Capital Conference registration materials will soon be in the mail
Registration packets, including the program for the 2019 OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show, will be mailed in early July. The 64th annual conference runs Nov. 10 through Nov. 12 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. The program is being sent to school board members, superintendents, treasurers, Ohio Council of School Board Attorneys members and sustaining members. It has information on speakers, workshops, special events, hotels and registration. Registration packets are going to superintendents and treasurers. Board members should contact their treasurer to register for the conference and special events. Visit [http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org](http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org) or call OSBA at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA for more information.

Statewide career connections conference set for next month
The 2019 Career Development Through Career Connections Conference is July 29 in Columbus. This annual event is hosted by the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Association for Career and Technical Education. It features sessions on career advising using OhioMeansJobs and other career information systems; leveraging business advisory councils; using student success plans; and developing career pathways in schools. Join education leaders, teachers, school counselors and others to learn about the innovative career awareness and planning work happening throughout Ohio. For registration information and to view the agenda, visit [www.ohioacte.org/event-3244019](http://www.ohioacte.org/event-3244019).

First school board candidate workshop is drawing near
Do you know someone who is thinking about running for a school board seat? Then let them know that the first workshop in OSBA’s Get on Board school board candidate campaign is right around the corner. The free Pre-Board Candidate Workshop, July 13 in Columbus, will provide essential information to individuals considering seeking an open school board seat in the November election. The association conducts a board candidate campaign each school board election year. For details on the workshop, see the ad inside this issue of the Briefcase or visit [www.getonboardohio.org](http://www.getonboardohio.org). The Get on Board website also offers numerous resources for individuals considering a candidacy and those who already have decided to run.

Study: Young children not read to at home face ‘million-word gap’
Young children whose parents read them five books a day enter kindergarten having heard about 1.4 million more words than kids who were never read to, according to a new Ohio State University study. Dr. Jessica Logan, lead author of the report and assistant professor of educational studies at the university, told Ohio State
News that the “million-word gap” could be one key in explaining differences in vocabulary and reading development among children. Even children who are read only one book a day will hear about 290,000 more words by age 5 than those who don’t regularly read books with a parent or caregiver, the report found. Researchers collaborated with the Columbus Metropolitan Library on the study. An abstract is posted at http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/42432.

A few booths still remain for Student Achievement Fair

A limited number of booths are still available for the OSBA Student Achievement Fair, one of the most popular and rewarding events at the association’s Capital Conference in November. The fair highlights 100 innovative and creative programs that promote student achievement and learning. It gives students the opportunity to share their programs with thousands of education leaders from across the state. For more information and to nominate one of your district’s programs, visit http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/student-achievement-fair.

Popular rapper surprises Mayfield Heights students

Rapper Lil Nas X is known for his country rap breakout single “Old Town Road,” which also features Billy Ray Cyrus.

Students at Mayfield Heights City’s Lander Elementary School liked the song so much they recorded a singalong video that was tweeted by school Principal Felecia Evans. Not only did the Atlanta singer see the video, he also responded on Twitter, asking when the students wanted a free show. The 19-year-old did just that, surprising the students on May 29.

“I’m (finally going to) do the biggest show of my life, and it’s going to be great,” Lil Nas X said in a video released by the pop culture website Complex.com before he entered the school’s gymnasium.

Source: WJW-TV Fox 8 Cleveland

OSBA updates education foundation fact sheet

Education foundations provide school districts with additional financial support. OSBA’s legal division recently made significant updates to its fact sheet on education foundations. The document is posted at http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/58603.

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Join the conversation! OSBA’s Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn pages are great ways to stay connected to your association and school districts around the state. Following are the links for each platform.

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Twitter: twitter.com/OHschoolboards
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LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/company/ohio-school-boards-association
OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

District: Fredericktown Local (Knox) Deadline: June 28 Contact: OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

District: River Valley Local (Marion) Deadline: July 18 Contact: OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

Board changes

Crestview Local (Van Wert) Board of Education member Jake Sawmiller announced his resignation effective May 31. •••

Northwestern Local (Clark) Board of Education member Elizabeth Hasting announced her resignation effective June 5.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Austintown Local (Mahoning) hired Stan Watson as interim superintendent effective June 1. He replaced Vincent S. Colaluca, who retired. ••• Cory-Rawson Local (Hancock) hired Heath Huffman as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace Dr. Robert Hlasko, who took the deputy superintendent position at Medina County ESC. Huffman currently is a principal in the district. ••• Fayette Local (Fulton) hired Angela Belcher as superintendent effective Aug. 1. She will replace Erik Belcher, who took the superintendent position at Napoleon Area City. Angela Belcher currently is director of student services at Pike-Delta-York Local (Fulton). ••• Madison Local (Richland) hired John E. Thomas as acting superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace Acting Superintendent Lee A. Kaple. ••• Mansfield City hired Stan Jefferson as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace Brian Garverick, who has taken the director of alternative learning position in the district. ••• Morgan Local (Morgan) Superintendent Lori Snyder-Lowe announced her resignation effective Aug. 1. She will take the assistant superintendent position at Muskingum Valley ESC effective Aug. 1. She will become superintendent in March, replacing David N. Branch. ••• Sylvania City hired Jane Spurgeon as interim superintendent effective Aug. 1. She will replace Dr. Adam Fineske, who took the superintendent position at Ottawa Hills Local (Lucas). ••• Windham EV Superintendent Laura Amero announced her resignation effective May 31.

Treasurers

Austintown Local (Mahoning) Treasurer Ryan Ghizzoni announced his resignation effective July 1. ••• Chardon Local (Geauga) hired Deb Armbruster as treasurer effective Aug. 1. She will replace Ashley Brudno, who took the treasurer position at Chagrin Falls EV effective

Editor’s note

Job postings must be received six weeks before the application deadline to ensure timely publication. Thank you for your cooperation.
June 3. Armbruster currently is treasurer at Crestwood Local (Portage). Stow-Munroe Falls City hired Trevor R. Gummere as treasurer effective Aug. 1. He will replace Kristy Stoicoiu, who took the treasurer position at Cuyahoga Falls City. Gummere currently is treasurer at London City.

Sympathies
Former Elyria City Board of Education member Bonnie Lee Repas died May 27. She was 83. Former Fort Loramie Local (Shelby) Board of Education member Patrick H. Hoying died May 30. He was 87. Former Gibsonburg EV Board of Education member Dr. Sam Gruner died June 3. He was 87. Former Massillon City Superintendent Dale Walterhouse died May 29. He was 84. Stanley W. Dicke, a member of the former Mendon-Union school board in Mercer County, died May 23. He was 80. Former Rossford EV Board of Education member Jerry Krall died June 2. He was 92. Former Struthers City Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Laddie J. Fedor died June 2. He was 94. Former Western Local (Pike) Board of Education member Richard H. Walls died May 25. He was 88.

Levy University

Wednesday, June 26, 9 a.m.-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.
Teri Morgan, deputy 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, Michael Collins, Ryan Collins, Andrea Kruse 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.
Agenda

8:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast (provided)

9 a.m. OHSAA legal update
The workshop kicks off with a discussion by the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) about new initiatives. Hear OHSAA's thoughts and recommendations, including recent OHSAA bylaw changes.
Jerry Snodgrass, executive director, and Steve Craig, Esq., legal counsel, OHSAA

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Top legal issues impacting athletic programs
Hear about the hottest legal topics impacting school district athletic programs. Two experienced school attorneys will walk attendees through the legal issues that every athletic director should think about and be prepared to address.
Pamela A. Leist, Esq., and William M. Deters II, Esq., Ennis Britton Co. LPA, Cincinnati

Noon Lunch (provided)

12:45 p.m. When good coaches make bad choices
An experienced school attorney reviews examples of negligence and other problematic coach behaviors. Hear best practices for dealing with coaching issues, including disciplinary action, and when and how to terminate employment when necessary.
Sandra R. McIntosh, Esq., Freund, Freeze & Arnold LPA, Columbus

1:45 p.m. Break

2 p.m. Athletics, drugs and drug testing
Whether your district has a policy about drug-testing student athletes or you’re considering one, learn about the legal aspects of testing student athletes, including the impact medical marijuana legalization in Ohio could have on your current policies and procedures.
Derek Towster, Esq., Scott Scriven LLP

3:15 p.m. Adjourn

This program has been approved by the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education for 5.00 total CLE hours of instruction.

Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops or contact Laurie Miller, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. The Embassy Suites is located at 2700 Corporate Exchange Drive, Columbus, 43231. Unauthorized audio recording or videotaping of any session is strictly prohibited.
As a board member, how often do you remind yourself “what’s best for our kids,” particularly when discussions go wrong, personalities clash and building consensus becomes unattainable? Student achievement is more than test scores. High-achieving boards of education maintain an emphasis on collaboration and empowering their administrative teams to help each and every student. This workshop welcomes the leadership team — the board, superintendent and treasurer — to gather information that can be used to refocus on kids.

**Agenda**

9:30 a.m. Registration

10 a.m. Snapshot of your board role
Understanding and embracing your role on the team and “staying in your lane” is extremely important. A brief overview of roles and responsibilities will set the stage for the day’s discussions.

Teri Morgan, deputy director of board and management services, OSBA

10:30 a.m. When conflict comes to call
Even seasoned school boards can crack when their districts face controversy. Identify common controversies that boards may face, including contentious public participation sessions, employment matters that become PR nightmares and other sensitive, controversial or uncomfortable issues that boards are asked to address. Leave with practical tips and recommendations for resolutions to help keep external conflicts from affecting your board’s cohesion.

Jennifer A. Hardin, deputy director of legal services, OSBA

11:30 a.m. Stretch break

11:35 a.m. Communication and consensus
Choosing our words seems so simple, but the wrong words often cause conflict. Review the basics of communication and get tips for improving meeting conversations and social media interactions.

Teri Morgan

Noon Lunch (provided)

12:30 p.m. Students in the spotlight
Board members can work with the community in constructive efforts to increase learning opportunities and student achievement or they can behave in ways that undermine these efforts. What makes the difference? What are the critical factors that accurately predict high or low student achievement in a district? Learn research-based best practices to keep your students in the student achievement spotlight.

Kim Miller-Smith, senior student achievement consultant, OSBA

1:30 p.m. Show and tell

1:45 p.m. Final thoughts

2 p.m. Adjourn

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. Register online at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops) or contact Laurie Miller, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.
OSBA’s Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law Workshop is designed for EMIS coordinators, attendance officers and others responsible for enforcing attendance and tuition matters in a district. This year’s workshop focuses on Ohio’s attendance laws, unique issues associated with adult student learners, deciphering divorce decrees, handling tuition disputes and working with resources to resolve attendance and tuition questions.

Agenda
8:30 a.m.  Registration and continental breakfast (provided)
8:50 a.m.  Welcome
9 a.m.  A look at Ohio’s attendance laws
   Review current laws in Ohio on attendance, absences and truancy. Revisit House Bill 410 requirements and the most frequently asked questions about tracking and reporting attendance, handling excessive absences and establishing absence intervention teams.
10 a.m.  Unique issues associated with emancipated minors and adult student learners
   This session highlights some of the unique issues and challenges that arise with adult students and emancipated minors. Walk through practical scenarios and leave with answers to frequently asked questions.
10:45 a.m.  Break
11 a.m.  Deciphering divorce decrees and other court orders
   Court orders frequently determine which parent is entitled to enroll a student in school and who has the right and responsibility to sign important school documents and consent to school services. Learn more about reading, understanding and modifying court orders.
Noon  Lunch (provided)
1 p.m.  Tuition: Calculating, billing and handling disputes
   This session reviews the laws and processes related to tuition obligations, including how payment is calculated, how to change the district responsible for paying tuition and how best to handle other types of tuition disputes.
1:45 p.m.  Break
2 p.m.  Working with your resources
   So often, the resolution of an attendance or tuition question requires the knowledge or assistance of many different agencies and resources. This session presents real-life scenarios to a panel of experts to help identify opportunities for collaboration, cooperation and resolution.
3:30 p.m.  Adjourn

The workshop will be held at Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center, 100 Green Meadows Drive South, Lewis Center, 43035. The phone number is (614) 880-4300. 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. Unauthorized audio recording or videotaping of any session is strictly prohibited.
Know someone who is thinking of running for your school board or someone who would be an asset to your board? Encourage them to attend this workshop to learn the responsibilities of board service. This free workshop describes the roles and responsibilities of school board service and requirements for running for a seat on a local board of education. Set for Saturday, July 13, from 10 a.m. to noon at the OSBA office in Columbus, this workshop will be led by two veteran OSBA staff members.

Space is limited, so contact OSBA Senior Events Manager Laurie Miller at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org to register.

For more information on running for a board of education seat, visit OSBA's candidate website, www.getonboardohio.org. Learn more about this and other board candidate workshops at www.getonboardohio.org/board-candidate-workshops.

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.

OSBA's bargaining consultation services offer your district comprehensive representation services during negotiations and/or traditional and alternative bargaining styles. Bargaining consultation clients receive:
- low-cost service fees;
- flexible rates;
- experienced negotiators;
- statewide experience.

For more information on how bargaining consultation can work for your district, contact OSBA's legal services division at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.
Grants for scientific education

The American Honda Foundation engages in grant-making that reflects the basic tenets, beliefs and philosophies of Honda companies, which are characterized by the following qualities: imaginative, creative, youthful, forward-thinking, scientific, humanistic and innovative. It supports youth education, with a specific focus on STEM subjects and the environment.

Maximum award: $75,000
Eligibility: public schools with two years of audited financial statements examined by an independent CPA for the purpose of expressing an opinion
Deadline: Aug. 1
Contact: [http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/50214](http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/50214)

Grants for math and science

The Toshiba America Foundation makes grants for projects in math and science designed to improve student instruction.

Maximum award: $5,000
Eligibility: teachers of grades six-12
Deadline: Sept. 1
Contact: [www.toshiba.com/taf](http://www.toshiba.com/taf)

WILD School Sites grants available

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife has grants available to help teachers develop WILD School Sites on their campuses. These sites enable teachers to take lesson plans outdoors, bringing environmental education concepts to life. Funds can be used to purchase materials, equipment and activities needed to develop WILD School Sites.

Maximum awards: $500
Eligibility: teachers who have successfully used Project WILD in their classrooms
Deadline: Open July 1-June 30 each year, pending available funding.
Contact: [http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/69480](http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/69480)

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The House Primary and Secondary Education Committee recently held hearings to discuss House Bill (HB) 43, sponsored by Rep. Catherine D. Ingram (D-Cincinnati), and HB 165, sponsored by Reps. Beth Liston (D-Dublin) and Tavia Galonski (D-Akron).

HB 43 provides school districts with the flexibility to sell or lease real property in a manner that offers the most benefit to the school district as determined by the locally elected board of education. It repeals the right of first refusal for charter schools and other designated educational entities to purchase property not currently used by a school district. The bill enables local school boards to make facility sales and purchasing decisions based on the needs of the district and the community.

OSBA has long opposed provisions in current law that mandate how boards of education must dispose of property. Such decisions should be made by those elected by the community and based on local factors. Ohio’s law, which requires districts to comply with a forced right of first refusal for certain entities, may not be in the best interest of a district or its community.

HB 43 eliminates the

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Every other Wednesday, fourth-graders from Ottawa-Glandorf Local’s (Putnam) Ottawa Elementary School spend an hour weeding and watering their garden. Filled with green beans, carrots, peas, tomatoes and more, the garden provides multiple lessons.

“I’m hoping the students learn about teamwork, responsibility and how to take care of the Earth,” fourth-grade teacher Nicole Ruhe told a local newspaper.

She started a garden club at the school last year when the local Tractor Supply Co. donated a $250 gift card for supplies, including tools, gloves and seeds. Another local firm, Hohenbrink Excavating Inc., donated topsoil.

The club held a fundraiser at Tractor Supply Co. in May that collected $500 for the project, and the school’s PTO also donated $500.

“Gardening is a skill that not a lot of students have the opportunity to do, and it teaches them about responsibility,” school Principal Audrey Beining said.

Student Everett Croy said he’s grown up around gardening, with his family planting cabbage, flowers and strawberries.

“It’s fun to grow your own food,” he said. “I hope to learn how to make the plants grow fast, and I’m glad we can grow our own healthy food.”

The club hopes to add 10 more garden plots and purchase a tiller.

Source: The Lima News

requirement that a school district offer to lease or sell certain unused real property to charter schools, STEM schools and college-preparatory boarding schools. It also eliminates the option for a school district to prioritize the lease or sale of real property to certain STEM schools.

In addition, the legislation maintains a prohibition on community schools, STEM schools and college-preparatory boarding schools selling real property acquired under the involuntary sale provision within five years after acquiring the property unless they sell it to another community school, STEM school or college-preparatory boarding school.

HB 165 is legislation that would require the State Board of Education to adopt either the most recent health education standards developed by the American Association for Health Education or health education standards developed and prescribed by the State Board. The bill also would repeal the current prohibition on the State Board adopting or revising any health education standards or curriculum unless the changes are approved by both houses of the General Assembly through a concurrent resolution.

It is important to note that, while the State Board would be required to disseminate the new health standards to school districts, no local board of education would be required to adopt the standards. The health standards that would be developed through HB 165 would provide a framework for curriculum development and do not specify curriculum or content.

OSBA’s lobbyists have recently testified in support of both HB 43 and HB 165 in the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee. For more information or to view OSBA’s testimony, log onto OSBA’s BillTracker page at www.ohioschoolboards.org/billtracker.

Editor’s note: Information in this article was current as of June 13, 2019.
| June 2019 |
| 26 | Levy University........................Columbus |
| 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 | OSBA Urban Network meeting.....................Columbus |
| 13 | Pre-Board Candidate Workshop..................Columbus |
| 15 | Last day to adopt school library district tax budget on behalf of a library district — RC 5705.28(B)(1). |
| 19 | Refocusing Your Board From Conflict to Kids........................Columbus |
| 29 | Last day to submit certification for November income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to election). |
| 27 | OSBA Board of Trustees meeting........................Columbus |
| 31 | Last day for board of education to adopt a plan to require students to access and complete online classroom lessons (“blizzard bags”) in order to make up hours for which it is necessary to close schools — RC 3313.482(A)(1); semiannual campaign finance reports must be filed by certain candidates (by 4 p.m.) detailing contributions and expenditures made through June 30, 2019 — RC 3517.10(A)(4). |

| August 2019 |
| 1 | Last day to file statistical report with Ohio Department of Education — RC 3319.33; 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(C) (95 days prior to election). |
| 2 | Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law Workshop..........................Lewis Center |
| 5 | Southwest Region Executive Committee meeting........................TBD |
| 13 | Reasonable Suspicion Training............................Columbus |
| 29 | Last day to submit certification for November income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation — RC 5748.02(A) |
| 7 | OSBA Board of Trustees meeting........................Columbus |
| 31 | Last day to adopt school library district tax budget on behalf of a library district — RC 5705.28(B)(1). |
| 6 | Special Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after the first Monday). |
| 7 | Northeast Region Executive Committee meeting..........................Warren |

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