrating service milestones
- Recognition of Master Board Members
- Recognition of Award of Achievement recipients
- NSBA School Board Member National Recognition Program

8:30 p.m. Adjourn

Directions

Exit I-270 at Cleveland Avenue. (Cleveland Avenue is the first exit east of the I-71 exit on the north side of Columbus). Go north on Cleveland Avenue to Schrock Road (which is the next intersection). Turn left on Schrock. Villa Milano will be on your right about a mile west of Cleveland Avenue.

Authority for reimbursement

Ohio Revised Code Section 3315.15 authorizes the establishment of a service fund for board members. This fund can be used for expenses incurred at a meeting such as this.

Award of Achievement

This conference entitles board members to five Award of Achievement credits.

Registration

Registration for dinner and the program is \$40 per person or \$320 per table (seats up to eight) for OSBA members, guests and spouses. Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ to cover _____ tables or _____ individual registrations. **Please make checks payable to OSBA Central Region and mail to Dr. Michael G. Grote, region secretary, PO Box 3323, Dublin, OH 43016.** If you have questions or need to cancel your reservation, please e-mail Grote at mgrote@ohioschoolboards.org or call (614) 527-4915. The last day we can accept changes or provide refunds is Friday, March 12. Please include payment with reservation. Registrants who cancel at least three workdays before the day of the meeting may request a full refund. All others will be charged the full registration fee. Payment by check is preferred, but purchase orders can be accepted for districts purchasing tables.

District/county _____

Name, title _____

Name, title _____

Name, title _____

Please enter an e-mail address for immediate confirmation of your reservation:



_____ Check here if you require special accommodations. Attach a written description of needs. (Please photocopy this form for additional registrations.)



Workshop Planner

January 14

*Campaign Manager
Roundtable*

OSBA office, Columbus
\$30, half day

January 16-17

New Board Member Academy
Embassy Suites, Independence
\$175, includes books, two days

January 16-17

New Board Member Academy
Findlay Inn & Conference
Center, Findlay
\$175, includes books, two days

January 30

Board Presidents' Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
\$130, includes book, full day

January 30

Board Presidents' Workshop
Findlay Inn & Conference
Center, Findlay
\$130, includes book, full day

February 6

Board Presidents' Workshop
NEOUCOM, Rootstown
\$130, includes book, full day

February 6

Board Presidents' Workshop
Roberts Centre, Wilmington
\$130, includes book, full day

March 5

Special Education Workshop
DoubleTree, Worthington
\$120, full day

March 9

Communication Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
\$120, full day

March 10

State Legislative Conference
Hyatt on Capitol Square,
Columbus
\$95, half day

March 11

*Management Development
Series #1*
OSBA office, Columbus
\$75, half day

March 19

ESC Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
\$120, full day

April 7

Levy University
OSBA office, Columbus
\$120, full day

April 23-24

Board Leadership Institute
Hilton Polaris, Columbus
\$225, two days

May 6

Transportation Roundtable
OSBA office, Columbus
\$35, half day

May 11

Cyberlaw Workshop
Embassy Suites, Independence
\$120, full day

May 18

*Management Development
Series #2*
OSBA office, Columbus
\$75, half day

May 19

Cyberlaw Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
\$120, full day

June 11

OCSBA Spring Conference
Embassy Suites, Dublin
\$160, full day

June 25

Sports Law Workshop
Airport Marriott, Columbus
\$120, full day

July 24

New Board Member Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
\$125, includes books, full day



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

New Board Member Academy

- Jan. 16-17, \$175, Findlay
- Jan. 16-17, \$175, Independence

Board Presidents' Workshop

- Jan. 30, \$130, Columbus
- Jan. 30, \$130, Findlay
- Feb. 6, \$130, Rootstown
- Feb. 6, \$130, Wilmington

OSBA Workshop Registration Form

Workshop name _____ Workshop date _____
 Attendee name _____ Title _____
 Daytime phone _____ E-mail _____
 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 e-mail Laurie Miller at Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. Include a purchase order number with fax or e-mail.



_____ *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 e-mail confirmation of registration if an e-mail 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, e-mail 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.



Mail

OSBA
8050 N. High St.,
Suite 100, Columbus, OH
43235-6481



Phone
or fax

OSBA Registration Hotline,
(614) 540-4000, ext. 300;
toll free (800) 589-OSBA,
ext. 300; or fax us at
(614) 540-4100.



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

You may register on our Web page at www.osba-ohio.org. Select "Training."

Cancellation and refund policy

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

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budget hole created by the loss of projected VLT revenue.

- Create more flexibility in obtaining a waiver for all-day kindergarten. An all-day kindergarten waiver will be approved if a board of education adopts a resolution explaining the need for the waiver and adopts a plan for all-day kindergarten for fiscal year 2012. The plan could include a phase-in, or possibly an additional year of waiver. This will have to be clarified.

- Allow chartered nonpublic (private) schools to receive up to \$34 million a year from any excess funding for K-12 that exists following annual average daily membership counts after the state meets its obligations under the budget. This money would be used to restore all or part of the auxiliary services.

- Create a pilot program of “construction reform” that would streamline public contracting rules and result in cost savings. The program would allow three pilot university construction projects (small, medium and large) to be completed under changes proposed by a panel convened by the governor.

Thanks to all of our members who contacted their state legislators and urged them to solve the state budget crisis! (See box on page 6.) Your e-mails, letters and calls were read and heard by legislators. It definitely made a difference! Because of your efforts, fixing the education budget and preventing devastating cuts to public schools became the top priority at the Statehouse.

Dating violence — HB 19

HB 19, sponsored by Rep. **Sandra Harwood** (D-Warren), is another piece of legislation that was passed by the House and the Senate and sent to the governor for his signature. The legislation addresses dating violence policies and curriculum. It is named the “Tina Croucher Act,” after a teenage girl who was killed by an ex-boyfriend in 1992. Her parents testified on the bill in both chambers. They have worked with school districts in their area and spoken to students on the warning signs of dating violence.

HB 19 does the following:

- requires school districts to incorporate dating violence into its student harassment/bullying policy,
- requires school districts to include dating violence prevention in the district’s health education curriculum for grades seven-12,
- requires school districts and ESCs to provide training in dating violence prevention for certain middle and high school employees.

Another unrelated provision was amended into HB 19 addressing school bus driver qualifications. It revises the criminal offenses that disqualify drivers for employment by making them subject to the same disqualifying offenses that apply to other nonlicensed school personnel (rather than those offenses that apply to licensed educators, as in current law). This provision would be effective until ODE amends its existing rule on employment of bus drivers with criminal histories.

JROTC and other measures

Sometimes when there are a small number of bills moving through the legislature, a number of unrelated and somewhat-related provisions are amended into those bills. That was the case with HB 290. The legislation, sponsored by Reps. **Danny Bubb** (R-West Union) and **Raymond Pryor** (D-Chillicothe), was passed by both chambers and includes an emergency clause, which means it becomes effective immediately upon the governor’s signature. Therefore, it became the prime vehicle for legislative changes that were needed quickly.

HB 290 primarily addresses Junior ROTC and curriculum by including JROTC as an elective within the Ohio Core curriculum. It also permits school districts to excuse students who participate in JROTC for at least two full school years from the physical education requirements.

The bill also:

- Authorizes ODE and the Ohio Board of Regents to create a longitudinal data system to track student data from elementary school through higher education. This is considered one of the criteria for federal Race to the Top funds.
- Extends by six months the deadline for certain school districts that have been allocated a share of federal interest-free “qualified school construction bonds” for their state-assisted school facilities projects to secure voter approval for their projects. The bonds are authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

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- Clarifies the conditions under which a community school must close for poor academic performance.
- Makes the operations of the Harmon Commission (created in HB 1) contingent upon the decision of the superintendent of public instruction and the availability of funds.

Election reform

The Ohio General Assembly recently passed two very different and competing election law reform proposals. The House version, HB 260, sponsored by Rep. **Dan Stewart** (D-Columbus), was passed by the House and now heads to the Senate. The Senate version, Senate Bill (SB) 8, sponsored by Sen. **Bill Seitz** (R-Cincinnati), passed the Senate and now heads to the House.

When HB 260 was originally

introduced, it called for the elimination of both February and August special elections. This would have had a significant impact on school districts. On average, it takes three election attempts to build the awareness and support needed to pass a school levy. OSBA, along with other statewide education organizations, was successful in having this provision removed from the bill. However, the following three provisions — which would directly impact special elections for schools — were added to the legislation before it passed the House. The bill would:

- Increase the kinds of direct costs incurred by a board of elections in conducting an election that the board may pass on to a school district. The new obligations would require a school district with a tax

levy proposal on a special election ballot to pay for the “preparation” costs associated with the election. These costs would include overtime pay earned by employees of the county board of elections during the period when the special election preparations occur.

- Require prepayment of 65% of the estimated costs of special elections.
- Assess “depreciation” costs for the use of election equipment to the school districts with a special election ballot proposal. This means county boards of elections would be able to charge more for special elections because of “wear and tear” on the machines.

SB 8 also makes various changes to Ohio’s election laws, but does not contain any of HB 260’s troubling provisions that impact schools. We anticipate more debate and negotiations on the two different pieces of legislation. There is partisan disagreement over the bills and the Ohio secretary of state’s office hopes the General Assembly will reach an agreement on election law reforms in 2010.

OSBA is glad that the provision to eliminate special elections was removed from HB 260; however, we have concerns with the new provisions added. We want to make sure HB 260’s new provisions do not become part of the final compromise.

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

Editor’s note: All information in this article was current as of Dec. 22, 2009.

Members’ innovative lobbying strategies pay off

OSBA members took advantage of social networks to spread the word on the state budget impasse that was threatening school funding. **Nik Amstutz, Boardman Local (Mahoning)**, placed information on his Facebook wall, including a link to OSBA’s Call to Action, encouraging his network of peers to contact legislators to pass House Bill 318. Board member **Jeremy VanMeter, Berne Union Local (Fairfield)**, posted a plea to contact legislators on OSBA’s Facebook page. (To become a “fan” of

OSBA’s Facebook page, go to www.osba-ohio.org and click on the Facebook icon on the right side of the page.)

Other board members also lobbied legislators in innovative ways. For example, **Nancy Nerny, Dayton City**, came to Columbus with a contingent of teachers and students to let legislators know what the cuts would mean to their district. And, most importantly, members stayed in touch with OSBA lobbyists for the most up-to-date information on the negotiations. In the end, your hard work paid off!



PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Gary Motz, managing editor

Milford EV second-graders lead the way to a greener environment

Students at Milford EV's Pattison Elementary School are learning some valuable environmental lessons through a project launched by the school's second-graders.

One lesson they've learned is that it takes 10,000 years for Styrofoam to decompose. So, the cafeteria now serves lunch in trays made of sugar cane fiber, which decomposes in about 45 days.

"Second-graders did this, and to me, that's awe-inspiring," Gifted

Coordinator **Deborah Glynn** told a local newspaper. Glynn oversaw the students as they conducted research and put together a proposal for the project. "If we teach them in second grade that they have a say in what's going on and how things are run, they'll grow up and become involved and not just complain about things."

Students also are putting vegetable and fruit scraps in a container to compost and use later

as fertilizer in the school's garden beds. Beverage remains are dumped in another container, which is weighed each day. The kids graph the results to see which lunch period is least wasteful.

Superintendent **Robert Farrell** said the school board is considering using the sugar trays districtwide, which shows the second-graders that they can have a positive impact on their world.

Source: **Cincinnati.com**

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Superintendent **Randy Parsons** announced his retirement effective Dec. 31, 2009. ●●● **Keystone Local (Lorain)**

Superintendent **Gary Friedt** announced his retirement effective July 31. ●●● **Lake County ESC** hired **Brian Bontempo** as superintendent effective Dec. 16. He had served as interim superintendent since November, following the resignation of Superintendent **Linda Williams**, who took a job in the private sector. ●●● **Logan Elm Local (Pickaway)** hired **John Edgar Jr.** as superintendent effective Jan. 1. He previously served as the district's superintendent from 1990-2004. He replaces **Jan Broughton**, who retired effective Jan. 1. ●●● **Southern Ohio ESC** hired **Tony Long** as superintendent effective Jan. 1. He replaces **Robert (Bob) Dalton**, who retired Dec. 31. Long previously was the ESC's assistant superintendent. ●●● **Centerville City** Associate Superintendent **Terry L. Riley** announced his retirement effective in January.

Treasurers

The ESC of **Cuyahoga County** hired **Bruce G. Basalla** as treasurer effective Jan. 20. He replaces interim treasurer **Nancy Snyder**. Basalla currently is the treasurer at **Parma City**. ●●● **Springfield Local (Summit)** Treasurer **Donald Gambal** announced his resignation effective Jan. 1. He has taken the treasurer position at **Warrensville Heights City**. ●●● **Sylvania City** hired **Laura K. Sauber** as treasurer effective Jan. 18. She replaces **Carol A. McElfresh**, who is retiring. Sauber previously was the treasurer of **Edon-Northwest Local (Williams)**.

Sympathies

Former **Bath Local (Allen)** Board of Education member **Russell L. Orchard** died Dec. 8. He was 95. ●●● **Colonel Crawford Local (Crawford)** board member **Gary L. Koons** died Dec. 19. He was 47. ●●● Former **Fairfield Union Local (Fairfield)** Board of Education member **Ralph Wiley Tolbert** died Dec. 12. He was 72.

January 2010

- 14 OSBA Campaign Manager RoundtableColumbus
- 15 *Deadline for boards of education of city, exempted village, vocational and local school districts to meet and organize — RC 3313.14; last day for boards of education of city, exempted village, vocational and local school districts to adopt tax budgets for the coming school fiscal year — RC 5705.28.*
- 16-17 OSBA New Board Member WorkshopFindlay
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- 19 OSBA Southwest Region Executive Committee meeting.....West Chester
- 20 *Last day for boards of education to submit fiscal tax-year budget to county auditor — RC 5705.30.*
- 22 OSBA Executive Committee Meeting.....Columbus
- 23 OSBA Board of Trustees Meeting.....Columbus
- 27 OSBA SSDAC MeetingColumbus
- 29 *Annual campaign finance reports due (by 4 p.m.) detailing contributions and expenditures through Dec. 31, 2009 — RC 3517.10(A)(3) (last business day of January).*

- 30 OSBA Board Presidents' WorkshopColumbus
- 30 OSBA Board Presidents' WorkshopFindlay
- 31 *Deadline for educational service center (ESC) governing boards to meet and organize — RC 3313.14.*

February 2010

- 2 *Special Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after first Monday).*
- 3 OSBA Northeast Region Executive Committee meeting.....Ravenna
- 6 OSBA Board Presidents' WorkshopRootstown
- 6 OSBA Board Presidents' WorkshopWilmington
- 8 *Last day to submit certification for May income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation — RC 5748.02(A) (85 days prior to election).*
- 10 OSBA Central Region Executive Committee MeetingColumbus
- 13 *Last day to submit May emergency or current operating expenses to county auditor for May election — RC 5705.194, 5705.251 (80 days prior to election).*
- 14 OSBA Southeast Region Executive Committee meeting.....Logan
- 18 *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 May election — RC 133.18(D) (75 days prior to election); last day for county auditor to certify school district bond levy terms for May election — RC 133.18(C); last day to submit continuing replacement, permanent improvement or operating levy for May election to board of elections — RC 5705.192, 5705.21, 5705.25; last day to certify resolution for school district income tax levy for May election to board of elections — RC 5748.02(C); last day to submit emergency levy for May election to board of elections — RC 5705.195; last day to submit phased-in or current operating expenses levy for May election to board of elections — RC 5705.251(A).

- 21 OSBA Northwest Region Executive Committee meetingBowling Green

March 2010

- 1 *Last day to take action on expiration of superintendent's contract — RC 3319.01; last day to take action on expiration of treasurer's contract (contracts entered into after March 30, 2007) — RC 3313.22.*
- 2 OSBA Southeast Region Spring ConferenceGallipolis