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Olympian Dorothy Hamill confirmed for 2010 OSBA Capital Conference

Dorothy Hamill, who at 19 captivated the world by winning figure skating gold at the 1976 Winter Olympics in Innsbruck, Austria, will be one of the keynote speakers at the 2010 OSBA Capital Conference. After Hamill's amateur career, she won five straight World Professional titles and skated in Ice Capades and numerous touring and TV productions. In her book *A Skating Life*, she revealed her lifelong struggle with depression. Now, as a motivational speaker, she stresses the importance of parents, teachers, coaches, board members and other adults being positive role models for the children in their lives. Hamill will headline the third General Session on Nov. 10. Watch OSBA's publications and Web site for updates on the conference, which runs Nov. 7-10 in Columbus.

ODE releases final Race to the Top tally; announces district allocations

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) reports that 536 school districts and community schools have joined Ohio's Phase 2 effort for federal Race to the Top (RttT) funds. ODE also has released the allocations that participating districts would receive if Ohio is successful with its application. Visit www.rttt.education.ohio.gov to view the allocations. OSBA was among a number of education groups that worked with ODE during Phase 2 to encourage its members to participate.

OSBA hosting free meeting with state school facilities commission leaders

Are you a new school board member with questions about school facilities? Is your district considering a building project? Do you have experience with an Ohio School Facilities Commission project? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then be sure to attend a free meeting at OSBA's Columbus office where you can talk with OSFC experts and share information with other board members. The meeting is Friday, June 25 from 1-4 p.m.; due to limited space, registration is required. To register, contact, **Marcella Gonzalez** at (800) 589-6722 ext. 230 or mgonzalez@ohioschoolboards.org.

Deadline to apply for region offices and committees is approaching

If you would like to become more active in OSBA, watch for the "Call for Region Offices and Committees," which has been mailed to all OSBA members. Complete the nomination form, indicating which committees you would like to be considered for, and return it to your region secretary. The booklet and form also are posted on the OSBA regions Web page, www.ohioschoolboards.org/regions. The deadline is June 30.

Past president seeks board member input on judicial selection plan

OSBA Immediate Past President **Tawana Lynn Keels**, Princeton City and Great Oaks ITCD, is seeking input from Ohio school board members to share with a

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committee that is developing a draft of an "Ohio Plan" for judicial selection. Keels is a member of the committee, which has met frequently to explore how Ohio might better select Supreme Court justices. Participants include community and business leaders, labor and trade groups, and government officials. Despite the recent death of committee champion, Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice **Thomas J. Moyer**, participants remain committed to move the Ohio Plan forward. To provide input, school board members should contact Keels at (513) 352-6272; (513) 295-7979; or TawanaKeels@yahoo.com.

OSBA recruiting student achievement team members

The OSBA Student Achievement Leadership Team (SALT) wants to expand its representation. SALT strives to make improving student achievement an ongoing, visible part of the work of all Ohio school

boards. The team meets twice a year in Columbus and is active at the OSBA Capital Conference. SALT specifically needs members from OSBA's Northeast and Northwest regions, as well as an urban board. To be considered, call OSBA Executive Director **Richard Lewis** at (614) 540-4000.

Seniors 'pass the torch' to kindergartners

A "Pass the Torch" ceremony in Coshocton brought together members of the graduating classes of 2010 and 2023 for a community photo shoot. Organized by the Pomerene Center for the Arts, the event marked two rites of passage: high school graduation and entering kindergarten. This was the first year for the program.

Groups of incoming kindergartners and outgoing seniors from **Coshocton City, Ridgewood Local (Coshocton) and River View Local (Coshocton)** gathered with their families at a downtown park for the shoot. The seniors talked with the youngsters and gave them troll pencil toppers to bring them luck in their school careers.

Photos taken from various angles will be combined into a 3-D view, which families should enjoy looking at in the coming years.

Source: *Zanesville Times Recorder*

SE Region calls for recognition program nominations

Applications are being accepted for the 2010 Southeast Region Recognition Program. This is an opportunity to nominate outstanding individuals and programs in your district. For details, contact **Paul Mock**, region secretary at (740) 385-5240 or pmock@ohioschoolboards.org. Forms also are available at www.ohioschoolboards.org/se-region under "Downloads."

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org
Looking for ideas to increase student achievement? Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/databases and click on the Student Achievement Program Database link. Once there, click on the "Show all records" button (the eye icon under the browse bar at the upper left). The database contains nearly 700 successful academic programs from across Ohio.



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BULLETIN BOARD

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OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

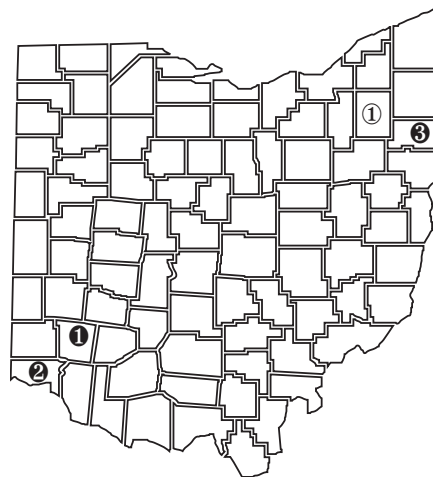
District	Deadline	Contact
❶ Springboro Community City	June 29	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
❷ Mount Healthy City	July 2	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
❸ Youngstown City	July 23	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

Treasurer

District	Deadline	Contact
❶ Streetsboro City	June 11	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

❶ = Superintendent

❷ = Treasurer



Other positions

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Ridgmont Local (Hardin)	June 21	Ron Pepple, superintendent, Hardin County ESC, (419) 674-2288
Superintendent	Trumbull County ESC	June 25	Lori A. Simione, treasurer, Trumbull County ESC, (330) 505-2800
Director of facilities and operations	Finneytown Local (Hamilton)	June 10	Dr. Alan Robertson, interim superintendent, www.finneytown.org
Elementary school principal	Cleveland Heights-University Heights City	June 14	Dr. David Kircher, Ohio School Council / Finding Leaders, (216) 447-3100, ext. 106
Elementary assistant principal	Kirtland Local (Lake)	June 11	Dr. Stan Lipinski, superintendent, Kirtland Local, (440) 256-3311

National searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Palmyra, Va.	June 11	Gina Patterson, assistant executive director, Virginia School Boards Association, (434) 295-8722

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

Canton City Board of Education member **James Carman Jr.** announced his resignation effective immediately. He is moving out of the district. ●●● **Steubenville City** and **Jefferson County JVSD** Board of Education member **William Kerr** announced his resignation effective this month. He is moving out of the district.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Butler Technology and Career Development Schools hired **Brett H. Smith** as superintendent effective July 1. He replaces Dr. **Robert Sommers**, who took a CEO position with a nonprofit charter school management organization in Detroit. Smith currently is superintendent at the **Pickaway-Ross Career & Technology Center**. ●●● **Clearview Local (Clermont)** hired **Thomas Jama** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He replaces **Rick A. Buckosh**, who is retiring. Jama currently is the district's high school principal. ●●● **Crooksville EV** hired **Kyle Newton** as superintendent effective May 17. He replaces **L. Jeffrey Childers**, who resigned in February. Newton was previously the assistant superintendent at **Morgan Local (Morgan)**. ●●● **Forest Hills Local (Hamilton)** hired Dr. **Dallas R. Jackson** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He replaces Dr. **John B. Patzwald**, who is retiring. Jackson is currently superintendent at **Miamisburg City**. ●●● **Greene County Career Center** hired **Daniel J. Schroer** as superintendent effective July 1. He replaces **Marsha Leonard**, who is retiring. Schroer currently is the vice president of secondary workforce education at Butler Technology and Career Development Schools. ●●● **Indian Creek Local (Jefferson)** hired **Mark Furda** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He replaces **Jene Watkins**, who is retiring effective June 30. Furda currently is the district's assistant superintendent. ●●● **Mahoning County ESC** Superintendent **Richard Denamen** announced his retirement effective Sept. 30. **Ronald J. Iarussi**, the center's assistant superintendent, was hired as superintendent effective Oct. 1. ●●● **Mansfield City** interim Superintendent **Edward L. Swartz** announced his retirement effective July 31. ●●● **Marietta City** hired Dr. **Bruce W. Thomas** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He replaces **Herbert A. Young**, who is retiring. Thomas currently is an assistant superintendent at **Cleveland Municipal**. ●●● **Miamisburg City** hired Assistant Superintendent **Marcia Watts** as interim superintendent effective Aug. 1. She replaces Dr. Dallas R. Jackson. ●●● **Northern Local (Perry)** hired **Thomas Perkins** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He replaces **Dora Jean Bumgarner**, the district's interim superintendent. Perkins currently is superintendent at **Rolling Hills Local (Guernsey)**. ●●● **Springboro Community City** hired **Eugene Lolli** as interim superintendent effective June 7. He replaces Dr. **David D. Baker**, who is resigning. Lolli was previously an assistant high school principal in the district. ●●● **Waterloo Local (Portage)** hired **Andrew J. Hill** as superintendent effective July 1. He replaces **Robert Wolf**, who is retiring. Hill currently is a principal at **Crestwood Local (Portage)**. ●●● **West Geauga Local (Gauga)** hired Dr. **Thomas P. Diring** as superintendent effective Aug. 3. He replaces Dr. **Anthony R. Podojil**, who took the executive director position at the Alliance for High Quality Education. Diring currently is superintendent at **Brecksville-Broadview Heights City**. ●●● **Woodmore Local (Sandusky)** interim Superintendent **Jane Garling** announced her retirement effective June 30.

Treasurers

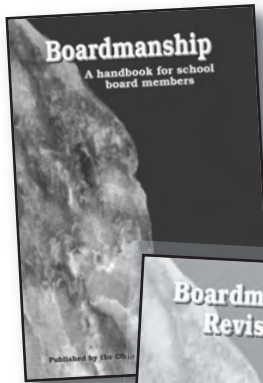
Little Miami Local (Warren) Treasurer **Shaun Bevan** announced his resignation effective June 30, 2011. ●●● **Mad River Local (Montgomery)** hired **Gerald T. Ellender** as treasurer effective June 7. He replaces interim Treasurer **Jessie Wilson**. Ellender previously was the treasurer at **Carlisle Local (Warren)**. ●●● **Troy City** hired **Craig A. Jones** as treasurer effective July 12. He replaces **Donald Pence**, who is retiring. Jones currently is treasurer at **Lakota Local (Butler)**.

Sympathies

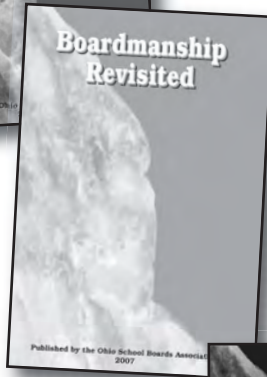
Former **Cuyahoga Falls City** Board of Education member **Dominic Guzzetta** died May 12. He was 90. ●●● **Stanley E. Skoczen**, a former superintendent at **Independence Local (Cuyahoga)**, died May 7. He was 89. ●●● **Tommy Jones**, a superintendent at the former **Miami County School District**, died May 8. He was 80. ●●● Former **Oakwood City** Board of Education member **David Detrick**, died May 12. He was 103. ●●● Former **Parma City** Assistant Superintendent **Archie S. Brown** died May 10. He was 93.

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Read your way to success with OSBA publications that help your district tackle the ins and outs of school issues.

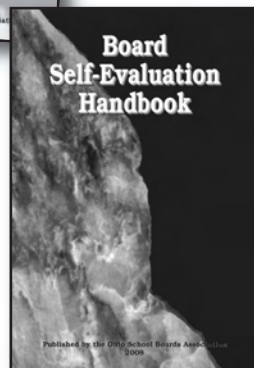


Boardmanship
A quick reference guide covering a multitude of issues relevant to board members.
Price: \$15



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Insightful advice on how to improve leadership, teamwork and other relevant skills that enhance boardmanship.
Price: \$15

Board Self-Evaluation Handbook
Presents an easy way to evaluate your school board, which serves as a basis for improving performance.
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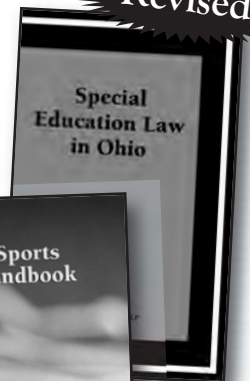


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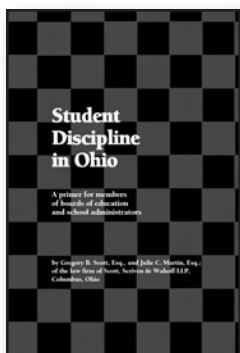
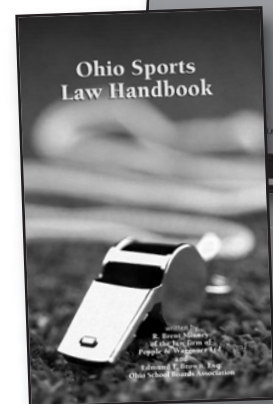
Making Sense out of School Finance
Covers the theory behind Ohio's new school-funding system and how it will affect school districts.
Price: \$15

Special Education Law in Ohio
Focuses on Ohio's special education rules and summarizes hot legal topics in special education.
Price: \$15

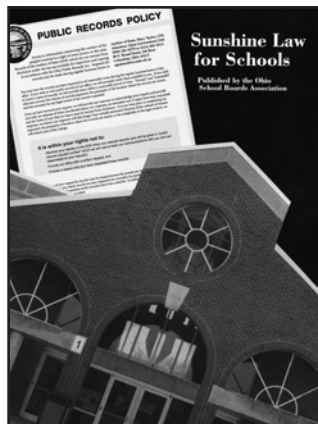


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Ohio Sports Law Handbook
Highlights hot legal topics in sports law. Includes sample contracts, policies and an athletic code of conduct.
Price: \$15



Student Discipline in Ohio
Covers the legal aspects of student discipline in Ohio, including laws, rules, regulations, court decisions and suggested procedures.
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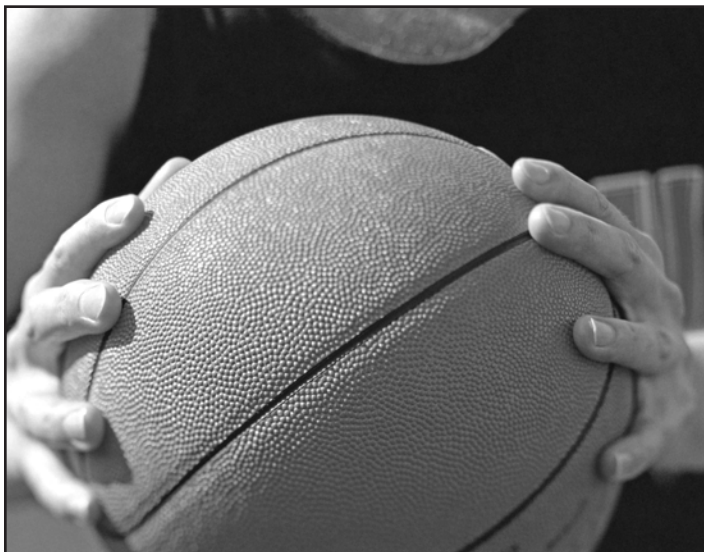
Sunshine Law for Schools
Designed as a resource manual, this book provides an overview of each area of the law and answers frequently asked questions dealing with practical school issues.
Price: \$20

To order copies of these books, contact publications@ohioschoolboards.org or call (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA. Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org to order these and other OSBA publications online.

Sports Law Workshop

Friday, June 25
9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Columbus Airport Marriott
Cost is \$120



AGENDA

8:30 a.m. **Registration and continental breakfast**

9 a.m. **Ohio High School Athletic Association legal update**
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.
Steven Craig, Esq., Ohio High School Athletic Association, Columbus

9:45 a.m. **Sports case law update**
Learn the latest developments in sports law litigation, covering liability, transportation, employment, discipline and everything in between.
Edmund F. Brown, Esq., Downes, Fishel, Hass, Kim LLP, Columbus

10:30 a.m. **Break**

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.
Kendall A. Lee, education management consultant, OSBA

11:25 a.m. **Lunch**

12:25 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

1:30 p.m. **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

2:35 p.m. **Transporting athletes**
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

3:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

New board members: Trying to maneuver the maze of boardmanship? Find your way at the New Board Member Workshop

- **Designed for new board members**
- **Intensive, one-day workshop**
- **Plenty of networking opportunities**
- **Saturday, July 24**
- **OSBA office, Columbus**



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

The Ohio School Boards Association is sponsoring an intensive one-day workshop for new school board members. The workshop will focus on the knowledge and skills new board members find essential to becoming effective contributors to their district's management team. Topics include the world of boardmanship; decision-making and working as a team; how Ohio schools are funded; the Sunshine Law and executive sessions; and many more.

Cost for this workshop is \$125 per board member. Four books are included with workshop tuition: *Boardmanship*, *Board-Treasurer Partnership*, *Board-Superintendent Partnership* and *Board-Legislature Partnership*.

To register, call (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA. More information can be found at www.ohioschoolboards.org/new-board-member-workshop.

Agenda

9 a.m.	Welcome	1 p.m.	Policy
9:05 a.m.	Basic boardmanship	1:45 p.m.	Personnel
10:05 a.m.	Legislation and lobbying	2:30 p.m.	Break
11 a.m.	Break	2:45 p.m.	Legal issues
11:15 a.m.	School finance	3:45 p.m.	Closing remarks and questions
12:15 p.m.	Lunch	4 p.m.	Adjourn



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Sports Law Workshop

☐ June 25, \$120

New Board Member

Workshop

☐ July 24, \$125

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.

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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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Please include a purchase
order number.

You may register on our Web page at
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the bottom of the page.

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.



LEGAL BRIEFS

by Sara C. Clark, deputy director of legal services

Deadline for family and civic engagement teams is June 30

As a result of House Bill 1, Ohio Revised Code Section (RC) 3313.821 requires boards of education to establish a family and civic engagement (FCE) team by June 30, 2010. Under the statute, each board may determine the membership and organization of its FCE team, so long as the team includes parents, community representatives, health and human service representatives, business representatives, and others identified by the board. Boards may use their current business advisory council to perform the functions of both the business advisory council and the FCE team, so long as the membership and responsibilities of the combined committee satisfy the membership requirements for both groups.

There are a number of ways to establish an FCE team. The Ohio Department of Education has created a sample resolution for boards to use to appoint their FCE teams. This resolution is not required by RC 3313.821 and may limit some of the flexibility that boards have in organizing and determining the membership of their FCE teams. The sample resolution also suggests that the names of the team members be adopted in the board resolution.

However, the members of the team will likely change over time, so this may be impractical and unnecessary.

Another way for boards to establish their FCE teams is by establishing the team through the adoption of a board policy. This approach has a number of benefits. Policies are readily available to and understood by the general public. Since the intent of the FCE team is to connect schools, families and communities, outlining the existence and purpose of the FCE team in a board policy may be beneficial in generating community interest and support. Establishing the FCE team through policy also may be beneficial over time, since new board members will likely be more aware of the policies adopted

by the previous board than the resolutions it adopted. Finally, policies give boards greater flexibility in determining the membership and organization of FCE teams, since they allow boards to more freely appoint and remove people from the team.

OSBA has drafted a sample Family and Civic Engagement Committee policy for boards to adopt (policy BCFA/BCFB). The sample policy complies with the requirements of RC 3313.821.

If you have any questions about family and civic engagement teams or would like a copy of OSBA's model Family and Civic Engagement Committee policy, please contact OSBA's policy services staff at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Michelle Francis, lobbyist

Healthy Choices, Healthy Children discussions continue

The legislature is still deliberating on Senate Bill (SB) 210 and House Bill (HB) 373, the Healthy Choices, Healthy Children legislation. Both bills are currently being heard by the House Health Committee. However, it is our understanding that SB 210 will be the vehicle for the legislation.

SB 210 requires schools to provide at least 30 minutes of moderate to rigorous physical activity per day for grades K-12. The bill provides that, due to an undue financial hardship, a school may apply for a waiver of the physical activity requirement. However, the provision would still be in permanent law with no

accompanying funding mechanism now or in the future. The best solution for schools is to remove the provision altogether to avoid the expectation that districts will comply at some point in the future.

Schools cannot solve the nation's childhood obesity crisis on their own, and we have seen no evidence that the mandate for 30 minutes of physical activity will make a difference. In lieu of mandates, encourage legislators to support the implementation of a voluntary program funded by philanthropically generated grants as a way to encourage school districts to implement the physical activity requirement. This would

allow for progress toward the goal of increased activity for students and provide an opportunity to evaluate the effectiveness of such activity.

OSBA, along with the Ohio Association of School Business Officials, the Ohio Education Association and the Ohio Federation of Teachers, presented joint testimony to the House Health Committee asking that the physical activity requirement be removed from the bill. Copies of our testimonies on both SB 210 and HB 373 are available at www.ohioschoolboards.org/billtracker.

Please continue your contacts with legislators! Your calls and e-mails to Ohio House members have made a difference. The House Health Committee delayed a scheduled vote on the bill so that members could have more discussion on the proposal. Lawmakers are hearing from you and it is having an impact. Thank you for your efforts. We also would like to especially thank **Laura Kohler**,

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You really can make a difference!

... Because kids count!



Children are our future and there is no greater investment than a child's education. By joining OSBA's political action committee, *Kids PAC*, you are helping to ensure all children in Ohio receive the quality education they deserve!

To learn more about *Kids PAC*, contact Jennifer Economus at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or jeconomus@ohioschoolboards.org.



PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Gary Motz, managing editor

Twinsburg middle school students take trek in the Lost Boys' shoes

Students at **Twinsburg City's** R.B. Chamberlin Middle School have a new appreciation of what the Lost Boys of Sudan went through.

The Lost Boys is the name aid organizations gave to the more than 20,000 displaced or orphaned boys who fled genocide and civil war in their homeland in 1987. They trekked 1,000 miles or more across African wilderness to reach safety — first to Ethiopia, then to a refugee camp in Kenya. Many of

the boys were killed or succumbed to dehydration, disease or starvation along the way.

Undertaking their own lengthy trek, about 150 Twinsburg eighth-graders collectively walked 1,200 miles to raise money to build wells in Sudan. A few of the Lost Boys now living in the Cleveland area walked with the students. The well project, Isaac's Wells, was started by some of the Lost Boys who make the perilous journey back to Sudan to help build wells.

English teacher and event organizer **Dave Ciborek** told a local newspaper that it costs about \$15,000 to dig a well and the students raised \$4,700 by soliciting pledges for every mile walked.

Ciborek told the paper that working with the Lost Boys fit well into the eighth-grade curriculum.

"We have read *The Diary of Anne Frank*," he said, "and the story of the Lost Boys is another example of genocide."

Source: *Twinsburg Bulletin*

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board vice-president, **New Albany-Plain Local (Franklin)**, and **Barry Sweet**, board president, **Euclid City**, for coming to Columbus to testify on how the 30-minute requirement and waiver would negatively impact their districts.

Watch for the latest Calls to Action on this legislation. OSBA will keep you posted on SB 210 as the House continues its deliberations.

Legislature to hold hearings on charter school lawsuit

Ten northeastern Ohio charter schools filed a lawsuit on May 17 seeking to void their contracts with White Hat Management, owned by

charter school magnate **David Brennan**. The suit contends that White Hat has too much control over the schools' operations and that state law makes it almost impossible to break their contracts. It also states that the current contract and White Hat's proposed new management agreement "render the governing boards of the plaintiff schools virtually impotent to govern the schools ..." The suit also accuses White Hat of a number of financial improprieties.

Because of the claims filed in the complaint, the legislature has decided to hold hearings on the lawsuit. The Primary and

Secondary Education Subcommittee of the House Finance Committee will be holding hearings to explore the issues brought to light through the lawsuit to determine if any legislative revisions are needed to ensure the best working relationship for charter schools in Ohio.

OSBA will update you on what occurs during the hearings and any legislation that may result.

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 28, 2010.

June 2010

- 11 OCSBA Spring ConferenceDublin
- 23 OSBA Central Region Executive Committee MeetingColumbus
- 25 OSBA Sports Law Workshop ..Columbus
- 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 — RC 5705.38; treasurer must certify available revenue in funds to county auditor — RC 5705.36(A).
- 6 Last day for voter registration for August election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19.
- 10 Last day for termination of teaching contract by a teacher without consent of the board of education — RC 3319.15.
- 15 Last day to adopt school library district tax 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 — RC 5705.219(B) (105 days before election).

- 23-25 NSBA Central Region MeetingLouisville, Ky.
- 24 OSBA New Board Member WorkshopColumbus
- 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).
- 30 Semiannual campaign finance reports due (by 4 p.m.) detailing contributions and expenditures through June 30, 2010 — RC 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).

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- 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 MeetingRavenna
- 4 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).
- 5 OSBA Back to School WorkshopCincinnati
- 8 OSBA Southeast Region Executive Committee MeetingLogan
- 10 OSBA Back to School WorkshopColumbus
- 10 OSBA Southwest Region Executive Committee MeetingDayton