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OSBA files brief in support of constitutional challenge to House Bill 70

OSBA's Legal Assistance Fund has filed an amicus brief with the Ohio Supreme Court to support the **Youngstown City** Board of Education in its lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of Ohio House Bill (HB) 70. The brief supports the district's longstanding argument that the overnight transformation of HB 70 into a bill that grants an unelected CEO with complete and unfettered operational, managerial and instructional control of school districts violated the Ohio Constitution's three-reading rule. The lawsuit argues that legislators, the public, the press and other interested parties were denied the opportunity to study the proposed legislation and offer input.

Registration opens for State Legislative Conference

The State Legislative Conference provides a great opportunity for local school districts to share their concerns with state legislators and other policymakers. Set for March 19 in Columbus, the annual event is hosted by OSBA, the Buckeye Association of School Administrators and the Ohio Association of School Business Officials. It features briefings on proposed legislation and the chance to meet one-on-one with association lobbyists and those making key decisions about Ohio public education. For details and to register, visit http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/72758.

Association launches ninth annual Business Honor Roll Program

Districts are encouraged to name businesses that support their schools to the OSBA Business Honor Roll. The program offers districts a way to thank firms for their contributions and helps them maintain and build upon the support they receive from their local business community. For details and a resource kit with recognition ideas, visit http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/39803 or contact Wanda Bloch at (614) 540-4000 or wbloch@ohioschoolboards.org. The submission deadline is March 22.

Summer Food Service Program Summit set for Feb. 12

Registration is open for the Summer Food Service Program Summit, hosted by the Ohio Association of Food Banks and Ohio Department of Education. The free event, which includes lunch, is Feb. 12 at the Mid-Ohio Foodbank, 3960 Brookham Drive, Grove City, 43123. It features sessions on boosting program participation and reaching children in need. Space is limited, so register soon at http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/96594. The agenda is posted at http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/62382.

Reminder: Send school board recognition materials to OSBA

OSBA reminds school districts to submit information and photos highlighting their School Board Recognition Month activities to **Scott Gerfen** at sgerfen@

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- □ Administrators
- Human resources directors
- □ Transportation supervisors

ohioschoolboards.org or 8050 N. High St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235. For more information and to submit materials online, visit http://links.ohioschoolboards. org/52515.

Communication scholarship honors late OSBA journalist

The Ohio School Public Relations Association (OHSPRA) has established a scholarship in memory of Scott Ebright, a former OHSPRA officer and retired OSBA deputy director of communication services. Ebright died in April at the age of 65. The scholarship will cover registration and lodging for one school communicator to attend the OHSPRA Spring Conference each year. Its goal is to provide communication professionals who can't afford to participate in the training event the opportunity to attend. To be eligible, applicants must be an OHSPRA member and submit a completed application

Student designs dress made entirely of paper

Zoe Swanson, a junior at **Lexington Local**'s **(Richland)** Lexington High School, hopes to be a fashion designer. She's already added a unique dress to her portfolio — one made entirely of paper.

"She would come in and show me some of the ideas," digital art teacher **Austin Javurek** told a local newspaper. "When it all came in, it was just, 'wow.'"

The dress took seven weeks to make. Swanson's father brought home packing paper from his workplace, which she used for the sleeves, spray-painting them metallic gold. The dress features a shirt and a hoop skirt. "It's very heavy," Swanson said. "It's about 10 pounds. I just wanted to make something pretty different that would be eye-catching. I think it turned out fantastic."

Source: Mansfield News Journal

form by March 1. The form is posted at http://links.ohioschool boards.org/74224.

State offering school records retention webinar

The Local Government Records Program will host a school records retention webinar Feb. 5 at 2 p.m.



Briefcase

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OSBA leads the way to educational excellence by serving Ohio's public school board members and the diverse districts they represent through superior service, unwavering advocacy and creative solutions.

The one-hour webinar is designed for school districts and ESCs. It will introduce records managers to the management practices in Ohio, including procedures for creating and filing records retention schedules and certificates of records disposal with the State Archives. The webinar also will highlight changes in the suggested school records retention schedule. The cost is \$20 per login location. A recording of the webinar will be sent to registrants after the event. For more information and to register, visit www.ohiohistory. org/lgrtraining.

OSBA online

• www.ohioschoolboards.org

A new General Assembly session has begun and state senators and representatives are back at work. Stay up-to-date on the latest legislation and how it will affect your schools by following OSBA's BillTracker page at www.ohio schoolboards.org/billtracker.



compiled by Melanie Price, senior administrative assistant of communication services

OSBA executive searches Superintendent Deadline Contact District ſ • Defiance City Feb. 4 OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000 OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000 **2** Napoleon Area City Feb. 13 Treasurer District Deadline Contact ① Shelby City Feb. 13 OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

Board changes

Beachwood City Board of Education member Steven Mark Rosen announced his resignation effective Jan. 8. ●●● ESC of Lake Erie West appointed Jared Lefevre to the board effective Jan. 8. He replaced Joe Rutherford, who resigned in December. ••• North Union Local (Union) appointed Matt Staley to the board effective Jan. 7. He replaced Dennis Hall, who resigned in December. ••• Winton Woods City Board of Education member Jessica Miranda resigned effective Dec. 31 to take a seat in the Ohio House of Representatives. ••• Xenia Community City appointed Tamara Bartley to the board effective Jan. 4. She replaced William Spahr, who died Dec. 6.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Mid-Ohio ESC hired Ed Swartz as interim superintendent effective Jan. 1. He replaced Linda T. Keller, who retired.

Treasurers

East Holmes Local (Holmes) hired Marsha K. Clark as treasurer effective Feb. 4. She will replace Interim Treasurer Matthew A. King. Clark currently is the treasurer at Dover City.

Sympathies

Former Blanchester Local (Clinton) Board of Education member David L. Ostermeier died Jan. 5. He was 89. ••• Walter F. Staley, a member of the former Byhalia-York Board of Education in Union County, died Jan. 5. He was 101. ••• Former Loudonville-Perrysville EV Board of Education member Charles W. "Chuck" Spreng died Jan. 7. He was 83. ••• Former Waverly City Board of Education member Kathleen Sue Williams died Jan. 7. She was 84.

Editor's note

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



by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

OSBA welcomes solutions engineer to its IT team

OSBA's newest staff member reinforces the association's commitment to using technology to create efficient, competitive and creative solutions.

Solutions Engineer **Ryan Stivers** started his new role on Jan. 2.

"Ryan is a full-stack web developer with a strong background in developing responsive, informational websites and customer relationship management systems," OSBA Chief Executive Officer **Richard** Lewis said. "His background in networking systems and computer science are a perfect fit as we take the next step in the transformation of technology into OSBA operations."

A full-stack web developer can work on both the front end and back end of an application. The front end typically refers to what the application user will see or interact with, with the back end referring to logic, database interactions, server configurations and more that cannot be seen by the user.

"For a while, people in the field were specialized," Stivers said. "I can work on the logic you don't see happening and the design that you do see."

Members have a wealth of information available through OSBA's website, **www.ohioschool boards.org**, and the association's district directory and Capital Conference apps available in the *Continued on page 5*

Questions about workers' comp rates? Get answers at the SchoolComp Workshops



Hear the latest on the SchoolComp program, Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) changes and experience review. These sessions meet BWC's two-hour safety training requirement.

The workshops will be held at five sites around Ohio, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 12:30 p.m. While there is no fee, registration is requested to accommodate those attending. You can register on the Ohio Association of School Business Officials website at **www.oasbo-ohio.org** or by calling (614) 431-9116.

Dates and locations:

• Monday, March 11 Hilton Garden Inn, Miamisburg

• Tuesday, March 12 Hilton Garden Inn, Findlay

• Wednesday, March 13 Northeast Ohio Medical University, Rootstown Thursday, March 14
Ohio University Inn and Conference Center, Athens
Monday, March 18

OASBO office, Columbus

Stay up-to-date with the latest legal publications

Ohio's most comprehensive school law publication has been revised for 2019. Written by Kimball H. Carey, the 2019 Ohio School Law Guide, a four-volume set, offers basic, easy-to-understand interpretations of Ohio statutes and regulations that govern public school operations.

Also revised is the 2019 Ohio School Law Manual. This convenient version contains interpretive text that appears in the Ohio School Law Guide. The handbook is a perfect reference for anyone involved with education.



| Title | Quantity | Limited-time price* | Price | Total |
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| 2019 Ohio School Law Guide | | \$580* | \$611 | |
| 2019 Ohio School Law Manual | | \$241* | \$251 | |
| Shipping | | Free | \$22.95 | |
| * Limited-time price valid through Feb. 28, 2019. Orders received after Feb. 28, 2019, will be billed full price of \$611 and \$251, plus a shipping charge of \$22.95. Limited-time price not offered on OSBA website; you must use this form to receive limited-time price. | | | | |
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Mail this form to: Ohio School Boards Association, 8050 N. High St., Ste. 100, Columbus, OH 43235-6481 or fax form to (614) 540-3299. Please allow two weeks for delivery.



Veteran board members and board officers serve critical leadership roles in their districts. Unfortunately, too many veteran board members believe on-the-job training is all they need to responsibly lead the board. Whether you are in your fourth year or your 14th, staying current is crucial to you and a benefit to your district. These workshops, created with board officers and veteran board members in mind, will present the tools you need to improve your boardmanship skills and effectively lead your district.

Details: These workshops are offered during two weekends in four locations: **Feb. 2**, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Miamisburg or Holiday Inn Cleveland South in Independence **Feb. 9**, at the OSBA office in Columbus or Hilton Garden Inn in Findlay

Cost: \$190, which includes breakfast and lunch, workshop materials and the "Board Presidents' Guidebook."

Registration: Online at **www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops** or contact **Laurie Miller** at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org

| Agenda | | | |
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| 8 a.m. | Registration and breakfast | | |
| 9 a.m. | The collaborative leader: Facilitating consensus and teamwork | | |
| | Managing difficult decisions and finding a way to meet the needs and expectations of everyone on your leadership | | |
| | team isn't easy, but is critical to success. | | |
| 10:15 a.m. | Leading through policy | | |
| | New legislation and budget priorities will affect your policies in the next year. Be prepared to lead your district | | |
| | through the policy changes that will be recommended or required. | | |
| 11:15 a.m. | What to expect from the new administration | | |
| | Ohio welcomed a new governor and that means new educational priorities and plans. This session will focus on | | |
| | what will likely be new or different from the Statehouse and Ohio's legislators. | | |
| 12:15 p.m. | Lunch (provided) | | |
| 12:45 p.m. | Transportation hot topics | | |
| | Student transportation is a key area of every district's budget, and legislative changes are expected in the coming | | |
| | months. Get some suggestions to help your district administrators mitigate disruption and impacts to the budget. | | |
| 1:45 p.m. | When controversy comes calling | | |
| | Identify common controversies boards may face, including contentious public participation sessions, employment | | |
| | matters that become public relations nightmares and other sensitive, controversial or uncomfortable issues that | | |
| | boards must address. Leave with practical tips and recommendations for resolution. | | |
| 2:30 p.m. | Open meetings and parliamentary procedure | | |
| | Not understanding or following the Open Meetings Act or Robert's Rules of Order can cause legal and practical | | |
| | issues for a school board. Review the requirements and best practices and walk through case studies and | | |
| | hypotheticals designed to help you ensure your board meetings are legal, efficient and well-run. | | |
| 3:45 p.m. | Wrap-up and adjourn | | |
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HUMAN RESOURCES

CAREER

MANAGEMENT

Decoding Human Resources for the Board and Administrative Team

RECRUITMENT

Tuesday, Feb. 5, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. • OSBA office, Columbus • Cost \$100

Board members and administrative teams have a strong, natural interest in processes to ensure their districts are recruiting, hiring and retaining high-quality staff members, teachers and administrators. But their appropriate roles as decisions are made and staff are monitored and evaluated can be difficult or misunderstood. This workshop answers questions about appropriate roles and responsibilities related to hiring and will help increase understanding of best practices for contracts, extensions and nonrenewals.

| 9:30 a.m. | Registration |
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| 9:55 a.m. | Welcome and overview |
| 10 a.m. | Administrative contract law: What you need to know |
| | This session will focus on the employment of district administrators, including the superintendent, treasurer, assistant superintendent, principals, assistant principals and business managers. Review the legal steps for hiring, evaluating, nonrenewing and terminating district administrators. Learn how to prepare now so you're ready this spring. Sara C. Clark, chief legal counsel, OSBA |
| 11 a.m. | Equity in the hiring process |
| Noon | District leaders recognize the need for strong, representative teachers and principals, especially in districts with students from minority groups, lower socioeconomic households or with special needs. Learn about educator equity gaps in Ohio, the definition of properly licensed or certified teachers and some of the root causes of teacher/principal inequality. We will discuss some steps and specific strategies to address identified teacher quality gaps and pertinent leadership and human resources actions to ensure every student receives instruction from a qualified teacher. We also will explore cognitive biases that can affect the way we relate to others and place them at a disadvantage. Hear an overview of cognitive biases, the effects of biases at work, and tips and strategies to address bias throughout the hiring process. <i>Kim Miller-Smith, senior student achievement consultant, and Dr. Kathy McFarland, deputy chief executive, OSBA</i> Lunch (provided) |
| 12:30 p.m. | Understanding roles and responsibilities in human resources |
| | This session will review best practices for board members and administrators in the employment process. We will discuss conflicts of interest, ethics in hiring processes, issues associated with nepotism and the overall role of governance as it relates to personnel. We also will review recommendations for board involvement in policy development, handbook approval and the collective bargaining process. Cheryl W. Ryan, director of board and management services, and Kenna S. Haycox, senior policy consultant, OSBA |
| 2 p.m. | Closing thoughts and adjourn |

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

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 board and management 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

Feb. 6 or 13 — Federal regulations, guidance and agencies School transportation is not only governed by local rules but also is subject to a significant number of federal agencies, rules and regulations. We will look at the external impacts on transportation and review the federal alphabet soup, including FMCSA, NHTSA, NTSB, TSB and ODI, as well as landmark federal studies on school transportation.

March 6 or 13 — Laws, rules and policy — what, how and why

What is the difference between revised code, administrative code and department policy? Are they all mandates or just best practices? What happens when they conflict? Review the technical aspects of these various regulatory controls and the process through which ideas become rules or regulations. Learn how you can help influence the future.

April 3 or 10 — Hot topics — safety, trends and statistics

Review hot topics in student transportation, including seat belts in school buses. Learn about National Transportation Safety Board accident studies, Ohio school bus accident statistics and any topics that attendees bring from their local districts. While we look at these hot topics, an underlying focus also is on how to identify the learning points in each of these areas and share them with the staff that delivers our front-line transportation services.

Register by contacting **Diana Paulins** at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or mta@ohioschoolboards.org. You also can purchase a subscription plan for all the workshops in this series; contact Paulins for more information.





Valuing Evaluation

Strategies to Implement Superintendent, Treasurer and Board Self-Evaluations to Improve Leadership Team Relationships

Saturday, March 9 • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. • OSBA office, Columbus • Cost is \$100

This workshop, appropriate for board members and administrators, will discuss the legal requirements associated with superintendent and treasurer evaluations as well as strategies and best practices to align and prioritize performance objectives to district goals. In addition, the value and benefits of board self-evaluation, also aligned with stated goals and objectives, will be discussed.

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.

Reasonable Suspicion Training



OSBA is offering a reasonable suspicion drug and alcohol training program for supervisors. Completion of this course is required for all supervisors of safety-sensitive (commercial driver's license) drivers, including school bus drivers. Best practice is that each district have at least two administrators trained in this requirement.

The course meets the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration U.S. Department of Transportation requirements. Attendees will receive a certificate of completion.

Details: This workshop is being offered on two dates from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the OSBA office. Choose from Wednesday, **Feb. 6**, or Wednesday, **Feb. 13**. The cost is \$50

Registration: Online at **www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops** or contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ ohioschoolboards.org

Friday, March 1 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Embassy Suites, Columbus Cost is \$190 (includes a book)

Special Education Law Workshop

8:15 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast

11:45 a.m. Lunch (provided)

- 8:55 a.m. Welcome
- 9 a.m. Ohio Department of Education (ODE) hot topics

You asked for it, and ODE will deliver. This session will focus on the activities of the Office for Exceptional Children (OEC), including proposed revisions to Ohio's operating standards. Dr. Kim Monachino, director, OEC, ODE

10:15 a.m. Special education: Lightning round of special education updates

Court cases, administrative guidance revisions and more – this fast-paced discussion will review updates to "Special Education Law in Ohio," the book included in the registration fee. Susan Geary, Esq., Bricker & Eckler LLP, and Jennifer A. Hardin, deputy director of legal services, OSBA

10:45 a.m. Break

11 a.m. Ohio's comprehensive continuum of mental health and behavioral health supports Learn why mental health and behavioral health (MH/BH) efforts should be systematically incorporated, in proactive and reactive ways, into schools. Discover resources that have been developed through Project AWARE Ohio to help staff recognize the signs and symptoms of MH/ BH issues and refer students to the appropriate resources; know how to respond to youth in need; and be aware of the continuum of MH/BH supports and services in your communities. Dr. Dawna-Cricket-Martita Meehan, director, and Debora Robison, administrator, Center for School-Based Mental Health Programs, Miami University

12:30 p.m. Identifying and supporting students with mental health concerns

How does a district determine if mental or behavioral health problems are adversely affecting a student's educational performance? Learn about the challenges districts face when identifying and serving students with mental health concerns. Review socialemotional learning, warning signs, triggers, evaluations and communicating and collaborating with families. Jessica Dawso, Esg., Scott Scriven LLP

2 p.m. Break

2:15 p.m. Proactive and reactive: Responding appropriately to students with extreme behaviors

What are your district's responsibilities, goals and legal requirements when one of your students is facing extreme mental or behavioral health challenges? When and how must the district intervene to keep all students safe and secure? This session will discuss bullying, social isolation, threat assessment and the appropriate learning environment for students with extremely challenging behaviors.

Jeremy Neff, Esq., Ennis Britton Co. LPA

3:45 p.m. Adjourn

Unauthorized audio recording or videotaping of any session is strictly prohibited.

Register online at **www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops** or contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. The Embassy Suites is located at 2700 Corporate Exchange Drive, Columbus, 43231. Unauthorized audio recording or videotaping of any session is strictly prohibited.

Central Region Spring Conference

Wednesday, March 13 Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Road, Columbus, 43229

Don't miss the keynote presentation, "And one more thing — You have to translate the culture too!" Associate professor **Debra Smith** from the Ohio University Lancaster campus describes how the differences between families in the middle class and those living without resources are barriers for success in formal education. The expectations of students and families are defined by middle-class perceptions and do not translate well for those who live in poverty. Based on Bridges Out of Poverty principles, this presentation will challenge participants to consider the need for schools to serve as the translator of cultural norms for students and families.

5 p.m. Networking

5:50 p.m. Welcome and introductions

Stu Harris, Central Region president; board member, Dublin City

- 6 p.m. OSBA legislative update Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services, OSBA
- 6:15 p.m. Dinner

Student entertainment

7 p.m. Program OSBA update

John W. Halkias, OSBA president; board member, Plain Local (Stark)

OSBA comments

Dr. Kathy McFarland, deputy chief executive, OSBA

Keynote speaker: And one more thing — You have to translate the culture too!

Debra Smith, associate professor, Ohio University Lancaster

Recognitions

- Outstanding programs
- Outstanding schools
- Award of Achievement recipients
- Master Board Member recognition
- Recognition of board members celebrating service milestones of 10, 15 and 20 years

8:30 p.m. Adjourn

Reservation information

Make your reservation at **http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/crspring2019**. Online reservations allow districts to pay with a credit card, check or be invoiced after the conference when they provide a purchase order number.

The cost to attend is \$40. The reservation deadline is Wednesday, March 6. Cancellations received at least three workdays before the day of the meeting may request a full refund. All others will be charged the full event fee. If paying by check, please make checks payable to OSBA Central Region and mail to **Melanie Price**, senior administrative assistant of communication services, Ohio School Boards Association, 8050 N. High St., Ste. 100, Columbus, OH 43235. If you require special accommodations, including food allergies or special dietary needs such as a gluten-free meal, please include the information in the notes of the online reservation.

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.



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Reservations

Please check which conference you will attend: 🗆 March 21, Smithville 📮 March 25, Warren

The cost to attend is \$35 each for OSBA members, guests and spouses, which covers the cost of the meal. You may make your reservation online for the March 21 conference at http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/nespring2019Smithville or for the March 25 conference at http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/nespring2019Warren or email your reservation with a purchase order to Melanie Price at mprice@ohioschoolboards.org. Please make checks payable to Ohio School Boards Association and send the reservation form to Melanie Price, senior administrative assistant of communication services, Ohio School Boards Association, 8050 N. High St., Ste. 100, Columbus, OH 43235. The deadline for reservations is Friday, March 15, for Smithville and Monday, March 18, for Warren. Please include payment with reservation. Individuals who cancel at least three workdays before the day of the meeting may request a full refund. All others will be charged the full fee.

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

Northwest Region Spring Conference An evening at the Apollo: Celebrating hometown heroes

Thursday, March 14

Apollo Career Center, 3325 Shawnee Road, Lima, 45806 • (419) 998-2908

5:30 p.m. Networking

6 p.m. Welcome and introductions

Chris Varwig, Northwest Region president; board member, Toledo City; and Keith Horner, superintendent, Apollo Career Center

Greetings from OSBA

John W. Halkias, OSBA president; board member, Plain Local (Stark)

Invocation

Thomas C. Patterson, Sandusky City

Dinner

Catered by Carrie Prince, culinary arts manager, Apollo Career Center Culinary Arts Program

OSBA legislative update

Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services, OSBA Entertainment

Bath Local's (Allen) Bath High School Chamber Chorale, directed by Sarah Haselman; introduced by Brian Jesko, principal, Bath High School

Nominate your hometown hero by Jan. 31, 2019

Download award nominations at **www.ohioschoolboards.org/ nw-region**.

Authority for reimbursement

Ohio Revised Code Section 3315.15 authorizes the

OSBA update and introduction of new Northwest Region board members *Dr. Kathy McFarland, deputy chief executive, OSBA*

7:30 p.m. Awards and recognitions

- 2018 Northwest Region president and executive committee
- 2018 Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair Participant Awards
- Northwest Region Excellence in Community Service Award
- State of Ohio academic achievement awards
- Award of Achievement recipients
- Veteran board members
- Northwest Region Humanitarian Award
- Northwest Region Who's Who Excellence Award for Outstanding Leadership
- Neil Pohlmann Award of Excellence in Education

8:30 p.m. Adjourn

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Award of Achievement

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

Reservations

The cost to attend is \$30 per person or \$160 per table (seats six — use code NWSPRING19 when making your reservation) for OSBA members, guests and spouses, which covers the cost of the meal. The cost is \$20 for students and their parents (use code NWSTUDENT when making your reservation). You may make your reservation online at http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/nwspring2019 or email your reservation with a purchase order to Melanie Price at mprice@ohioschoolboards.org. Please make checks payable to Ohio School Boards Association and send the reservation form to Melanie Price, senior administrative assistant of communication services, Ohio School Boards Association, 8050 N. High St., Ste. 100, Columbus, OH 43235. The deadline for reservations is Thurday, Feb. 28. Please include payment with your reservation. Individuals who cancel at least three workdays before the day of the meeting may request a full refund. All others will be charged the full fee. While checks are preferred, we can accept purchase orders for districts reserving one or more tables.

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ to cover _____ reservations or _____ 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 reservations.*)

Southeast Region Spring Conferences

The Southeast Region will host two conferences. Choose the date and location that best fits your schedule: • Tuesday, March 19 — Pike County Career Technology Center, 175 Beaver Creek Road, Piketon, 45661 • (740) 289-2721

• Tuesday, March 26 — Sheridan High School, 8725 Sheridan Road, Thornville, 43076 • (740) 743-1335

Agenda for both conferences 5:30 p.m. Networking

6:15 p.m. Presiding

Larry A. Good, Southeast Region president; board member, Muskingum Valley ESC

Dinner

Entertainment

Greetings and update from OSBA

John W. Halkias, OSBA president; board member, Plain Local (Stark); and Dr. Kathy McFarland, deputy chief executive, OSBA

Recognition of Student Achievement Fair participants

Award of Achievement

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

Presentation of OSBA Award of Achievement

Recognition of veteran board members

Recognition of Ohio Department of Education (ODE) Momentum Schools, Schools of Honor, All A awards and Overall A awards

Immediate past president's recognition* (*presented at March 19 conference)

OSBA legislative update Jennifer Hogue, director of legislative services, OSBA

Adjourn

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.

Reservations

Please check which conference you will attend: 🗆 March 19, Piketon 🛛 🖾 March 26, Thornville

The cost to attend is \$38 each for OSBA members, guests and spouses, which covers the cost of the meal. You may make your reservation online for the March 19 conference at http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/sespring2019Piketon or for the March 26 conference at http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/sespring2019Thornville or email your reservation with a purchase order to Melanie Price at mprice@ohioschoolboards.org. Please make checks payable to Ohio School Boards Association and send the reservation form to Melanie Price, senior administrative assistant of communication services, Ohio School Boards Association, 8050 N. High St., Ste. 100, Columbus, OH 43235. Deadline for reservations is Friday, March 15, for Piketon and Friday, March 22, for Thornville. Please include payment with reservation. Please call for special dietary considerations. Individuals who cancel at least three workdays before the day of the meeting may request a full refund. All others will be charged the full fee.

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ to cover _____ reservations.



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

Southwest Region Spring Conference

Tuesday, March 12

Warren County Career Center, 3525 N. State Route 48, Lebanon, 45036 • (513) 771-8841

5 p.m. Networking

5:30 p.m. Welcome

Linda A. Jordan, Southwest Region president; board member, Clark County ESC

Entertainment

Northeastern Local's (Clark) Kenton Ridge High School Jazz Band, directed by Jim Templeton

Presentation of colors

Springboro Community City's Springboro High School Air Force Jr. ROTC color guard, instructed by Master Sgt. Michael Thiergart

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence

Fred Hunt, Southwest Region president-elect; board member, Hamilton County ESC and Great Oaks Career Canpuses

6 p.m. Buffet dinner

6:40 p.m. General Session Introductions by Linda A. Jordan

Special presentations

Recognition of veteran board members

John W. Halkias, OSBA president; board member, Plain Local (Stark); and Richard Lewis, chief executive officer, OSBA

Award of Achievement

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

Greetings and update from OSBA

John W. Halkias and Dr. Kathy McFarland, deputy chief executive, OSBA

OSBA legislative update

Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services, OSBA

Presentation of Special Recognition awards to outstanding staff members

Linda A. Jordan, Southwest Region executive committee members and Mrs. Warren Stevens

2019 President's Award

Presented by Linda A. Jordan Recipient: David Speas, retired teacher

Presentation of Award of Achievement and Master Board Member honors

John W. Halkias; Richard Lewis; and Scott Huddle, Southwest Region immediate past president; board member, Mad River Local (Montgomery)

Recognition of 2018 effective school boards Scott Huddle, Linda A. Jordan and Fred Hunt

Adjourn

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Reservations

The cost to attend is \$38 each for OSBA members, guests and spouses, which covers the cost of the meal. You may make your reservation online at http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/swspring2019 or email your reservation with a purchase order number to Melanie Price at mprice@ohioschoolboards.org. Please make checks payable to Ohio School Boards Association and send the reservation form to Melanie Price, senior administrative assistant of communication services, Ohio School Boards Association, 8050 N. High St., Ste. 100, Columbus, OH 43235. Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, March 6. Please include payment with reservation. Individuals who cancel at least three workdays before the day of the meeting may request a full refund. All others will be charged the full fee.

| Enclosed is a check for \$ to cover reservations. | | |
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WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Register at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops

OSBA members can access member-only information, including workshop registration, by logging in to the OSBA website.

How to log in

Click on "Log in to your account" on top right of the website. Log in using your email address on file and your password. Click "Reset your password" if needed.

If it says "We could not find your email address," or if this is your first time logging in to the site, click "Create new account." At the username prompt, enter your email address, select your affiliation and school district, and click "Submit." Create a password and add your job title on the next screen. An email with a link to activate your account will be sent to you. Click on the link to activate your account, and you will be directed to a home screen.



Intentional Practices in Public **Education Workshop**



Saturday, Feb. 23 • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. OSBA office, Columbus • Cost is \$100

This workshop is designed to provide an up-close and personal look at what is positively impacting student achievement in urban districts. Academic leaders will share their experiences and success strategies from the urban perspective. This workshop is hosted by the OSBA Black Caucus.

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

| Agenda 9:30 a.m. 10 a.m. | Registration Welcome and announcements |
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| 10:15 a.m. | Intentional practices around using data to drive instruction Donald J. Jolly II, superintendent, Warrensville Heights City |
| 10:55 a.m. | Break |
| 11:05 a.m. | Developing an instruction framework Dr. Charles T. Keenan, superintendent, Maple Heights City |

| ve | | Lunch (provided) Instructional rounds — intentional practices to close the achievement gap Dr. Vilicia Cade, chief academic officer, Sandusky City |
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| | 1:25 p.m. 2 p.m. | Caucus updates Adjourn |

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Apple App or Google Play stores.

Stivers comes to OSBA following work as a PHP developer for MoveHQ, based in central Ohio, which designs applications for moving companies. While there, he was tasked with developing a releaseready build and seeing it through to a successful product launch.

"We provided solutions for everything from talking to drivers to sorting out warehouse storage," Stivers said. "We made everything more user-friendly."

Stivers joins a team led by Chief Technology Officer **Drew Clark**, who actively researches emerging business technology trends; provides strategic input on association goals in technology, processes and service delivery; provides end-user member support; and oversees technology budgeting and solution design.

"OSBA strives to infuse transformational technology into all facets of the association," Clark said. "The addition of Ryan to our development team greatly expands our capacity to develop creative solutions that advance the association's mission and vision."

Stivers can be reached at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or rstivers@ohioschoolboards.org.



Do you want to see your district's students engaged in the OSBA Capital Conference? The Student Achievement Fair, held in conjunction with the Capital Conference, highlights outstanding student performance groups and fresh, innovative initiatives from public school districts across the state.

Student Achievement Fair performing groups

OSBA will choose one performing group from each of the association's five regions to perform during the Student Achievement Fair. Past performances have included cheerleaders, choirs, bands, orchestras and percussion ensembles. Each group will perform for 20 minutes. Submit a nomination at http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations and email an electronic video audition or YouTube

link to **Gwen Samet**, administrative assistant of board and management services, at gsamet@ohioschoolboards.org. Only electronic recordings will be accepted. The nomination deadline is Friday, May 24.

Student Achievement Fair district programs

OSBA is accepting nominations for programs that showcase exemplary student achievement. Examples of previous presentations include graphic design demonstrations, world languages, industrial technology projects, career center culinary arts programs, STEM projects and outdoor education.

Contact **Gwen Samet** (gsamet@ohioschoolboards.org) or **Teri Morgan** (tmorgan@ohioschoolboards.org) at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA with any questions.

Visit http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations to nominate a student performing group or district program today!

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services

133rd Ohio General Assembly is underway

The 133rd Ohio General Assembly is off and running. Both the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate met for their inaugural opening sessions Jan. 7 to swear in members and formally vote on key leadership positions.

During its session, the Senate unanimously approved the majority and minority party caucus slates that previously were decided in informal votes. The majority Republicans elected Sen.



OSBA strategic planning — the road map for decision-making

Let OSBA put you on the path to success. OSBA can help your district create a comprehensive, long-term strategic plan to ensure you always know which road to take. OSBA consultants will help you identify critical issues, set comprehensive goals for the district and determine priorities for the future.

Call the OSBA Division of Board and Management Services at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA to get moving in the right direction today.

Larry Obhof (R-Medina) as president; Sen. Bob Peterson (R-Sabina) as president pro tempore; Sen. Randy Gardner (R-Bowling Green) as majority floor leader; and Sen. Matt Huffman (R-Lima) as majority whip. The minority Democrats elected Sen. Kenny Yuko (D-Richmond Heights) as minority leader; Sen. Cecil Thomas (D-Cincinnati) as assistant minority leader; Sen. Sean O'Brien (D-Bazetta) as minority whip; and Sen. Sandra Williams (D-Cleveland) as assistant minority

(D-Cleveland) as assistant minority whip.

Gardner recently was nominated by Gov. **Mike DeWine** to serve as the chancellor for the Ohio Department of Higher Education. A replacement for him in the Republican leadership is likely to be announced in the coming weeks.

The House session was a bit more eventful since two members of the majority Republican caucus were vying for the speaker position without an informal slate being presented prior to the vote. The two members seeking to lead the House were Reps. Larry Householder (R-Glenford) and Ryan Smith (R-Bidwell). Prior to Jan. 7, Smith was confident he held *Continued on page 7*

PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

Students learn about 'giving back' through tiny house project

Students in **Tipp City EV**'s Tippecanoe High School's homebuilding class have expanded their tiny house project to help veterans.

Work is underway to build three micro houses for the nonprofit Veteran's Ananda Inc.'s Homestead and Retreat in Fulton, N.Y., instructor **Jim Kitchen** told a local newspaper.

"From a philanthropic standpoint, this is great for kids to work beyond just the goal of building a house and selling it," Kitchen said. "It is teaching giving back to the greater community. You are really doing it for someone who needs the help."

The project will include two 8-feet by 10-feet houses and another home with more space to accommodate a disabled resident.

According to Veteran's Ananda's website, the homes will house individuals who "take part in the short-duration, high-impact retreats and long-term posttraumatic growth programs."

This is the third year students in the homebuilding program have built a tiny house that will be sold at auction to benefit their work.

Students built their first tiny house over two school years and sold it at public auction in August. They built the second tiny house, which is smaller than the first, outside the high school. The class attracted 165 students this year, Kitchen said.

Source: Dayton Daily News

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a majority of his caucus' votes. However, at the same time, Householder was lobbying minority caucus members to vote for him based on his views on labor. In addition, Householder proposed to expand the roles of the minority caucus should he be successful in his bid for speaker.

Householder ultimately prevailed by a vote of 52–46. Although Smith obtained a majority of Republican votes (34-26), Householder obtained 26 votes from Democrats, which won him the position. Householder served as speaker from 2001-2004 prior to being term-limited.

Following his election as speaker, Householder announced

that the majority caucus would be participating in a Jan. 23 retreat to discuss other leadership positions and member priorities. He also urged the minority caucus to rethink its informal slate of leaders, which included Rep. **Fred Strahorn** (D-Dayton) who voted to support Smith for speaker. Strahorn later announced he would not be seeking his caucus' minority leader position. The House is scheduled to return Feb. 6 and formally vote on leadership.

In the coming weeks, the House and Senate will be announcing committee assignments. Many budget watchers are interested in who will be chairing the finance committees as the first half of the General Assembly likely will be consumed by the biennial state budget legislation. Normally, the governor normally is required to present the budget to the General Assembly early in January of every odd-numbered year. However, in years in which a new governor takes office, the executive budget may be presented by the new governor as late as March 15. In addition, we'll know soon who will be chairing the House and Senate Education committees.

Editor's note: Information in this article was current as of Jan. 17, 2019.

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January

- Last day to submit certification for May 28 income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation – RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to election).
- 31 Deadline for educational service center (ESC) governing boards to meet and organize – RC 3313.14; deadline for secondary schools to provide information about College Credit Plus to all students enrolled in grades six through 11 – RC 3365.04(A); annual campaign finance reports must be filed by certain 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 Dec. 31, 2018 – RC 3517.10(A)(3).

February

- Last day to submit May emergency, current operating expenses or conversion levy to county auditor for May election – ŘC 5705.194, 5705.195, 5705.213, 5705.219 (95 days prior to election).
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- 5 Decoding Human Resources for the Board and Administrative Team workshop.....Columbus
- Northeast Region Executive Committee 6 Meeting Wadsworth
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- Training Columbus OSBA Master of Transportation 6 Administration Program: Federal regulations, guidance and agencies......Columbus
 - 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); last day for county auditor to certify school district bond levy terms for May election $- RC 133.18(\check{C})$; 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 or renewal of conversion levy for May election to board of elections - KC 5748.02(C), 5705.219(G); last day to submit emergency levy for May election to board of elections - RC 5705.195; last day to submit phased-in levy or current operating expenses

levy for May election to board of elections – RČ 5705.251(A) (90 days prior to election).

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- agencies......Columbus Intentional Practices in Public Education 23 Workshop..... Columbus

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- Special Education Law 1
 - Workshop.....Columbus Last day to take action and deliver written notice of nonrenewal of superintendent's contract — RC 3319.01; last day to take action on and deliver written notice of nonrenewal of treasurer's contract – RC 3313.22; last day to publish joint statement describing how district's business advisory council has fulfilled its responsibilities — RC 3313.821.