OSBA supporting initiative to transform high school sports culture

OSBA is among a number of organizations supporting the InsideOut Initiative, which is designed to transform the culture of “win-at-all-costs” in high school sports. The initiative takes a critical look at interscholastic athletics by encouraging a system that focuses on developing the educational, social and emotional well-being of each student-athlete rather than defining success by the scoreboard. In October, Ohio became one of the first states to launch this initiative through the support of the Ohio High School Athletic Association, Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, NFL Foundation and other local and national organizations. For more information, visit https://insideoutinitiative.org.

Former OSBA staff member appointed to State Board of Education

Laura E. Kohler, a former OSBA management development specialist, was named to the State Board of Education Feb. 10. Gov. John R. Kasich appointed her to fill an at-large seat vacated by C. Todd Jones, who was term-limited. Kohler, who worked for OSBA from 2005 to 2007, is a former Worthington City board member and most recently served on the New Albany-Plain Local (Franklin) Board of Education.

Ex-president resigns from State Board of Education

State Board of Education member Tom Gunlock resigned from the board Feb. 24. Gov. John R. Kasich named Kara Morgan of Union County to serve the rest of his term, which expires Dec. 31, 2018. Gunlock, from Centerville, had served as board president for the past two years but did not seek that position this year. Kasich appointed him to the at-large seat in 2011 and reappointed him in 2014. According to Hannah News Service, Morgan is a Battelle Memorial Institute analytics expert and adjunct professor at Ohio State University’s John Glenn College of Public Affairs.

Nominate your top student programs for the Student Achievement Fair

The Student Achievement Fair is one of the most popular events at the OSBA Capital Conference. The fair features 100 innovative learning initiatives from around the state as well as five outstanding student performing groups. OSBA is accepting nominations for districts to participate in the fair, which will be held Nov. 14 in Columbus. For more information, http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/52500.

Board Leadership Institute hotel discount deadline approaching

March 31 is the deadline to secure a special nightly hotel rate of only $131 for the OSBA Board Leadership Institute, set for April 21-22 at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris. Reservations can be made at http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/36593 or by calling
(614) 885-1600 and mentioning OSBA to get the discounted rate. The institute offers a comprehensive range of training designed specifically for school board members. For details and to register, go to http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/33166.

**Business Honor Roll submissions due next week**

The deadline to submit 2017 OSBA Business Honor Roll selections is March 24. The program enables districts to thank local firms that support their schools. For more information and to submit selections, go to http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/39803 or contact Wanda Bloch at (614) 540-4000 or wbloch@ohioschoolboards.org.

**OSBA Trade Show earns national recognition**

OSBA’s Capital Conference Trade Show will be recognized by Trade Show Executive magazine at an April conference in Chicago. The show will receive the Trade Show Executive Fastest 50 Award as one of the 50 fastest-growing shows of 2016. For more information on the conference and awards program, visit http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/11127.

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**Police officer’s homework help goes viral**

Stumped by her math homework, a student at River Valley Local’s (Marion) Heritage Elementary School turned to local police for answers.

Marion Police Department Lt. B.J. Gruber went above the call of duty to help fifth-grader Lena Draper. Their Facebook exchange was shared thousands of times and covered by news outlets across the U.S.

Gruber provided the correct answer to the first equation but got the second one wrong. Some people praised him, while others poked fun because he gave the wrong answer.

Using her mom’s Facebook account, Draper thought to reach out to Marion police after catching one of their T-shirts at a community engagement event.

Source: The Columbus Dispatch

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**Association seeking Capital Conference moderators**

OSBA is recruiting school board members and administrators to be workshop moderators at the 2017 Capital Conference in Columbus. Moderators are needed for all three days of the conference: Nov. 12, 13 and 14. Board members who serve will earn five OSBA Award of Achievement credits. For details, contact Judy Morgan at jmorgan@ohioschoolboards.org, (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA. The deadline to volunteer is May 31.

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**OSBA online**

- www.ohioschoolboards.org

The 2017 OSBA Legislative Platform — which states OSBA’s positions on key public education issues — is now posted at http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/platform. The platform conveys to legislators, policymakers, the public and the media where OSBA stands and guides the association’s advocacy efforts.
OSBA executive searches

Superintendent
District
- Loudonville-Perrysville EV
- Fremont City

Deadline | Contact
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March 23 | OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
March 31 | OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

Treasurer
District
- Heath City
- Stow-Munroe Falls City
- Fairfield County ESC

Deadline | Contact
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March 14 | OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
March 15 | OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
April 7 | OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

Other positions
Position
Superintendent
Treasurer
District
Cincinnati City
Otsego Local (Wood)

Deadline | Contact
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March 23 | Ray & Associates Inc., (319) 393-3115
March 20 | Lisa Austin, administrative assistant to the superintendent/EMIS coordinator, Otsego Local, (419) 823-4381, ext. 1100

National searches
Position
Superintendent/principal
District
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Deadline | Contact
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March 24 | California School Boards Association/ McPherson & Jacobson LLC, (888) 375-4814

Board changes
Bucyrus City Board of Education member Douglas Schiefer announced his resignation effective immediately. Huber Heights City Board of Education member Krista Tipton announced her resignation effective Feb. 14. Lima City Board of Education member Dennis Williams announced his resignation effective Feb. 22.

Administrative changes
Superintendents
Berkshire Local (Geauga) hired John Ray Stoddard as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace Douglas J. Delong, who will resign effective July 31. Stoddard currently is the high school principal at Oak Hills Local (Hamilton). Liberty Local (Trumbull) Superintendent Stan Watson announced his retirement effective July 31.
Superintendent Robert A. Rostan announced his retirement effective June 1. Perry Local (Allen) Superintendent Omer I. Schroeder announced his retirement effective July 31. Woodmore Local (Sandusky) Interim Superintendent Jay LeFevre announced his resignation effective March 13. Switzerland of Ohio Local (Monroe) hired Rob Caldwell as assistant superintendent effective Feb. 15. He will continue to serve as the district’s high school principal until the end of the school year.

Treasurers
Anna Local (Shelby) hired Cathy Doseck as treasurer effective Feb. 1. She replaced Dennis S. Raberding, who resigned effective Jan. 31. Doseck will continue to serve as interim treasurer at New Knoxville Local (Auglaize). Austintown Local (Mahoning) hired Assistant Treasurer Arthur J. Ginnetti as treasurer effective immediately. He will replace Mary Ann Herschel, who has taken the assistant treasurer/human resource specialist position.

Advocating for public education
Kids PAC gives board members the opportunity to belong to a political action committee (PAC) whose members are aware of the problems facing public education and whose goals are aimed at dealing with these issues.

With a PAC, we have a voice and can advocate for the future of public education. Kids PAC allows OSBA to advance its legislative platform by supporting candidates who believe in its goals.

Why is Kids PAC important?
Kids PAC supports candidates who are involved with and passionate about public education. It also raises the visibility of school board members’ views, interests and concerns among influential legislators.

Join Kids PAC today!

Invest in their future

To be active advocates for Ohio’s children, we need a strong PAC. Contribute to Kids PAC today! Contributions can be made online, by personal check made payable to Kids PAC or by cash up to $100. By law, school district and corporate checks cannot be accepted. Kids PAC is a political action committee, and contributions are not tax deductible.
OSBA Student Achievement Fair

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2017 • 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. • Greater Columbus Convention Center

The OSBA Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair highlights outstanding student performance groups and fresh, innovative initiatives from school districts across the state.

Student Achievement Fair performing groups

OSBA will choose one school district performing group from each of the association’s five regions to perform during the Student Achievement Fair. Each group will perform for 20 minutes. To nominate a performing group, submit a nomination at http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations and email an electronic video audition or YouTube link to Gwen Samet, administrative associate of search services, at gsamet@ohioschoolboards.org. Only electronic recordings will be accepted. The nomination deadline is Friday, June 23.

Student Achievement Fair district programs

OSBA is accepting nominations for district programs that improve student achievement. For ideas, visit http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/60021 to view the list of 2016 Student Achievement Fair district programs.

One hundred programs highlighting student achievement will be selected. Nominate a district program at http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations.

If you have questions, contact Gwen Samet (gsamet@ohioschoolboards.org) or Teri Morgan (tmorgan@ohioschoolboards.org) at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.

Board members and administrators — protect yourself and your family for $55 per year!

OSBA provides free business travel accidental death and dismemberment (AD&D) insurance in the amount of $100,000 to school board members as a membership benefit. Board members also can purchase personal AD&D insurance for themselves and their families. District administrators can purchase AD&D insurance for themselves and their families as well. These additional coverages are available through the OSBA Insurance Agency LLC.

For more information, contact the OSBA Division of Business and Finance at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.

The enrollment deadline is March 31. Don’t miss out on your chance to protect your family with this affordable insurance.
Questions about workers’ comp rates?

Get answers at the 2017 Spring SchoolComp Workers’ Compensation 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 sites around Ohio, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. While there is no fee, registration is requested to accommodate those attending.

Agenda

8 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast

8:15 a.m. Welcome and introductions
Tony Sharrock, manager, client services, CompManagement; Van D. Keating, director of management services, OSBA; Kim Laugherty, director of membership services, Ohio Association of School Business Officials

Third-party administrator updates — Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation (BWC)
Learn about recent and ongoing BWC initiatives that have a direct impact on a school’s budget.
Tony Sharrock

Unemployment compensation — reasonable assurance
Hear about reasonable assurance and how, when and why it should be offered.
Roger Baker, supervisor, Unemployment

Compensation Division, Sedgwick Claims Management Services Inc.

Break

Managed care organization updates
BWC recently enacted new rules designed to better control prescription medications in workers’ compensation claims. Review this topic and explore approaches to engage with the medical provider community for closer partnerships and accountability.
Lance Watkins, vice president, client services, CompManagement Health Systems Inc.

10:30 a.m. Safety training session 1

11:30 a.m. Safety training session 2

12:30 p.m. Closing
Tony Sharrock

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
Program members should mark their calendars now to attend one of the following workshops:

Tuesday, March 14
Ohio University Inn and Conference Center, Athens

Thursday, March 16
OSBA office, Columbus
State Legislative Conference

Wednesday, March 15
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Statehouse Atrium, Columbus
Cost is $135

The State Legislative Conference provides school board members, administrators and treasurers a great venue to meet with their state legislators and discuss issues impacting public education. It is a golden opportunity to get the message out on the importance of investing in a strong public school system and putting a local face on these issues.

During the morning session, school district leaders will hear briefings on proposed legislation that can be used in discussions with their legislators during lunch and in office visits later that day. Attendees also will hear from legislative leaders about their views on public education and other priorities.

Attendees are urged to schedule office appointments between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to meet individually with their legislators and their aides following the luncheon. We also encourage you to extend a personal invitation to them to attend the luncheon.

Don’t miss this annual event and a chance to have your voice heard at the Statehouse. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. 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.

Agenda
8:30 a.m.  
Registration

9 a.m.  
Lobbyists’ briefing on key issues
Damon Asbury, director of legislative services; Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services; and Jennifer Hogue, lobbyist, OSBA; Tom Ash, director of governmental relations, Buckeye Association of School Administrators; and Barbara Shaner, associate executive director, Ohio Association of School Business Officials

10 a.m.  
Legislative leadership perspectives
Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina); House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville); Senate Minority Leader Joe Schiavoni (D-Boardman); and House Minority Leader Fred Strahorn (D-Dayton)

11 a.m.  
Budget leadership perspectives
House Finance Chairman Ryan Smith (R-Bidwell) and Senate Finance Committee representative

Noon  
Lunch with your legislators

1 p.m.  
Personal meetings with your legislators
Contact your legislators to schedule an appointment prior to the conference.
OSBA Cyberlaw 2017

Technology and
the law seminar

Friday, March 17, 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
OSBA office, Columbus
Cost is $155

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This program has been approved by the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education for 4.5 hours of CLE credit.

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. Unauthorized audio recording or videotaping of any session is strictly prohibited.
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 $90 or you can purchase an MTA subscription for the workshop series. 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

April 5 or 11 — Emergency transportation planning
Transportation departments are required to have a viable emergency plan in place. Review what an emergency plan should include, how to develop action plans and how to write a plan that anyone can follow, even in your absence.

May 3 or 9 — Fleet compliance
Learn about bus maintenance and safety checks, Ohio State Highway Patrol motor vehicle inspections and how to make the best use of the driver pre-trip inspection. Review preventive maintenance plans, bus purchasing and using data to determine an effective vehicle replacement plan.

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

Get on board with OSBA School Transportation Services

OSBA consultants can help districts assess their transportation needs and offer personal assistance with transportation rules interpretations, policy questions and technical advice. Consultants also provide the following services:

- transportation operation cost analysis and benchmarking studies
- routing analysis
- fleet management assistance
- general operations evaluation
- regional coordination studies
- in-service presentations for drivers and administrators
- evaluation of specific transportation services, including payment in lieu of transportation
- bus purchasing and specification development
- driver qualifications compliance review
- transportation emergency plan development
- development of local student transportation handbooks

To learn more, contact Pete Japikse (pjapikse@ohioschoolboards.org) and Doug Palmer (dpalmer@ohioschoolboards.org) at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or schoolbus@ohioschoolboards.org.
Board Leadership Institute

Professional development designed by board members for board members

April 21-22, 2017 • Hilton Columbus/Polaris

The Board Leadership Institute (BLI) enables board members to:

- Attend a seminar designed by and for board members
- Strengthen board governance skills
- Board members plan BLI breakout sessions during the Capital Conference
- Choose from 18 breakout sessions
- Receive superb professional development
- Review information on sessions you missed
- Experience a comprehensive two-day training event
- Network with other board members
- Earn Award of Achievement points
- Meet with colleagues to share success stories and learn from each other
- Attendees receive 20 points toward the OSBA Award of Achievement

Keynote speakers set the tone for BLI

BLI will kick off Friday, April 21, with Superintendent of Public Instruction Paolo DeMaria, who directs Ohio’s education system of nearly 3,600 public schools and more than 1.6 million students. His 25-year career in public service includes serving as a policy adviser to former Ohio Gov. Bob Taft and director and assistant director of Ohio’s Office of Budget and Management.


Registration and hotel details

Cost for the institute is $255, which includes breakfast and lunch on both days and materials. Register online at http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/33166 or contact Laurie Miller, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

The Hilton Columbus/Polaris is the site of the 2017 Board Leadership Institute. The Hilton is in north Columbus and easily accessible from I-71. It offers free parking and is close to many shopping and dining opportunities. OSBA secured a reduced hotel rate for BLI attendees: just $131 per night if the room is booked by March 31. To reserve your hotel room, contact the Hilton Columbus/Polaris at (614) 885-1600 and mention you are with OSBA. You can reserve your room online at http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/36593.

For more details, visit http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/33166.
Diversity and Inclusion in the Law: Implicit Bias

Friday, April 28, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. • Cost $155
OSBA office, 8050 N. High St., Columbus, (614) 540-4000

8:30 a.m.  Registration and continental breakfast
8:50 a.m.  Welcome
9 a.m.     Implicit bias and microaggressions: What are they and how can we address them?
          Learn the differences between bias and prejudice and how everyday comments and actions can be
disparaging. Implicit bias can negatively affect students, from unrealistic teacher expectations to
disproportionate discipline for minority students. These implicit biases and microaggressions can have
a major impact on students and their futures. Get the tools you need to identify implicit bias and
microaggressions and their potential impacts, and learn how to lessen their impact to help every student
succeed in an inclusive learning environment.

11:30 a.m. Lunch (provided)
12:15 p.m.  Diversity and inclusion successes in the field
            Representatives from Ohio school districts discuss programs they have implemented in their districts.
            From development to implementation and beyond, get some great ideas you can take back to your district
to create and/or improve your own diversity and inclusion efforts.
            Jackie Powers, curriculum supervisor of equity and inclusion, and Heather Cole, district diversity coordinator,
            Olentangy Local (Delaware); and Wanda Lillis, Esq., assistant legal counsel, Columbus City

3 p.m.     Adjourn

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

Looking for a new superintendent or treasurer? Look no further.

Finding and hiring the right superintendent or treasurer for your district
will be among the most significant decisions you make as a board. The
long-term impact and importance of this process and decision cannot be
underestimated.

For more than 30 years, the OSBA search process has proven successful in
nearly 1,000 executive searches for Ohio’s diverse school districts and other
related organizations. No one does it better!

For information on Ohio’s best executive search team, call OSBA at
(614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.
OSBA sends email confirmation of registration if an email address is provided. Registration is open to all boards and staff of OSBA members. “Walk-in” registrations are welcome on a space-available basis only. Please call OSBA to check the status of registration before you arrive at the workshop.

To register, you must have a purchase order number or a check payable to OSBA and a completed registration form. You may register with a purchase order number by phone, fax, email or online 24 hours a day.

**Award of Achievement/LPDC**

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

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**OSBA Workshop Registration Form**

Workshop name ___________________________ Workshop date ___________________________

Attendee name ___________________________ Title ___________________________

Daytime phone ___________________________ Email ___________________________

District/firm ___________________________ County ___________________________

Enclosed is a check for $_________ or P.O.# __________________ to cover ______ registration(s). Make checks payable to OSBA and mail to 8050 N. High St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235-6481, fax to (614) 540-4100 or email Laurie Miller, senior events manager, at Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. Include a purchase order number with fax or email.

Please check here if you require special accommodations. Contact us or attach a written description of needs.

Please photocopy this form for each person

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**OSBA workshop registration procedures**

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

Cancellations and refund policy

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

**State Legislative Conference**

- March 15, Columbus, $135

**OSBA Cyberlaw 2017**

- March 17, Columbus, $155

**OSBA MTA Program**

- April 5, Columbus, $90
- April 11, Columbus, $90
- May 3, Columbus, $90
- May 9, Columbus, $90

**Board Leadership Institute**

- April 21-22, Columbus, $255

**Diversity and Inclusion in the Law: Implicit Bias**

- April 28, Columbus, $155
Awards for innovative and progressive thinking
The VOYA Unsung Heroes awards program recognizes innovative and progressive thinking in education. The program searches for classroom heroes who take teaching to new heights. Each project is judged on its innovative method, creativity and ability to positively influence students.
Maximum award: $25,000
Eligibility: full-time educators, teachers, principals or classified staff members at an accredited K-12 public school
Deadline: April 30
Contact: http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/75998

Promoting materials science
To help teachers bring materials science into their classrooms, the ASM International Foundation is awarding 20 grants to enhance awareness of materials science and the role of materials scientists in society. The application requires a two-page proposal describing a curriculum-based, hands-on project that involves student observation, communication, mathematics and science, while enhancing students' awareness of the materials around them.
Maximum award: $500
Eligibility: K-12 teachers
Deadline: May 25
Contact: http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/48025

NEA Foundation Learning & Leadership grants
The National Education Association (NEA) provides grants for public school teachers, public education support professionals, and faculty and staff in public institutions of higher education. Grants are awarded for one of two purposes: to fund participation in high-quality professional development experiences, such as summer institutes or action research, or to fund collegial study, including study groups, action research, lesson study or mentoring experiences for faculty or staff new to an assignment. All professional development must improve practice, curriculum and student achievement.
Maximum award: $2,000
Eligibility: K-12 public school teachers and public school education support professionals
Deadline: June 1
Contact: http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/62235

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
compiled by Angela Penquite, managing editor

(Auglaize) hired Amy Reineke as assistant treasurer effective Nov. 14, 2016.

Sympathies
Former Beaver Local (Columbiana) Board of Education member Lois R. Myers died Feb. 15. She was 91. Former Clinton-Massie Local (Clinton) and Wayne Local (Warren) Superintendent Paul Clifford Schwamberger died Feb. 14. He was 90. Former Franklin Local (Muskingum) Assistant Superintendent Starling D. Green died Feb. 18. He was 86. Former Grand Valley Local (Ashtabula) Board of Education member Marion “Bo” Nims died Feb. 21. He was 88.
Former Lorain City Board of Education member Dr. Wilfred C. Wood died Feb. 12. He was 85. Former Mount Healthy City Board of Education member Donald E. Wolf Sr. died Feb. 18. He was 90. Former Otsego Local (Wood) Board of Education member William R. Wumer died Feb. 20. He was 88.
Former Stow-Munroe Falls City Board of Education member Karen Powers died Feb. 16. She was 57. Former Streetsboro City, Wellsville Local (Columbiana) and Maplewood Career Center Superintendent Lowell Bravard Myers died Feb. 21. He was 88.
Sen. Matt Huffman (R-Lima) recently introduced Senate Bill (SB) 85, legislation seeking to create the Ohio Opportunity Scholarship by combining the Cleveland Scholarship Program, Educational Choice Scholarship Program (EdChoice) and EdChoice expansion into one voucher program. Eligibility for the new combined voucher would be based solely on household income instead of school performance.

The Cleveland program currently offers vouchers to students to attend private schools in Cleveland and nearby communities. The EdChoice voucher is offered to students who attend low-performing schools. The EdChoice voucher later was expanded, with the support of Gov. John R. Kasich, to make low-income families eligible, not just students from low-performing districts.

The threshold for the EdChoice expansion income-based voucher is 200% of the federal poverty level. Current voucher amounts are set at $4,250 for the Cleveland voucher and $4,650 for the EdChoice voucher for students in grades K-eight. High school voucher amounts are $5,700 for the Cleveland program and $6,000 for EdChoice. There are approximately 30,000 students participating in these programs. Huffman’s proposal will not change the Autism Scholarship or Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship programs.

SB 85 would expand voucher eligibility to all families regardless of where they live or the performance of their local schools. Families with household incomes at or below 400% of the federal poverty level — roughly $96,000 for a family of four — would be eligible for a portion of the full....

Buried under your district’s policy manuals?

Dig out of the clutter by going paperless!

OSBA can convert any policy manual and place it on the Internet. Your new policy manual will:

- have highlighted key word text searches;
- link to other policies, regulations and Ohio Revised and Administrative codes;
- give you the option of allowing availability to students, staff or the public.

Call OSBA policy services to begin your conversion today at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA. Continued on page 7
Students’ safety app concept wins design contest

A group of students at Westlake City’s Westlake High School calls itself the Alert U team. It’s also the name of their award-winning app design.

Leah Choban, Carter Hoon, Jillian Eddy, Joran Sherwin and Sneha Ramachandran decided to enter Verizon’s Innovative Learning App Challenge with the idea of improving school safety.

The concept app won Best in State with Verizon awarding the school $5,000. Not only that, each team member received an Android mobile tablet.

“We’ve all had encounters with things like this ... Chardon High School in 2012 and recently at Ohio State there was a scare,” Choban told a local TV station. “We thought that if ... we could make school a safer environment, we would help a lot of people.”

The group studied similar apps and looked for ways to improve them.

During an emergency, Alert U would connect students with teachers, parents, police and nearby residents. Using a map-tracking interface, users would be able to pinpoint the location of a threat, such as an active shooter or fire, and share the location.

Through online voting, Verizon awarded eight schools Best in Nation winners. They each received $15,000 and assistance in building a working mobile app and bringing it to the marketplace.

Source: WOIO-TV

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voucher amount. The voucher amounts, as proposed in this legislation, would increase to $5,000 for students in grades K-eight and $7,500 for high school students.

In addition, SB 85 proposes the introduction of education savings accounts. The accounts would include any unused portion of a voucher and be retained by the state under the student’s name for use toward future private school tuition or college tuition at an Ohio school. The proposal also ends the practice of deducting voucher funding from the local public district and directly funds the programs with state money.

OSBA opposes this legislation and encourages school officials to communicate their concerns to local legislators.

Budget update

Budget hearings are taking place in the House where OSBA, the Buckeye Association of School Administrators and the Ohio Association of School Business Officials recently delivered joint testimony before the House Primary and Secondary Education Subcommittee. A copy of the groups’ testimony and information presented by Ohio Education Policy Institute consultant Dr. Howard Fleeter are available on the Subcommittee’s website at http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/36164.

Public testimony is scheduled for March 22 and 23. School officials are encouraged to prepare written testimony and testify before the subcommittee on how the governor’s budget proposal impacts local school districts. OSBA will continue to update members as hearings continue and the budget process moves forward.

For the latest legislative updates contact the OSBA legislative division at (800) 589-6722 or use the OSBA) BillTracker page at www.ohioschoolboards.org/billtracker.

Editor’s note: Information in this article was current as of March 2, 2017.
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