

BRIEF CASE

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Ohio school board member selected as NSBA's president-elect

That National School Boards Association's (NSBA) Delegate Assembly has elected **Charlie Wilson, Worthington City**, NSBA president-elect for the 2019-20 term. It is the highest NSBA office achieved by an Ohio school board member. Wilson will become NSBA president following his term as president-elect. The election was conducted during the NSBA Annual Conference & Exposition, held March 30 through April 1, in Philadelphia. Wilson was elected as a Central Region representative to NSBA's Board of Directors in 2014 and has held several other NSBA posts. He was OSBA's president in 2013 and has served on the OSBA Board of Trustees, Executive Committee and numerous other regional and state committees. He has been on the Worthington City Board of Education since 2007.

It's not too late to register for Board Leadership Institute

Even though it's just a few days away, there's still time to register for the OSBA Board Leadership Institute in Columbus. The April 26-27 institute features keynote speakers Dr. **Mike Thomson**; State Rep. **Kent Smith** (D-Euclid); and Superintendent of Public Instruction **Paolo DeMaria**. There also will be 17 breakout sessions, many networking opportunities and breakfast and lunch both days. For more information and to register, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/33166> or contact **Laurie Miller** at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

National conference will focus on social-emotional learning

There has been increased attention on social and emotional learning. In fact, Ohio's new strategic plan for education, Each Child, Our Future, includes social-emotional learning standards. The Ohio School Counselor Association has asked OSBA to share information on the 2019 Social and Emotional Learning Conference taking place May 20-22 in Baltimore, Md. With a focus on what practitioners need right now, the conference offers tools, resources and strategies to apply in schools, after-school programs and communities to identify equitable solutions for youth. For more information, visit <https://selconference.center-school.org>.

OhioMeansJobs unveils new K-12 pathways resource

OhioMeansJobs has released Phase I of the Dynamic Pathways Tool on the OhioMeansJobs K-12 webpage at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/15870>. Using national data from the Occupational Information Network, each occupation listed offers a snapshot of salary, education and labor market information, with links to more detailed workforce data from the OhioMeansJobs occupation webpages. Career pathways are typical paths individuals might use to become employable in certain

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Route workshop information to:

- ☐ Administrative professionals
- ☐ Administrators
- ☐ Human resources directors
- ☐ Transportation supervisors

occupations. The tool lets users easily see career clusters by viewing 16 career pathways. The Dynamic Pathways Tool is available from several access points on the OhioMeansJobs K-12 website, allowing educators to develop lesson plans for different exploration scenarios during the career awareness, exploration and planning process.

Be a Capital Conference workshop moderator

OSBA is seeking learning session moderators for the 2019 Capital Conference and Trade Show, Nov. 10-12, in Columbus. Moderators introduce workshop presenters and act as liaisons between the audience and speakers. Board members serving as moderators will earn five OSBA Award of Achievement credits. If interested, contact **Gwen Samet** at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or gsamet@ohioschoolboards.org.

Antwerp Local students get the scoop on worms

Once students at **Antwerp Local's (Paulding)** Antwerp Elementary School got their hands on the red worms, they had plenty of questions. Do worms have eyes? Do they breathe like humans?

The Paulding Soil & Water Conservation District brought two worm bins to the classroom for a presentation on vermicomposting. The process uses worms to help break down organic material, such as fruits, vegetables, leaves and grass, which creates fertilizer for plants and gardens.

Each student wrote a worm biography, which included the worm's name, length and color and what it likes to eat, and shared the story in front of the class. Students also learned the song, "Nobody Likes Me (Guess I'll Go Eat Worms)."

Source: The Crescent-News

OSBA accepting legislative platform proposals

OSBA member school boards are invited to propose amendments to the OSBA Legislative Platform, which is posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/platform>. The OSBA Legislative Platform Committee will review the

proposals in August when it meets to develop recommendations on amendments for the Delegate Assembly to consider. If your board supports a plank you believe should be incorporated into the platform or would like to suggest an amendment to an existing position, contact the OSBA Division of Legislative Services for more information. The submission deadline is May 31. The platform guides OSBA's advocacy efforts and informs legislators, policymakers, the public and the media where OSBA stands on a variety of public education issues.



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OSBA online

• www.ohioschoolboards.org

Ohio school districts and OSBA staff participated in presentations and events at the recent National School Boards Association Annual Conference & Exhibition. Photos from the conference are posted on OSBA's Flickr page at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/97221>.



BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, senior administrative assistant of communication services

OSBA executive searches

Treasurer

District

① Xenia Community City

Deadline

April 25

Contact

OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



Other searches

Position

Treasurer

Location

Northeastern Local (Defiance)

Deadline

April 29

Contact

Kerri Gearhart, superintendent, (567) 444-4800, ext. 4795, or **Homer B. Hendricks**, treasurer, Northwest Ohio ESC, (567) 444-4800, ext. 4697

National searches

Position

Superintendent

Location

Stafford, Kan.

Deadline

April 24

Contact

Gary Sechrist, Kansas Association of School Boards, (620) 680-0871

Superintendent

Winston-Salem, N.C.

May 15

Allison Schafer, legal counsel/director of policy, North Carolina School Boards Association, (919) 841-4040

Superintendent

Berwyn, Ill.

Until filled

Mary Torgler, administrative assistant, Illinois Association of School Boards, (630) 629-3776, ext. 1217

Editor's note

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

Board changes

Cincinnati Public appointed **Pamela Bowers** to the board effective immediately. She replaced **Ericka Copeland-Dansby**, who resigned.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Ashtabula County ESC hired **Michael Candela** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **John M. Rubesich**, who is retiring. Candela currently is superintendent at **Pymatuning Valley Local** (Ashtabula).

Treasurers

Bright Local (Highland) Treasurer **Randy Drewyor** announced his resignation effective May 31. He has taken the treasurer position at **Huron City**. ●●● **Cuyahoga Falls City** hired Assistant Treasurer **Kathryn E. Brugger** as interim treasurer effective April 15. ●●● **Holgate Local (Henry)** hired **Lisa Shanks** as treasurer effective May 28. She will replace **Kent Seemann**, who took a position as the finance director for the city of Napoleon. Shanks currently is treasurer at **Sylvania City**. ●●● **Northeastern Local (Defiance)** Treasurer **Sue Garmyn** announced her retirement effective July 31. ●●● **Shelby City** hired **Barbara J. Donohue** as treasurer effective April 16. She replaced **Elizabeth Anatra**, who is retiring. Donohue previously was treasurer at Cuyahoga Falls City.

Sympathies

Former **Galion City** Board of Education member **David A. Shilling** died March 20. He was 86. ●●● Former **Mansfield City** Board of Education member **Don Alfred Williams Sr.** died March 25. He was 77. ●●● Former **North Royalton City** Board of Education member **Barbara Soggs** died Feb. 23. She was 73. ●●● Former **Oak Hills Local (Hamilton)** Board of Education member **James H. McCullough** died March 30. He was 93.



REGIONAL ROUNDUP

by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

Spring region events draw crowds, honor board members, staff

More than 1,300 school board members, administrators, staff, students and their guests gathered for OSBA's spring region conferences at seven locations across the state.

These conferences, which also are held in the fall, recognize the exceptional efforts of many schools, school board members, administrators, teachers and students. The regions also honored districts and schools that received Ohio Department of Education Momentum schools, Schools of Promise, Overall A and All A schools awards as well as National Blue Ribbon School honors. Learn more about these programs at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/36186>.

Attendees also heard from

OSBA President **John W. Halkias**, **Plain Local (Stark)**, OSBA Chief Executive Officer **Rick Lewis**, OSBA Deputy Chief Executive Dr. **Kathy McFarland** and association staff, who provided updates, including information on the state's biennial budget.

Board members who attend regional conferences earn five credits toward the OSBA Award of Achievement. Visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/43085> or contact OSBA for information about the program.

Regional managers coordinate the spring and fall conferences and provide reports about the events. Following is a summary. View photos from the conferences on OSBA's Flickr page at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/72083>.

Learn more about OSBA's regions by visiting www.ohioschoolboards.org/regions or contacting your regional manager.

Central Region

by Kim Miller-Smith
regional manager

Central Region President **Stu Harris**, **Dublin City**, presided over the March 13 Central Region Spring Conference at Villa Milano in Columbus. More than 270 people representing 46 of the region's districts and the region's 14 counties attended the event.

Dublin City's Jerome High School Orchestra Quintet, directed by **Michelle Adair**, performed during dinner.

Debra Smith, an associate

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professor of health sciences at the Ohio University Lancaster campus and chair of the Sharing Hope Leadership Team, spoke about bridging the cultures of students who live in poverty with the typical school culture in an outstanding keynote address.

Twelve school districts were recognized for their outstanding

programs displayed at the 2018 OSBA Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair.

School board members received well-deserved recognition for their milestone years of service. See the next edition of the Central Region newsletter for the names of 10-, 15- and 20-year awardees.

Thirty-two Central Region board

members who participated in extensive professional development and demonstrated leadership at both the local and state levels received the Award of Achievement. **W. Shawna Gibbs, Columbus City, and Patty Miller, Fredericktown Local (Knox)**, were recognized for earning Master

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OSBA Student Achievement Fair

Monday, Nov. 11, 2019
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Greater Columbus Convention Center

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!

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Board Member status.

Save the date for the Central Region Fall Conference on Sept. 25.

Northeast Region

*by Reno Contipelli
regional manager*

The Northeast Region held two spring conferences, hosting more than 200 attendees from the region's 19 counties. **Wayne County Schools Career Center** (WCSCC) in Smithville was the setting for the first conference on March 21, followed by the March 25 conference at Dilucia's Catering Services & Banquet Facility in Warren.

Region President **Susie Lawson, Tri-County ESC** and Wayne County Schools Career Center, presided over both programs.

Extra thanks go to WCSCC's Culinary Arts program and staff and **Susan Giannetti Longacre, Niles City** and **Trumbull Career & Technical Center**, for their invaluable help with conference setup, arrangements and organization. WCSCC students also showcased their programs and interacted with guests at the Smithville conference.

The region's executive committee also thanks Pepple & Waggoner Ltd., FieldTurf and Trane Commercial Systems and Services for sponsoring the dinners. **Kevin J. Locke**, co-managing partner, and **Christian M. Williams**, attorney, Pepple & Waggoner Ltd., spoke on public records laws, texting and

Ohio's Sunshine Laws.

At Smithville, **Lynn Moomaw**, WCSCC director of operations and adult education, received the President's Award, which honors individuals who have dedicated their lives and careers to improving public education. Moomaw, with a long career in public education, has been influential to WCSCC's success.

The region's five nominees for Ohio Teacher of the Year were recognized at the conferences, including Chef **Chris Olszewski, Polaris Career Center; David Kaser, Barberton High School, Barberton City; Michele Monigold, Jackson High School, Jackson Local (Stark); Lisa Wolfe, Indian Valley High School, Indian Valley Local (Tuscarawas); and Catherine Duplisea, Orchard STEM School, Cleveland Municipal.**

Fifteen board members received the Award of Achievement. Master Board Member honorees were **Jackie Arendt, North Royalton City** and **Cuyahoga Valley Career Center; Ray Freeman, Warrensville Heights City; Millicent Gaiter, Warrensville Heights City; and OSBA President Halkias.** The region also acknowledged board members with 10, 15, 20 and 30 years of service. **Mary Lou Dodson, Springfield Local (Summit) and Portage Lakes Career Center,** was honored for 40 years of service.

The Northeast Region's fall conference is Oct. 2 at the Galaxy Banquet Center in Wadsworth.

Northwest Region

*by Dr. Judy Jackson May
regional manager*

The 72nd Northwest Region Spring Conference, with more than 200 guests, was held March 14 at **Apollo Career Center** in Lima. The theme was "Celebrating Hometown Heroes."

Northwest Region President **Chris Varwig, Toledo City,** hosted the program, which began with greetings from Apollo Career Center Superintendent **Keith Horner** and OSBA President Halkias.

Dinner was prepared by the Apollo Career Center Culinary Arts Program, managed by instructor **Carrie Prince.** Attendees enjoyed music from **Bath Local's (Allen) Bath High School Chamber Chorale,** directed by **Sarah Haselman.**

Members of Toledo City's Waite High School Young Men of Excellence provided an overview of their program and helped announce the new Northwest Region Make a Difference Award, which will highlight ordinary students doing extraordinary things.

Seven school districts were recognized for their outstanding programs displayed at the 2018 OSBA Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair.

The conference also honored the region's 2018 president, **Penny Kill, Spencerville Local (Allen)** and Apollo Career Center.

Four board members were

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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 DOT requirements, and attendees will receive a certificate of completion.

Details: This workshop is Thursday, June 6, from 10 a.m. to noon at the OSBA office.
Cost: \$50

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



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 challenges 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. Learn more at www.kidspac.org.

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because kids count



Ohio School
Boards Association

Take your leadership to the next level at the

Board Leadership Institute

April 26-27, 2019 • Hilton Columbus/Polaris

You are accountable for overseeing a multimillion dollar organization that serves your community's most important asset — its children. It's an enormous responsibility, one that calls for extraordinary skills. Learning what it takes to be an effective school board member has been estimated to take at least two years of board service. The challenge to stay effective is not only for new board members, it's ongoing.

Whether you're in your first year or your 50th, the ever-changing world of public education governance is one in which continuing education and professional development are critical. So, where does a board member go for ongoing training?

OSBA's Board Leadership Institute!

Learning doesn't stop when you're elected, it begins.

Almost all board members agree they could use more training, and they want training that is highly task-oriented, takes a short period of time, is done in small groups and is led by outstanding instructors.

To meet these requests, OSBA works with board members across the state to develop the annual Board Leadership Institute. This two-day institute is designed specifically *by* board members *for* board members and focuses on numerous timely topics.

Keynote speakers enhance BLI

BLI will kick off Friday, April 26, with Dr. **Mike Thomson**, who will share "Strategies for Saving Your Sanity," revealing a trove of tips, secrets and strategies on how to save your sanity as a school board member. State Rep. **Kent Smith** (D-Euclid) will share an update from the Statehouse during the Friday afternoon session. His prior service as an **Euclid City** school board member gives Smith a unique perspective on the challenges facing Ohio's schools.



Thomson



Smith



DeMaria

Ohio Superintendent of Public Instruction **Paolo DeMaria** will close BLI on Saturday, April 27. Join DeMaria for his presentation, "Create a culture of improvement and excellence in Ohio education."

Registration

The tuition for this intensive two-day institute is \$285. Register online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/33166> or contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, for registration information at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

Location

This event will be held at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris, located in north Columbus at 8700 Lyra Drive, Columbus, OH, 43240. Parking is free.



THE 42ND ANNUAL OHIO COUNCIL OF SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEYS

SCHOOL ATTORNEY WORKSHOP

FRIDAY, JUNE 7 • 9 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.

TUITION IS \$220

RENAISSANCE COLUMBUS WESTERVILLE-POLARIS HOTEL, WESTERVILLE

Agenda

- 8:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast**
- 8:50 a.m. Welcome**
- 9 a.m. Protect and serve is not enough: SROs in schools**
Creating and maintaining a safer school environment is the primary reason school districts have school resource officers (SROs). Learn how their presence has improved staff and student protections while creating new legal requirements, such as MOUs and the U.S. Department of Education body camera guidance.
Hollie F. Reedy, Esq., and Giselle S. Spencer, Esq., Ennis Britton Co. LPA
- 10:30 a.m. Break**
- 10:45 a.m. Is *Janus* a glancing blow or coup de grace for unions?**
How have Ohio's school unions reacted to the *Janus* decision, and what should boards of education expect, both at the bargaining table and in their day-to-day relationship with their unions? An attorney well-versed in national and state union issues will discuss the *Janus* decision and where labor-management is headed.
Shawn A. Nelson, Esq., Marshall & Melhorn LLC
- Noon OCSBA Annual Business Meeting**
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch (provided)**
- 1:15 p.m. Understanding HB 70 and academic distress commissions**
House Bill (HB) 70 established a new structure of governance for school districts that fall into the state's academic distress rating. Created in 2015, the law is complicated and has been challenged. A panel of attorneys experienced with academic distress commissions will discuss their experiences representing school districts subject to state oversight through HB 70.
Ted Roberts, Esq., and Ed Ostrowski, Esq., Roth, Blair, Roberts, Strasfeld & Lodge
- 2:15 p.m. Break**
- 2:30 p.m. Student and staff issues in administering medications**
Schools can be a challenging environment for those taking medications for health conditions. Multiple federal and state laws restrict the who, what, where and when of taking prescription drugs at school. Now, issues such as the legalization of medical marijuana have further complicated matters. What schools legally can and cannot do with respect to students, staff and medication is the focus of this latest legal update.
Jyllian Bradshaw, Esq., Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP
- 3:30 p.m. Working with parent advocates: Ethical and practical considerations**
School attorneys have increasingly found themselves working with parent advocates/pro se representatives in a variety of school settings. In every case, a lawyer should be aware of the rules of professional conduct that may affect their actions or the proceeding and cognizant of myriad practical issues stemming from working with non-lawyers in an education setting.
Tabitha Justice, Esq., Subashi & Wildermuth LPA
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn**

This workshop is open to OCSBA members, school board members and in-house counsel of school districts that are members of OSBA. Unauthorized audio recording or videotaping of any session is strictly prohibited.

The workshop will be held at the Renaissance Columbus Westerville-Polaris Hotel, 409 Altair Parkway, Westerville, OH 43082. The phone number is (614) 882-6800. 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.



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

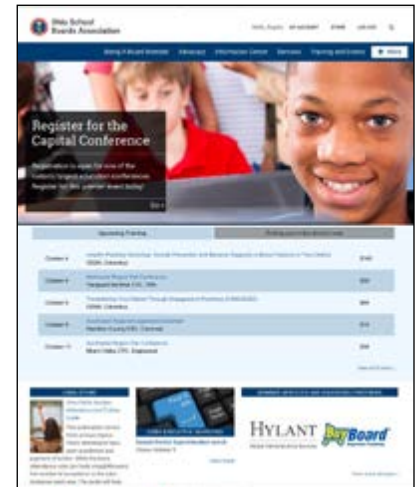
Register at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops

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.



Levy University

Tuesday, May 14, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
OSBA office, Columbus • Cost is \$170

Agenda

8:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast

9 a.m. Welcome

9:15 a.m. Board roles and responsibilities

Review the board’s unique role in preparing the district and community for putting a levy on the ballot.
Cheryl W. Ryan, director of board and management services, OSBA

10 a.m. Levy campaign do’s and don’ts

This session will cover school board responsibilities and legal requirements as well as begin the discussion on campaign best practices. Learn more about legislation that allows a district to place a special levy on the ballot focused only on school safety and security initiatives.

Jerry Rampelt, executive director; Michael Collins, Ryan Collins and Andrea Kruse, consultants, Support Ohio Schools Research and Education Foundation; and Nathan Miner, president, Momentum Strategy Group

11:30 a.m. Working lunch (provided)

11:45 a.m. Campaign best practices

This session will continue with best practices that districts can use with any district-support organization. It will include practical guidance on volunteer recruitment; planning and organization; polls and surveys; community involvement; effective messaging; fundraising; social media campaigns; and effective printed materials.

Jerry Rampelt, Ryan Collins, Andrea Kruse, Michael Collins and Nathan Miner

3 p.m. Adjourn

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.



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presented the Award of Achievement, and veteran board members with 10, 15 and 20 years of service were recognized. **Scott Pertner, Gibsonburg EV**, was honored for 30 years of service, and **Carol Kleck, Four County Career Center**, was recognized for 45 years of service.

Other conference awards and recognitions included:

- Northwest Region Excellence in Community Service Award winners: **Sandy Brunswick, Elmwood Local (Wood)** high school teacher and Royals Rowdies adviser; **Alan Mehlow, Fremont City** high school teacher and Veterans Day and Honor Flight facilitator; **Bryce Riggs, Tiffin City Schools Business Advisory Council**; **Joe Boyle**, teacher and historical legacy leader, Toledo City's Waite High School; and

Heidi and Tina Meyer, Elmwood Local student council advisers.

- Northwest Region Humanitarian Award winners: **Barb Eckhart**, early childhood educator, **Springfield Local's (Lucas) Dorr Elementary School**; **Roberta Bodner**, elementary school teacher, Elmwood Local; **Bill and Anjee Beaston**, administrator and teacher, Tiffin City; and **Joshua Vance**, adviser, Toledo City's Waite High School Young Men of Excellence.

- Who's Who in the Northwest Regional Excellence Award for Outstanding Leadership winners: **Katie Smith**, teacher, Elmwood Local; **Mary Deaver**, teacher, Springfield Local; **Justin "Judd" Lutz**, administrator and coach, Tiffin City; and **Dale Price**, First Robotics Team adviser, Toledo City.

The Northwest Region Fall Conference is Oct. 3.

Southeast Region

by *Paul D. Mock*
regional manager

The Southeast Region enjoyed record-setting attendance at both spring conferences, with 318 guests who represented 48 of the region's 84 school districts. Region President **Larry A. Good, Muskingum Valley ESC**, presided over both conferences.

Pike County Career Technology Center was the setting for the March 19 conference, where students in the career center's Public Safety program led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Jackson City's Jackson High School A Cappella Choir**, led by director **Jessica Wiseman**, performed

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Transportation State Reports and Cost Analysis

Wednesday, April 24 • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. • Cost is \$100
OSBA office, Columbus

Your district transportation funding depends upon the reports you fill out and submit to the state — including the T-1 and T-2. An error on either of these reports can have a significant impact on your district's funding.

Join us for a session that will delve into appropriate data collection, what you need to track and why and how to collate that data into an accurate state report. We will review the calendar deadlines and best practices needed to successfully file your reports and get accurate funding. We also will share how to use this data to perform a district cost analysis and show you where to find the state average data from the previous year to determine if your district is operating efficiently.

Whether you are new to transportation or a veteran, or if you work in the transportation office or the treasurer's office, this class will provide the tools you need to file reports correctly and get all the funding your district is entitled to.

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.

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during dinner, which was prepared by Food Service Instructor/Manager **Anna Overly** and students in the career center's Basic Food Service program. Student officers in the career center's Business Professionals of America chapter, with advisers **Burnette Brown** and **Connie Tackett**, served as greeters.

Limbach Co. LLC, represented by **Ben Decatur**, sponsored the conference.

The region honored 17 programs from 15 districts that participated in the 2018 OSBA Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair.

Board members were recognized for receiving the Award of

Achievement and for 10, 15, 20 and 30 years of service. **Carl W. Crabtree, Valley Local (Scioto)**, received a special tribute for 50 years of service.

The March 26 conference was held at **Northern Local's (Perry)** Sheridan High School in Thornville. Students in the National Honor Society, led by adviser **Doug Cattran**, provided hospitality. Dinner was prepared by Northern Local Treasurer **Elizabeth Clark** and the district's food service staff and served by National Honor Society students and members of student council.

The Sheridan High School Jazz Band, under the direction of **Dave Fazakas**, played during the social

hour.

Energy Optimizers, USA, represented by **Belinda Kenley** and **Rusty Bookman**, was the conference sponsor.

Board members received the Award of Achievement and were honored for 10 and 20 years of service. **Larry McCutcheon, Franklin Local (Muskingum)**, was honored for 34 years; **W. Bryce Watt**, Muskingum Valley ESC, for 35 years; and Good for 40 years.

The region's 2018 president, **Kim Harless**, Jackson City, received a gavel and plaque for her service as president.

The region's fall conference is Sept. 26.

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Webinar: I'm drowning in records (but afraid to throw any away): A records retention primer

Wednesday, May 22 • 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. • Cost is \$50



Have you ever looked in despair at your towering inbox, bulging file cabinets and old data storage systems? School districts create an enormous amount of paper and electronic records but sometimes struggle with managing them. This webinar, loaded with practical tips and easy-to-access resources, will demystify the laws and administrative requirements governing public records requests and retention. It's scheduled to coincide with your year-end cleanup and specifically designed for district employees whose job duties include maintaining records and responding to records requests. Bring your colleagues and your questions!

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Southwest Region

by Ronald J. Diver
regional manager

Warren County Career Center in Lebanon hosted the Southwest Region Spring Conference on March 12, with Region President **Linda A. Jordan, Clark County ESC**, presiding.

More than 350 guests attended the 20th consecutive spring conference. There were 353 registered, plus 25 members of **Northeast Local's (Clark) Kenton Ridge High School Jazz Band**, led by director **Jim Templeton**.

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

Conference sponsors included Alpha & Omega Building Services, The Motz Group, SHP Leading Design and Trane Commercial Systems and Services.

A special presentation was made to **Montgomery County ESC** Superintendent **Frank DePalma**, who supports the region by making sure his board is always at the spring and fall conferences. He also has made his facilities available to OSBA for various meetings and occasions. He received a Friend of the Southwest Region plaque for his support.

Tamara Bartley, Xenia Community City, received a dozen white carnations in honor of her father, the late **William Spahr**, who was a member of the Southwest Region Executive

Committee and past region president. Bartley was appointed as Spahr's replacement on the Xenia Community City board.

OSBA President Halkias and OSBA Deputy Chief Executive McFarland assisted in presenting certificates to veteran board members with 10, 15, 20, 30, 35 and 40 years of service. **Larry L. Besecker, Darke County ESC** and **Miami Valley Career Technology Center**, and **Joy Weaver, Montgomery County ESC** and **Miami Valley Career Technology Center**, were honored for 45 years of service.

The region's recognition program honored individuals in 10 different categories:

- Outstanding administrator (students) — **John Stekli, Fairlawn Local (Shelby)**;
- Outstanding administrator (facilities/operations) — **Dan Colonel, Great Oaks Career Campuses**;
- Outstanding classified staff member (students involved) — **Sandy Hudson, Goshen Local (Clermont)**;
- Outstanding classified staff member (facilities involved) — **Tim Hewitt, Springboro Community City**;
- Outstanding faculty member — **Ron Kauffman, Miami Valley Career Technology Center**;
- Outstanding treasurer — **Judy Geers, Graham Local (Champaign)**;
- Outstanding superintendent — **David Distel, Hamilton County ESC**;

● Outstanding community/public relations person — **Liz Robbins, Tipp City EV**;

● Warren Stevens award to an outstanding board member from a neighboring district — **Bobbie Grice, Little Miami Local (Warren)** and Warren County Career Center;

● Outstanding business leader — **Barb Russell**, nominated by Warren County Career Center.

Retired teacher **David Speas** received the 2019 President's Award. He gave a great summary of what public education means to him.

Dr. Robert P. Dillaplain, Xenia Community City, and **Sandy Harrod, Hamilton County ESC** and **Great Oaks Career Campuses**, were honored for earning Master Board Member status. The Southwest Region was proud to have 16 board members honored with the Award of Achievement.

The 11th annual Effective School Board awards were presented to a record 40 board and administrative teams. Thirty-nine boards earned the gold level and one earned the bronze level.

Additional activities will be taking place in the region. Nominations are being solicited to honor the region's outstanding student programs; the deadline is June 30. The region also will be mailing forms for the 2020 Effective School Board awards.

The region is encouraging participation in the Student Achievement Fair at the Capital Conference.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services

Two bills dealing with school tax issues move to full House

Two pieces of legislation, one dealing with property tax challenges and the other addressing school levy ballot language, have been approved by the Ohio House Ways and Means Committee. The bills now are awaiting consideration by the full House.

House Bill (HB) 75, sponsored by Rep. **Derek Merrin** (R-Monclova Township), requires a local school board to adopt a resolution prior to a property tax complaint or counter-complaint being filed with a county board of revision (BOR). Before adopting a resolution, the board would be required to send written notice to the property owner announcing the intent of the board's action. The notice must be postmarked at least 14 days before the board acts. A resolution would be required for each property being contested; however, a single vote may be used to adopt one or more resolutions.

HB 75 is similar to HB 343 from the last General Assembly. OSBA, the Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA) and the Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) oppose HB 75. The legislation is unnecessary and would create an unreasonable burden on school

boards and their staffs. Its provisions, which would require school districts to jump through a number of new hoops, are unacceptable.

HB 75 also would politicize the BOR process, forcing school board members to vote on specific, individual properties, and thus the property owners, possibly resulting in "selective" valuation challenges. In addition, because of the effects of HB 920, which prevents school districts from collecting more money as inflation drives up property values, commercial property owners with accurate property valuations will pay more than their fair share of taxes. This would, in effect, subsidize the lower taxes paid by commercial property owners whose properties are undervalued.

OSBA, BASA and OASBO recently presented testimony before the House Ways and Means Committee. The associations suggested that local school boards be required to set parameters for when the district would challenge property values. The superintendent and/or the treasurer must then follow the board's policy when administering the challenges and counter-challenges the district files. By

doing so, taxpayers are assured of fairness and equality in any action the district takes. Several district treasurers and board members testified to the committee that their districts already have a similar process in place.

HB 75 was voted out of the House Ways and Means Committee and awaits further action by the full House.

HB 76, also sponsored by Merrin, would require property tax levy ballot language to express costs to property owners per \$100,000 in fair market value, as opposed to per \$100 in taxable value. The goal of the legislation is to allow voters to better understand the effects a proposed levy will have on their property taxes.

However, in testimony before the House Ways and Means Committee, OSBA, BASA, OASBO, the Ohio Library Council, the Ohio Municipal League and the Ohio Township Association jointly told committee members that the bill will only cause confusion and misunderstanding among voters. Ballot language is technical in nature and not meant to be an accurate estimate of the taxes owed by each individual taxpayer. It is only intended to describe the

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

Students' cat-themed artwork brightens humane society

The pet-themed artwork at the Humane Society of Delaware County has a museum-like feel, with such "masterpieces" as the Meow-na Lisa and a Pablo Pi-cat-so.

Members of **Big Walnut Local's (Delaware) Big Walnut High School National Arts Society** spent three days filling the walls of the humane society's adult feline section with colorful cats.

"We tried to pick a place we could give back to," the school's

arts society founder and art teacher **Melissa Maxson** told a local newspaper. "Part of the program that's important for the kids is service back to the community through art. This seemed like a good place, because it's a nonprofit."

The school's art society is in its 10th year. In the past, students have completed service projects such as painting games on the playground surface at Harrison Street Elementary School.

The humane society's executive director, **Jana Cassidy**, said the project was most welcome, because the facility relies on donations and grants.

"Our complex is in pieces and chunks, so we have all these different rooms, and they came in and said, 'We'd like to beautify them for you.'"

There's even an area where families can pose with their newly adopted pet for a photo.

Source: The Delaware Gazette

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taxes that will be levied on behalf of the taxing entity should a levy pass.

The transition to the use of \$100,000 in value for tax purposes creates the potential for miscalculating taxes for an individual property, particularly when using the proposed term fair market value. This term may mean different things to different people, but we believe the average homeowner believes it to mean the possible sale value of their home. This value may not actually be the taxable value for purposes of calculating the taxes property owners will pay. During levy campaigns, school districts and other local governments routinely

provide an estimated tax obligation on homes valued at \$100,000; however, they have the ability to distinguish the various factors that will affect this estimate.

Differences among properties, taxpayers and levy types will certainly lead to the miscalculation of taxes should voters be led to believe the calculation is a simple one. Further, to include this granular detail in ballot language, as proposed by the bill, will make for an extremely long and detailed ballot.

OSBA contends that local districts already are providing more accurate information to voters during the levy campaign

process. In addition, if an individual voter would like to better understand the impact of a proposed levy on a specific property, the county auditor can calculate the estimate for that voter based on all relevant factors.

HB 76 also has been voted out of the House Ways and Means Committee and awaits further action by the full House.

Make sure to check out OSBA's BillTracker webpage for the latest information on proposed legislation at **www.ohioschoolboards.org/billtracker**.

Editor's note: Information in this article was current as of April 16, 2019.

April 2019

- 24 Transportation State Reports and Cost Analysis Workshop Columbus
- 26-27 Board Leadership Institute Columbus
- 28 Southeast Region Executive Committee meeting..... Zanesville
- 29 Last day to submit certification for August income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to the election).

May 2019

- 1 Northeast Region Executive Committee meeting..... Wadsworth
- 3 Last day to submit August emergency or current operating expenses levy to county auditor for August election — RC 5705.194, 5705.195, 5705.213 (95 days prior to the election).
- 7 Special Election Day; Primary Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after first Monday).
- 8 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 August election — RC 133.18(D); last day for county auditor to certify school district bond levy terms for August election — RC 133.18(C); last day to submit continuing replacement, permanent improvement or operating levy

for August election to board of elections — RC 5705.192, 5705.21, 5705.25; last day to certify resolution for school district income tax levy for August election to board of elections — RC 5748.02(C); last day to submit emergency levy for August election to board of elections — RC 5705.195; last day to submit phased-in levy or current operating expenses levy for August election to board of elections — RC 5705.251(A) (90 days prior to the election).

- 14 Levy University Columbus
- 15 Last day for certain board members and all administrators to file financial disclosure forms with the Ohio Ethics Commission — RC 102.02(A)(4)(a).
- 18 OSBA Black Caucus Committee Meeting Columbus
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June 2019

- 1 Last day to take action to nonrenew contracts of administrators other than superintendent and treasurer — RC 3319.02(C); last day to take action on and give written notice of intent not to re-employ teachers — RC 3319.11(D); last day to take action on and give written notice of intent not to re-employ nonteaching

employees (Note: this requirement does not apply to municipal school district employees as defined in RC 3311.71) — RC 4141.29(I) (1)(f).

- 6 Reasonable Suspicion Training..... Columbus
- 7 OCSBA School Attorney Workshop..... Westerville
- 23 Northwest Region Executive Committee meeting..... Bowling Green
- 28 Sports Law Workshop Columbus
- 30 2018-19 school year ends — RC 3313.62; end of third ADM reporting period — RC 3317.03(A).

July 2019

- 1 2019-20 school year begins — RC 3313.62; last day for board to notify teaching and nonteaching employees of succeeding year salaries — RC 3319.082, 3319.12; board may begin to adopt appropriation measure, which may be temporary — RC 5705.38(B); treasurer must certify available revenue in funds to county auditor — RC 5705.36(A) (1).
- 8 Last day for voter registration for August election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30 days prior to election).
- 10 Last day for termination of teaching contract by a teacher without consent of the board of education — RC 3319.15.