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# Michigan school board member becomes NSBA president

**Earl C. Rickman III** was named the National School Boards Association's 63rd president during the NSBA Annual Conference in Chicago last month. Rickman is a 25-year board veteran of the Mount Clemens Community School District in Mount Clemens, Mich. **Mary Broderick**, a board member at East Lyme Public Schools in East Lyme, Conn., was elected president-elect, while **C. Ed Massey**, a member of the Boone County Board of Education in Hebron, Ky., was elected secretary-treasurer.

# **OSBA** members serve on NSBA Delegate Assembly at annual conference

Five members of the OSBA Board of Trustees represented the association at the NSBA Delegate Assembly in Chicago last month. The assembly met during NSBA's 70th Annual Conference. They were: OSBA President John Pennycuff, Winton Woods City; President-elect Cathy Johnson, South-Western City; Immediate Past President Tawana Lynn Keels, Princeton City and Great Oaks ITCD; Susie Lawson, Tri-County ESC and Wayne County Schools Career Center; and Linda Steinbrunner, Coldwater EV. See the May OSBA *Journal* for full coverage on Ohio's role at the conference.

# Primary voters reject over two-thirds of school issues for new money

Of the 104 school district requests for new money on the May 4 primary election ballot, just 34 issues, or 33%, passed, according to the OSBA levy database. Overall, 99 of the 175 school tax issues on the ballot passed, with voter support for renewal issues overwhelmingly stronger than for new money requests. Since the Ohio Department of Education no longer reports on elections, OSBA, along with Support Ohio Schools, is now compiling school issues results and posting them on the OSBA Web site.

# Youngstown's Beachum re-elected to national CUBE chairmanship

**Lock P. Beachum Sr**., a 13-year **Youngstown City** board member, has been re-elected to a one-year term as chair of the Council of Urban Boards of Education (CUBE). Created by NSBA in 1967, CUBE is the only national organization governed solely by urban school board members and dedicated to the interests of urban school boards.

# Cincinnati school loses Obama, but lands Duncan for graduation speech

Although one of three finalists, **Cincinnati City**'s Clark Montessori Junior-Senior High School was not chosen by President **Barack Obama** as the Race to the Top High School Commencement Challenge winner. That honor went to Kalamazoo (Michigan) Central High School, where Obama will deliver the 2010 graduation address. However, U.S. Secretary of Education **Arne Duncan** will be the commencement speaker at Clark Montessori. More than 1,000 public high schools competed to have the president speak. **May 24, 2010** Volume 41 Issue 10

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# State unveils online learning tool focusing on STEM careers

The governor's office, along with a number of other groups, has launched the Ohio Career Sims project for middle and high school students. The program offers an online, interactive simulation that allows students to explore educational pathways and information on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) careers in Ohio. Teachers are encouraged to use this innovative tool to help students make decisions about their future. To access Ohio Career Sims, visit, http://ohiomeansjobs.com/csim. For questions on the program, contact Dr. John Stanford, at John.Stanford@governor.ohio.gov.

# OSBA still needs conference workshop moderators

Want to earn five credits toward OSBA's Award of Achievement? Then volunteer to be a 2010

# Principal becomes Hannah Montana for a day

As the "Hannah Montana" theme song goes, it was "the best of both worlds" in April at Nolley Elementary School. That's because in addition to enjoying an Ohio Achievement Assessments pep rally, third- and fourth-graders at the **Manchester Local (Summit)** school got to see their principal take the stage as Hannah Montana.

Donning a blond wig and sparkling costume, Principal **Christina Pappas** took the stage to lead students in singing **Miley Cyrus**' (aka Hannah Montana) "Party in the USA," complete with customized lyrics offering tips on test preparedness.

After the pep rally, students signed a banner promising to eat a good breakfast and get a good night's sleep before the tests. The banner was hung in the school foyer to remind kids of their pledge. Source: *South Side Leader* 

Capital Conference workshop moderator. For details, contact **Judy Morgan** at (614) 540-4000 or jmorgan@ohioschoolboards.org.

# Report looks at educational technology leadership trends

The State Educational Technology Directors Association



# Briefcase

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### **OSBA** online

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compiled by Melanie Price, secretary of communication and information services



# **Board changes**

**Bettsville Local (Seneca)** appointed **Michelle Davis** to the board effective April 29. She replaces **Marc Liggett**, who resigned last month. **••• Cincinnati City** appointed **Sean Parker** to the board effective April 28. He replaces **Michael Flanner**, who resigned due to health reasons.

# **Administrative changes**

### Superintendents

**Buckeye Valley Local (Delaware)** hired **James C. Grube** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He replaces **John Schiller**, who is retiring. Grube is currently the personnel director for **South-Western City**. **●● East Muskingum Local (Muskingum)** Superintendent **James E. Heagen** announced his resignation. He is taking a postion with the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System. **●● Holgate Local (Henry)** hired **Kelly J. Davis** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. She replaces interim Superintendent **Douglas Karst**. Davis currently is a junior high school principal at **Defiance City**. **●● Indian Creek Local (Jefferson)** Superintendent **Jene Watkins** announced his retirement effective June 30. **●● Liberty Local (Trumbull)** hired **Stanley Watson** as superintendent. He replaces Dr. **Kevin Boys**, who is retiring. **●● Loveland City** hired Dr. **John C. Marschhausen** as superintendent. He replaces Dr. **Kevin Boys**, who resigned to become president of Southern State Community College. Marschhausen was previously superintendent at **East Knox Local (Knox)**. **●● Southern Hills JVSD** Superintendent Dr. **Charles Guarino** announced his retirement effective Dec. 31. **●● Youngstown City** Superintendent Dr. **Wendy E. Webb** announced her retirement effective Jan. 1, 2011.

### Treasurers

Triad Local (Champaign) hired Connie Cohn as treasurer effective immediately. She replaces Jill Smith. Cohn was

# Editor's note

Job postings must be received six weeks before the application deadline to ensure timely publication. Thank you for your cooperation. previously the district's director of business.

# **Sympathies**

Alfred C. Rhonemus, a member of the former Ohio Valley Local (Adams) Board of Education, died May 7. He was 83. ••• Former Willoughby-Eastlake City Board of Education member Bruce C. Huston died April 24. He was 83.



# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

by Angela Penquite, communications specialist

# Supporting physics education

Offered by the American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT), the Bauder Grant for Support of Physics Teaching provides grants for special activities in the area of physics teaching. This includes the development and distribution of innovative apparatus for physics teaching and the funding of related workshops. **Maximum awards:** \$500 **Eligibility:** K-12 teachers who are AAPT members **Deadline:** July 1 Contact: www.aapt.org/programs/ grants/bauderfund.cfm

# **Rewarding science teachers**

The Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) offers the Outstanding Information Science Teacher Award to recognize the unique teaching contribution of an individual as an information science teacher.

Maximum awards: \$1,000 Eligibility: nominee must be directly engaged in teaching some aspect of information science on a continuing basis Deadline: July 1 Contact: www.asis.org/awards/ outstandingteacher.html

# Helping teens excel

Through the @15 Community Grants Program, Best Buy selects nonprofit organizations that provide positive experiences to help teens excel in school, engage in their communities and develop leadership skills. Special consideration will be given to *Continued on page 5* 



# Are you currently involved in litigation that may have issues of statewide significance?

The OSBA Legal Assistance Fund (LAF) is available to provide financial or legal assistance in matters of statewide importance to local school districts.

LAF offers direct financial assistance or other support in the form of amicus curiae briefs.

Please call Susan Czeh, OSBA secretary of legal services, at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA for information about your member status or to obtain an application if you have a pending matter that may meet the above description. Visit *www.ohioschoolboards.org* for more information.



# **Workshop Planner**

June 11 OCSBA Spring Conference Embassy Suites, Dublin \$160, full day

June 25 Sports Law Workshop Airport Marriott, Columbus \$120, full day

July 24 New Board Member Workshop OSBA office, Columbus \$125 includes books, full day

August 5 Back to School Workshop Marriott Northeast, Cincinnati \$120, full day

August 10 Back to School Workshop OSBA office, Columbus \$120, full day

August 11 New-to-school Public Relations Forum OSBA office, Columbus \$35, half day

September 1 *Treasurers' Clinic* Ohio University Inn, Athens \$120, full day September 8 *Treasurers' Clinic* NEOUCOM, Rootstown \$120, full day

September 10 *Treasurers' Clinic* Hilton Garden Inn, Perrysburg \$120, full day

September 15 *Treasurers' Clinic* Roberts Conference Centre, Wilmington \$120, full day

September 16 *Treasurers' Clinic* Bridgewater Banquet & Conference Center, Powell \$120, full day

September 17 Strike Workshop OSBA office, Columbus \$75, half day

**October 1** *Grant-writing workshop* OSBA office, Columbus \$120, full day

**October 6** *Levy University* OSBA office, Columbus \$120, full day **October 8** *School Law for Treasurers* Bridgewater Banquet & Conference Center, Powell \$120, full day

October 13 Management Development Series #3 OSBA office, Columbus \$75, half day

**October 20** *Transportation Roundtable* OSBA office, Columbus \$35, half day

December 10 School Finance for Treasurers Quest Business & Conference Centers, Columbus \$120, full day



The Ohio School Boards Association and the

Ohio Council of School Board Attorneys present the

**33rd Annual OCSBA Spring Seminar** 

Friday, June 11

Embassy Suites Columbus-Dublin

workshop cost \$160

8:15 a.m.	Registration and continental breakfast		
8:45 a.m.	Welcome and overview		
9 a.m.	Arbitration do's and don'ts		
	Our experienced arbitration panel will provide suggestions on how to effectively present a case to a		
	labor arbitrator and will offer other do's and don'ts for managing a successful arbitration.		
	Michael Paolucci, Esq., Paolucci & Associates, Cincinnati; Robert Lustig, Esq.; and James Klein, professor,		
	Charleston (S.C.) School of Law		
9:45 a.m.	Breakout sessions		
	<ul> <li>Special education law for the non-special education provider</li> </ul>		
	This session will provide practical advice for lawyers who do not practice in the field of special		
	education law, including information about service animals in schools, facilitated communications and		
	more.		
	Helen S. Carroll, Esq., Roetzel & Andress LPA, Akron		
	<ul> <li>Credit flexibility: What you need to know</li> </ul>		
	School boards will begin implementing credit flexibility policies in the 2010-11 school year. OSBA will		
	provide an overview of Ohio's credit flexibility plan and highlight potential issues and concerns.		
	Jessica L. Spears, staff attorney, OSBA		
10:45 a.m.	Break		
11 a.m.	Crisis communications		
	The ability to communicate effectively in a crisis is essential for a school district. This session will		
	explore a variety of crises and communication responses and look at factors that need to be considered		
	in choosing the most appropriate communication vehicle in a crisis situation.		
	Brian T. Usher, Capital Communications Alliance		
Noon	Lunch (provided) and OCSBA Annual Meeting		
1 p.m.	New issues with student discipline		
	Changes in technology and societal trends have made it difficult to determine the boundaries between		
	the competing interests of individual freedom, group order and authority. Get the latest on how your		
	district or client should handle student discipline.		
	Gary T. Stedronsky, Esq., Ennis Roberts Fischer Co. LPA, Cincinnati		
2 p.m.	Break		
2:15 p.m.	Substance abuse		
	James R. Columbro, Columbro Consultation Services Inc.		
3 p.m.	Principles of ethics and the code of professional responsibility		
	This session will provide an overview of the characteristics of ethics and professionalism, with a focus		
	on those that have the greatest influence on school law practitioners.		
	Alvin E. Mathews Jr., Esq., Bricker & Eckler LLP, Columbus		
4 p.m.	Adjourn		

This course has been approved by the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education for 5.50 total CLE hour(s), with 1.00 of ethics and .75 of substance abuse instruction.

The workshop will be held at the Embassy Suites Columbus-Dublin, 5100 Upper Metro Place, Dublin, Ohio, 43017. The phone number is (614) 790-9000. Directions: I-270 to exit 17A Dublin/SR 161 east. Turn right onto Frantz Road. Turn right onto Upper Metro Place. The hotel is on the right.

The workshop is conducted in a relaxed classroom atmosphere; dress is casual. To reserve a room at the Embassy Suites Columbus-Dublin, call (614) 790-9000.

# Sports Law Workshop

Friday, June 25 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. **Columbus Airport Marriott Cost is \$120** 





AGENDA

p.m.

8:30 a.m.	Registration and continental breakfast	12:25 p.n
9 a.m.	<b>Ohio High School Athletic</b> <b>Association legal update</b> The workshop kicks off with the latest on athletics and credit flexibility, eligibility, rulings, training for coaches, policy and bylaws changes, and the outlook for 2010 <i>Steven Craig</i> , Esq., Ohio High School Athletic Association, Columbus	1:30 p.m.
9:45 a.m.	<b>Sports case law update</b> Learn the latest developments in sports law litigation, covering liability, transportation, employment, discipline and everything in between. <i>Edmund F. Brown</i> , Esq., Downes, Fishel, Hass, Kim LLP, Columbus	
10:30 a.m.	Break	2.25 n m
10:40 a.m.	Managing change in the athletic program Got a new board, superintendent, athletic director, coaching staff or some combination thereof? A board development expert will share strategies for successfully managing change in the workplace. <i>Kendall A. Lee</i> , education management consultant, OSBA	2:35 p.m.
11:25 a.m.	Lunch	3:30 p.m.

### Managing student funds and booster funds

Part of managing a successful athletic program is managing funds. Hear horror stories of how things went wrong in different districts and learn how to prevent problems using internal controls and best practices. *R. Brent Minney*, Esq., Pepple & Waggoner Ltd., Cleveland

Cyberlaw and athletic discipline Texting, Facebook, Twitter, e-mail ... a minefield of potential issues for coaches and students. Learn how to protect yourself and your staff, as well as how far the athletic code of conduct extends into the world of social networking. Mark Landes, Esq., Isaac, Brant, Ledman & Teetor LLP, Columbus

### Transporting athletes

Adjourn

Transporting students in buses, vans or private cars, including who's driving them, presents risks for school employees and the school district. Learn the details. Pete Japikse, associate director, Office of Pupil Transportation, Ohio Department of Education; and Brian L. Wildermuth, Esq., Subashi & Wildermuth LPA, Dayton



# **OSBA Workshop Registration Form**

Workshop name	Workshop date			
Attendee name	Title			
Daytime phone	E-mail			
District/firm	County			
Enclosed is a check for \$ or P.O.# to cover registration(s). Make checks payable to OSBA and mail to 8050 N. High St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235-6481; fax to (614) 540-4100; or e-mail Laurie Miller at Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. Include a purchase order number with fax or e-mail.				



Please check here if you require special accommodations. Contact us or attach a written description of needs. Please photocopy this form for each person

# OSBA workshop registration procedures

OSBA sends e-mail confirmation of registration if an e-mail address is provided. Registration is open to all boards and staff of OSBA members. "Walk-in" registrations are welcome on a space-available basis only. Please call OSBA to check the status of registration before you arrive at the workshop. To register, you must have a purchase order number or a check payable to OSBA and a completed registration form. You may register with a purchase order number by phone, fax, e-mail or Web page 24 hours a day.

### Award of Achievement/LPDC

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



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

OSBA Registration Hotline,







You may register on our Web page at **www.ohioschoolboards.org**. Select "Training."

### Cancellation and refund policy

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

*Funding, continued from page 4* programs that serve a diverse population; build social, academic, leadership and life skills in early adolescents; show positive results against a demonstrated community need; and reach at-risk children. **Maximum award:** \$10,000 **Eligibility:** 501(c)(3) organizations within 50 miles of a Best Buy store or regional distribution center **Deadline:** July 1

Contact: www.bestbuy-community relations.com/local\_donations.htm

# Scholarships for driving safety videos

The Bridgestone Firestone 2010 Safety Scholars Video Contest will award college scholarships for the most compelling and effective videos that drive home life-saving messages on automobile and tire safety. The contest includes a chance for young filmmakers to have their auto safety videos broadcast as a public service commercial.

Maximum awards: \$5,000 scholarship and a new set of Bridgestone tires Eligibility: youth ages 16-21 with a valid driver's license Deadline: July 1 Contact: www.safetyscholars.com

# **Rewarding young poets**

The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation administers the Barbara Mandigo Kelly Peace Poetry Award to encourage poets to explore positive visions of peace and the human spirit. Entries can include up to three unpublished poems with a maximum length of 30 lines per poem. **Maximum awards:** \$200 **Eligibility:** youth through the age of 18

Deadline: July 1 Contact: www.wagingpeace.org/ menu/programs/awards-&contests/bmk-contest/index.htm

# Environmental education grants available

The Ohio Environmental Education Fund supports projects that increase public awareness and knowledge about environmental issues, and provide the skills to make informed decisions and take responsible actions. The projects must target three audiences: the regulated community, the general public and preschool through university students and teachers. General grants and mini-grants are available. Applicants must submit a letter of intent by July 8. **Maximum award:** \$50,000 Eligibility: public schools Deadline: July 15 Contact: www.epa.ohio.gov/ oeef/oeefoverview.aspx

### Award for emerging education leaders

The Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) seeks nominations for its Outstanding Young Educator Award, which recognizes a teacher under the age of 40 who demonstrates excellence in his or her profession; a positive impact on students; creativity in the classroom; and leadership in his or her school or district.

Maximum awards: \$10,000 Eligibility: K-12 teachers under age 40; no self-nominations accepted Deadline: Aug. 1 Contact: http://links.osba-ohio.org/ 36334

# Administrative salary analysis

Need help determining how to compensate your administrators? It's more complicated than most people think, and OSBA has considerable experience in this area. We are able to assist school districts with a variety of important initiatives, including:

- compensation/classification system design
- job description creation/modification
- performance evaluation system design

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# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Michelle Francis, legislative specialist

# Healthy Choices, Healthy Children update

The Senate Health, Human Services and Aging Committee accepted a substitute bill on the Healthy Choices, Healthy Children legislation (Senate Bill (SB) 210) and added four amendments before favorably reporting the bill out of committee. In the meantime, the House Health Committee accepted a substitute bill of that chamber's version, House Bill (HB) 373, but is still considering the legislation.

SB 210, as reported out of committee, includes the following changes:

• removes the body mass index from the Local Report Card;

• eliminates the proposed additional half credit of physical education in high school; • maintains current law allowing schools to excuse students from physical education if they have participated in interscholastic athletics, marching band or cheerleading for at least two full seasons;

• exempts career-tech schools and postsecondary enrollment option students from the physical activity requirement.

In addition, the bill still includes a requirement that schools provide 30 minutes of physical activity for grades K-12. However, a provision was added that would allow districts to annually apply to the Ohio Department of Education for a waiver from the 30-minute physical activity requirement: "If

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- Statewide experience.

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While this would allow districts to opt out of the requirement, we are concerned about the long-term implications of this mandate without a funding mechanism in place for the future.

OSBA, the Ohio Association of School Business Officials, the Ohio Education Association and the Ohio Federation of Teachers presented joint testimony on SB 210. While our organizations understand and agree with the intent of this legislation and the importance of the health and wellness of students, we strongly oppose the provisions in SB 210 that require 30 minutes of moderate to rigorous physical activity each day and the requirement that schools consult a licensed dietician Continued on page 7

# **PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!**

compiled by Gary Motz, managing editor

# Ohio students earn national recognition for community service

Two Ohio students joined more than 100 other top youth volunteers from around the U.S. in early May to be honored with 2010 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

The program recognizes the top two youth volunteers from each state and the District of Columbia for outstanding community service. From that group, the top 10 youth volunteers in the nation are chosen during ceremonies in Washington, D.C. The program is sponsored by Prudential Financial in conjunction with the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Ohio's honorees were **Meghan Marth**, 18, of Cincinnati, and **Dreya Holmes**, 14, of Wooster. Although they were not among the 10 students selected as the nation's top volunteers, they each received a \$1,000 award, an engraved silver medallion and an all-expense-paid trip to the nation's capital for several days of recognition events.

Marth, a senior at **Sycamore Community City**'s Sycamore High School, was honored for founding a club at her school that raised \$40,000 over three years to pay school expenses for 120 children in northern Uganda.

Holmes, an eighth-grader at **Wooster City**'s Edgewood Middle School, helped revitalize a local park by suggesting that a rundown swimming pool be replaced by a "sprayground" and helping to find funding for the new water attraction.

Source: Prudential Financial

### Legislative Report, continued from page 6

before implementing the new standards for food and beverages. A copy our testimony is available at **www.ohioschoolboards.org**, under the Issues and Advocacy link.

In addition to the organizations' testimony, several individuals from school districts came to Columbus to testify on how this legislation would negatively impact their districts. The OSBA legislative team would like to personally thank the following individuals for coming to the Statehouse to share their stories:

• Jeff McCuen, treasurer, Worthington City

- Randall E. Smith, board member, Forest Hills Local (Hamilton)
- Warren Stevens, board member,

Urbana City and Ohio Hi-Point Career Center

• Hugh Garside, treasurer, South-Western City

• Dick Wagner, superintendent, Newbury Local (Geauga)

• Dan Langshaw, board member, North Royalton City

Watch for the latest calls to action on this legislation! OSBA will keep you posted on the Healthy Choices, Healthy Children legislation as it moves through the Statehouse.

# New bill would expand voucher program

Sen. **Gary Cates** (R-West Chester) recently introduced SB 255, which would expand the EdChoice voucher program by 1,000 slots a year until it reaches a total of 20,000 vouchers. Under current law, the EdChoice program is for students who attend or are assigned to a public school building that has been in academic watch or academic emergency for two of the last three years. The program is currently capped at 14,000 slots. SB 255 is being deliberated in the Senate Education Committee, where Cates is the chair.

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

Editor's Note: All information in this article was current as of May 14, 2010.

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#### June 2010

- **OSBA** Northwest Region Executive 6 Committee Meeting ......Bowling Green
- 11 OCSBA Spring Conference ......Dublin OSBA Central Region Executive 23
- Committee Meeting .....Columbus OSBA Sports Law Workshop ..Columbus
- 25 30 2009-2010 school year ends – RC 3313.62.

### July 2010

- 1 2010-2011 school year begins - RC 3313.62; last day for board to notify teaching and nonteaching employees as to salaries to be paid for succeeding year - RC 3319.082, 3319.12; board may adopt appropriation measure, which may be temporary -RC5705.38; treasurer must certify available revenue in funds to county auditor -RC5705.36(A).
- 6 Last day for voter registration for August election – RC 3503.01, 3503.19. Last day for termination of teaching contract
- 10 by a teacher without consent of the board of education — RC 3319.15.
- Last day to adopt school library district tax 15 budget on behalf of a library district - RC 5705.28(B)(1).
- 20 Last day to submit certification for November

conversion levy to tax commissioner -RC5705.219(B) (105 days before election). NSBA Central Region

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- 23-25 Meeting .....Louisville, Ky. OSBA New Board Member 24
- Workshop ......Columbus 26 Last day to submit certification for November
- income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation - RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to the election).
- Semiannual campaign finance reports due (by 4 p.m.) detailing contributions and expenditures through June 30, 2010 RC 30 3517.10(A)(4) (last business day of July); last day to submit November emergency, current operating expenses or conversion levy to county auditor for November general election – RC 5705.194, 5705.195, 5705.213, 5705.219 (95 days before election).

#### August 2010

- 1 Last day to file statistical report with Ohio Department of Education (ODE) – RC 3319.33.
- 3 Special Election Day - RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after the first Monday).
- 4 **OSBA** Northeast Region Executive Committee Meeting ......Ravenna
- 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 November election -RC 133.18(D); last day for county auditor to certify school district bond levy terms for November election - RC 133.18(C); last day to submit continuing replacement, permanent improvement or operating levy for November election to board of elections -RC 5705.192, 5705.21, 5705.25; last day to certify resolution for school district income tax levy or conversion levy for November election to board of elections – RC 5705.195, 5705.219, 5748.02(C); last day to submit emergency levy for November election to board of elections – RC 5705.195; last day to submit phased-in levy or current operating expenses levy for November election to board of elections - RC 5705.251(A); last day to file (by 4 p.m.) nominating petitions for board of education with board of elections – RC 3513.254, 3513.255 (90 days prior to the election). OSBA Back to Šchool
- Workshop .....Cincinnati 8 OSBA Southeast Region Executive
- Committee Meeting.....Logan OSBA Back to School 10 Workshop.....Columbus