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OSBA president-elect speaks at federal Education Jobs Fund bill-signing

OSBA President-elect **Cathy Johnson, South-Western City**, shared the stage with U.S. House Speaker **Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.)** as Pelosi signed the Education Jobs Fund bill Aug. 10 on Capitol Hill. President **Barack Obama** signed the legislation, which provides \$10 billion to save school staff jobs, later that day. Speaking on behalf of her district and OSBA, Johnson thanked Pelosi and other members of Congress “for your action to help save thousands of jobs for teachers and staff throughout the country.” A video of the signing ceremony is posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/74337>.

OSBA NW Region cohosting 5K run to help school devastated by tornado

OSBA's Northwest Region is among the sponsors of a fundraiser for **Lake Local's (Wood) Lake High School**, which was torn apart by a tornado June 5. The Lifting Up Lake 5K Run-Walk-Crawl is Sept. 18 at the high school, 28080 Lemoyne Road, Millbury, 43447. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m.; the 5K starts at 9:30 a.m. To register online visit www.liftinguplake.com. There is a \$20 entry / donation fee, which includes a T-shirt, goody bag, door prizes and recovery food. Sponsors also are accepting other donations. To learn more, visit the above website or contact OSBA Northwest Regional Manager **Dr. Judy Jackson May** at (419) 575-0663 or jjacksonmay@ohioschoolboards.org.

Congresswoman Fudge will keynote OSBA Black Caucus dinner

The featured speaker for the OSBA Black Caucus dinner is U.S. Rep. **Marcia L. Fudge (D-Ohio 11th Congressional District)**. The dinner is Nov. 7 at 6:30 p.m. during the OSBA Capital Conference. Fudge, former chief of staff for U.S. Rep. **Stephanie Tubbs Jones**, took office in November 2008 after winning a special election to fill the seat left vacant by Tubbs Jones' death. The cost to attend the dinner, which is open to all OSBA members, is \$60. Preregistration is required; contact your treasurer to register.

More than 60% of school issues fail in special election

Unofficial results of the Aug. 3 special election show that Ohio voters approved just 37% of the school tax issues that were on the ballot across the state. Of the 27 issues facing voters, 10 passed. Since 1984, the average passage rate for school issues in August special elections is 31%, according to the OSBA Levy Database.

OSBA Audit Committee has vacancy for alternate member from SW Region

OSBA is seeking a school board member from the Southwest Region to serve as an alternate on OSBA's Audit Committee. The committee oversees the annual financial statement audit. Candidates must have a basic familiarity with financial statements. Alternate members attend up to three meetings per year in Columbus and may vote on

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- ☐ Administrators
- ☐ Principals
- ☐ Treasurer's staff

committee business in the absence of the Southwest Region Audit Committee member. The initial term of office will be Sept. 26, 2010-May 14, 2011. If interested, send a résumé to OSBA Chief Financial Officer **Janice Smith**, 8050 N. High St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235, or jsmith@ohioschoolboards.org. The deadline is Sept. 3.

KidsOhio prepares summary of state's RttT proposal

KidsOhio has released a summary of Ohio's Race to the Top plan. A team of Ohio education leaders traveled to Washington, D.C., with Gov. **Ted Strickland** earlier this month to present the plan. The U.S. Department of Education said it will announce the winners of this round of competition on Sept. 1. Ohio is seeking \$400 million in federal funds to support schools. Access the summary at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/96522>.

A glimpse of schoolhouses past

A look at some old record books at the **Columbiana County ESC** office inspired center officials to highlight the history of two rural school districts — **Crestview Local** and **United Local** — at its county fair booth. Both districts were formed by the consolidation of numerous smaller districts, schools and one-room schoolhouses.

The display lists the many districts that consolidated over the years to form the two districts. It also features some unique old school names, such as **Hornet's Nest**, **Buzzards Glory** and **Coffee**.

The old books found at the ESC office contain the names of each student from each school, their grades and whether they were promoted to the next grade level. Some older fair-goers might even find their names on the lists, which run from 1918-1941.

Source: *Salem News*

Coalition promotes tobacco-free schools to State Board

The Tobacco-Free Delaware County Coalition attended the State Board of Education meeting in July to promote 100% tobacco-free school campuses across Ohio. The State Board sent the proposal to its Capacity Committee for study

and recommendations. Currently, 197 school districts in Ohio have adopted a 100% tobacco-free schools policy. For information or a guide to 100% tobacco-free schools, please contact the coalition's **Linda Diamond** at (740) 203-2016 or Ldiamond@delawarehealth.org.



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BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, administrative assistant of communication services

OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

District	Deadline	Contact
① Bath Local (Allen)	TBD	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

Treasurer

District	Deadline	Contact
① Madison Local (Butler)	TBD	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



Other positions

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Executive director	Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools	Sept. 3	Dick Fisher , search consultant, Ohio University, (740) 407-6525

National searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Franklin Park, Ill.	Aug. 31	Donna Johnson , director of executive searches, Illinois Association of School Boards, (630) 629-3776
Superintendent	Carterville, Ill.	Sept. 1	Thomas Leahy , consultant, executive searches, Illinois Association of School Boards, (630) 629-3776, ext. 1217
Superintendent	Chester, Ill.	Sept. 3	Thomas Leahy, consultant, executive searches, Illinois Association of School Boards, (630) 629-3776, ext. 1217

Board changes

Maysville Local (Muskingum) Board of Education member **Rick Fulkerson** announced his resignation effective July 22. He was hired as a teacher in the district. ●●● **Olentangy Local (Delaware)** appointed **Stacy Dunbar** to the board effective Aug. 3. She replaced **Jennifer Smith**, who resigned in July. ●●● **Painesville City Local (Lake)** appointed **Jeffrey Powers** to the board effective July 30. He replaces **Mary Hada**, who resigned in July. ●●● **Plymouth-Shiloh Local (Richland)** board

Editor's note

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

member **Kim Henderson** resigned in July because she is moving out of the district. ●●● **Steubenville City** appointed **Edward Littlejohn Sr.** to the board effective Aug. 18. He replaces **William Kerr**, who resigned in June because he moved out of the district. ●●● **Tipp City** EV Board of Education member **John Muldowney** announced his resignation effective July 31. He is moving out of state. ●●● **West Muskingum Local (Muskingum)** appointed **Valerie Gutridge** to the board effective Aug. 18. She replaces **Steve Tyner**, who resigned in July.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Adams County/Ohio Valley Local (Adams) hired **Rodney A. Wallace** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He replaced **Charles P. Kimble**, who retired. Wallace previously was the district's supervisor of state and federal programs. ●●● **Fairfield Union Local (Fairfield)** hired **Donald A. Armstrong** as interim superintendent effective Aug. 16. He replaced **James Herd**, who was deployed to Afghanistan Aug. 13. He previously was the superintendent at **Portsmouth City**. ●●● **Plain Local (Stark)** hired Assistant Superintendent **Brent May** as superintendent effective Aug. 2. He replaced **Christopher Smith**, who took the curriculum director position at **Canton City**. ●●● **Ridgemont Local (Hardin)** hired **Emmy Davis** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. She replaced **Bruce M. Gast**, who took the superintendent position at **Elgin Local (Marion)**. Davis was the curriculum director at **Benjamin Logan Local (Logan)**. ●●● **Trumbull County ESC** hired Assistant Superintendent **Michael Hanshaw** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He replaces **Victoria A. Giovagnoli**, who retired.

Treasurers

Madison Local (Butler) hired **Susan K. Murray** as treasurer effective July 19. She replaced **Mark A. Zimov**, who resigned. Murray was the assistant treasurer at **Fairborn City**. ●●● **Steubenville City** hired **Albert A. Skulich** as interim treasurer effective Aug. 1. He replaced **Theresa V. DeCaria**, who retired. ●●● **Tiffin City** Treasurer **Patricia Penny** announced her resignation effective Aug. 13. The district appointed **John Coffman** as interim treasurer. ●●● **Twin Valley Local Community (Preble)** Treasurer **Dan Bassler** announced his resignation effective July 29. He has taken the treasurer position at **Carlisle Local (Warren)**.

Sympathies

Former **Bluffton** EV Board of Education member **Daniel Rumer** died July 26. He was 64. ●●● Former **Jefferson Area Local (Ashtabula)** Board of Education member **Eva Heidecker** died Aug. 1. She was 92. ●●● Former **Mentor** EV Board of Education member **Arthur Kless** died July 26. He was 71. ●●● Former **Salem City** Board of Education member **Marguerite Miller** died July 28. She was 79.

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Strike Management Workshop

Friday, Sept. 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cost is \$75, which includes registration, materials, lunch and refreshments

The workshop will be held at the OSBA office, 8050 N. High St., Columbus.

To register, contact Laurie Miller at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or Lmiller @ohioschoolboards.org

The best way for a district to handle a strike is to prepare for it. Districts that are ready to deal with strike tactics are better positioned to counter this kind of union pressure. Those that ignore these threats, hoping they will never happen, will pay the consequences when they do occur. Now is the time to learn how to ensure your team is better prepared than the union when it's time to sit down at the table.

OSBA's annual Strike Management Workshop will give you the tools you need to effectively face a strike or strike threat. The seminar features:

- an update of recent school strike activity
- discussions on Ohio law as it relates to strikes
- a presentation on strike tactics and how schools can prepare for strikes

Guerrilla Communications for Your School Levy



Tuesday, Sept. 21

OSBA office
8050 N. High St., Columbus
(614) 540-4000

Cost is \$120

Learn new ways to target community members when you have an issue on the ballot.

Topics include:

- how to identify key data, as well as an online tool that can help districts analyze district expenditures in order to promote more effective and efficient use of resources;
- how to effectively address rumors and incorrect information in today's viral world;
- identifying and communicating with positive voters;
- understanding social media and how it can help your campaign;
- how to use campaign opposition in your favor.

To register, contact OHSPRA Executive Director Crystal Kendrick at director@nspraohio.org or (513) 281-3228 or visit www.nspraohio.org.

Thursday, Sept. 23

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center
8001 Brecksville Road, Brecksville
(440) 746-8230

2010 Treasurers' Clinics

*Sharing knowledge, developing solutions
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- ◆ *Fulfill local and state professional development needs, including CPE and auditor of state in-service credits*
- ◆ *Five convenient locations across Ohio*

Choose the date and location that best fits your schedule:

Wednesday, Sept. 1	Ohio University Inn, Athens
Wednesday, Sept. 8	Northeastern Ohio Universities Colleges of Medicine (NEOUCOM), Rootstown
Friday, Sept. 10	Hilton Garden Inn, Perrysburg
Wednesday, Sept. 15	Roberts Conference Centre, Wilmington
Wednesday, Sept. 22	Bridgewater Banquet & Conference Center, Powell

Plan now to attend the 2010 OSBA Treasurers' Clinics to be held in five locations around the state. These clinics provide the most current information on school district fiscal issues. Treasurers, business managers, board members, administrators and treasurer's office personnel are all encouraged to attend.

The Treasurers' Clinics offer timely information on a multitude of topics relevant to all members of a district's management team. Attendees also can fulfill their local and state professional development needs, including in-service, LPDC and continuing professional education credits.

Agenda

8 a.m. — Registration and continental breakfast

8:25 a.m. — Welcome and announcements

Van D. Keating, director of management services, OSBA; OASBO region director; and OSBA region president

8:30 a.m. — What you need to know about fiscal caution, watch and emergency

Representatives from ODE and AOS

9:40 a.m. — Break

9:50 a.m. — Breakout sessions

- ♦ Is subcontracting/outsourcing services (food service, transportation, etc.) the best option for your district?

Attorneys from Pepple & Waggoner Ltd.

- ♦ School finance update — new levy options and accelerated filing deadlines

Jennifer Blaser, Esq.; Edward Cavezza, Esq.; Bradley N. Ruwe, Esq.; and Thomas A. Wilson, Esq., Peck, Shaffer & Williams LLP

11 a.m. — Breakout sessions

- ♦ Federal funds update

Brian Jones, associate director, Office of Federal and State Grant Management; and Jeff Jordan, director, Office of Finance Program Services, ODE

- ♦ Professional standards

Members of the OASBO/ODE committee

12:15 p.m. — Lunch

Sponsored by Assurant Employee Benefits, eCollect of Ohio Inc., Legat & Kingscott and Ohio School Plan.

1 p.m. — General session: ODE update

ODE area coordinators

2:10 p.m. — Break

2:20 p.m. — Breakout sessions

- ♦ Selling your ballot issue for school construction — local communities do benefit

Keith Richards, educational planner, Legat & Kingscott; former superintendent, Newark City

- ♦ Collective bargaining in challenging times

Attorneys from Bricker & Eckler LLP

3:30 p.m. — Legislative update

Damon Asbury, director of legislative services, and Michelle Francis, lobbyists, OSBA; and Barbara Shaner, associate executive director, OASBO

4 p.m. — Adjournment

For more information, visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/event_listing. Registration and continental breakfast begin at 8 a.m. The fee is \$120, which includes registration, continental breakfast, lunch and materials. You can register by contacting **Laurie Miller** at (614) 540-4000, ext. 284; (800) 589-OSBA, ext. 284; Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org; or register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org.

The 21st Century School District — The Role of the Board for Support and Impact

Friday, Oct. 1

9 a.m. to noon

OSBA office, Columbus

Cost \$75

Is your school district actually preparing students for the challenges, opportunities and demands of the 21st century? Do you and your board colleagues understand the role and impact you have in achieving your district's 21st century goals?



Attend this highly engaging seminar and hear from experts and practitioners on research indicating the need to change; essential elements of a 21st century classroom; and tips and success stories for preparing for transformation.

Agenda

8:30 a.m.	Registration and continental breakfast	10:30 a.m.	Break
9 a.m.	Welcome	10:45 a.m.	From the superintendent's perspective — the role of the board in supporting and impacting 21st century success
9:15 a.m.	21st century skill development — what is it and why does it matter?		
9:30 a.m.	The big picture — Ohio's plan for 21st century skills attainment and achievement	11:45 a.m.	Questions and wrap-up

School security trends

Management Development Series #3

Cost is \$75

OSBA office, Columbus

Wednesday, Oct. 13

10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Security is a difficult topic for public schools. It covers a wide variety of aspects and scenarios. To date, each district has had to develop and file emergency plans, but several districts have encountered situations not covered by these plans. Additionally, schools have begun to hire consultants to review the plans and develop training for employees and students. This seminar will review what is going on in school security and look at trends and new threats that need to be considered. We'll also look at training and discuss who needs to be trained and when training needs to occur. Another consideration is how security plans blend into safety plans, which is a growing trend in the private sector.

In addition to offering strike services, Huffmaster is a national leader in the security field and has been providing these services to public schools throughout the country. Their experience and expertise will provide new perspectives on this difficult, but important topic.

Presenters: *Michael C. Saad*, CCP, senior director consulting services, Huffmaster; and *Van D. Keating*, director of management services, OSBA

OSBA Capital Conference



OSBA Black Caucus dinner

Sunday, Nov. 7

6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

Greater Columbus Convention Center

Room C 123–125

Celebrating excellence in public schools

Join us for an evening of learning and fellowship at the annual Capital Conference OSBA Black Caucus dinner. All conference attendees are invited.

The keynote speaker is U.S. Rep. **Marcia L. Fudge** (D-Ohio 11th Congressional District). She will speak on “Celebrating excellence in public schools.”

Fudge took office on Nov. 19, 2008. She serves on the House Education and Labor Committee, working to elevate Cleveland’s struggling public schools to academic excellence. She also serves on the committee’s Higher Education, Lifelong Learning and Competitiveness Subcommittee; the Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions Subcommittee; and the Science and Technology Committee.

Before being elected to Congress, Fudge was the chief of staff for the late Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones. She also served as the mayor of Warrensville Heights.

The OSBA Black Caucus’ mission is to promote and provide education to its members and interested parties

on the unique challenges and opportunities faced by African-American school board members throughout Ohio.

The caucus also works to promote, support and build public awareness of issues relating to racial diversity in schools and equity in education. In

addition, it supports initiatives to enhance the academic achievement of African-American students, including the OSBA Black Caucus Scholarship Fund.

The cost of the dinner is \$60; all OSBA members are welcome. The reservation deadline is Oct. 29. To register for the dinner, notify your district superintendent or treasurer, or indicate your request on the conference registration form. Tickets will not be sold at the door; pre-registration is required. Please indicate any special accommodations needed.



U.S. Rep. Marcia L. Fudge

Net proceeds benefit the OSBA Black Caucus Scholarship Fund

School Law for Treasurers Workshop



Friday, Oct. 8

Bridgewater Banquet & Conference Center, Powell

Cost is \$120

Join OSBA and school law experts at the annual School Law for Treasurers Workshop. Tailored exclusively for treasurers, this workshop will give you the tools you need to stay current.

Focusing on the cutting-edge issues important to you in the 2010-11 school year, presenters will share the latest legal developments for you to take back to your district.

Treasurers, assistant treasurers, business managers, board members and administrative teams are encouraged to attend.

8:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast

9 a.m. Shared services: policies, practices and recommendations

Learn how local school districts have collaborated to take advantage of individual district resources, create economies of scale and reduce redundancies to capture cost savings.

10 a.m. Robert's Rules refresher

Get tips on how to improve your ability to successfully manage a meeting, constructively deal with difficult situations and conflicts, and devise a working agenda.

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Personal property tax appeal process

Personal property tax appeals can result in last-minute and unexpected budget shortages for school districts. This session will outline the appeal process, provide examples of recent appeals and identify potential areas of concern for school districts.

11:45 a.m. Lunch (provided)

12:45 p.m. Navigating nonrenewals

Ohio law sets forth detailed procedures that must be followed prior to the nonrenewal of an employee's contract. The Ohio Supreme Court has interpreted those procedures rigidly, resulting in a process that is often difficult to implement. Join a seasoned attorney as he guides districts through the nonrenewal process.

1:45 p.m. Break

2 p.m. Human resources update

A school law expert provides an overview of some of the most frequently litigated areas of human resources, including progressive discipline, reductions in force, the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act, Family and Medical Leave Act and disability leave.

3 p.m. Adjourn

Directions

The workshop will be conducted at the Bridgewater Banquet & Conference Center, 10561 Sawmill Parkway, Powell. Take I-270 to exit 20. Drive north on Sawmill Road approximately three miles. Bridgewater Banquet & Conference Center is on your right. The phone number is (614) 734-9800.

OSBA's Regional Annual Fall Conferences

Thursday, Sept. 30
Tuesday, Oct. 5
Wednesday, Oct. 6
Thursday, Oct. 7
Thursday, Oct. 14

Southeast Region
Central Region
Northeast Region
Northwest Region
Southwest Region

To register for your region's annual fall conference, contact your regional manager at the address below. Information also is available at www.ohioschoolboards.org/regions.htm.

Southeast Region

Tri-County Career Center, Nelsonville
Cost: \$35
Reservation deadline: Sept. 24
Contact: Paul D. Mock
Southeast regional manager
685 E. Main St.
Logan, OH 43138-1737
Phone: (740) 385-5240
Fax: (740) 380-2487
E-mail: pmock@ohioschoolboards.org

Central Region

Villa Milano, Columbus
Cost: \$40 per person or \$320 for a table of eight
Reservation deadline: Sept. 30
Contact: Dr. Michael G. Grote
Central regional manager
P.O. Box 3323
Dublin, OH 43016
Phone: (614) 529-4915
E-mail: mgrote@ohioschoolboards.org

Northeast Region

The Tangier restaurant, Akron
Cost: \$35
Reservation deadline: Sept. 30
Contact: Russell B. McKenzie
Northeast regional manager
741 Thorndale Drive
Akron, OH 44320
Phone: (330) 296-2892, ext. 551003
Fax: (330) 678-0122
E-mail: rmckenzie@ohioschoolboards.org

Northwest Region

Lucas County ESC, Toledo
Cost: \$30 per person or \$160 for a table of six
Reservation deadline: Sept. 30
Contact: Judy Jackson May
Northwest regional manager
517 Education Building
Bowling Green, OH 43403
Phone: (419) 575-0663
E-mail: jjacksonmay@ohioschoolboards.org

Southwest Region

Warren County Career Center, Lebanon
Cost: \$35
Reservation deadline: Oct. 7
Contact: Ronald J. Diver
Southwest regional manager
8797 Meadowlark Drive
Franklin, OH 45005
Phone: (937) 746-7641
E-mail: rdiver@ohioschoolboards.org

Award of Achievement

These conferences entitle board members to five Award of Achievement credits.

Authority for reimbursement

Ohio Revised Code Section 3315.15 authorizes the establishment of a service fund for board members. Such funds may be used for expenses incurred for meetings such as this one.



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Treasurers' Clinics

- ☐ Sept. 1, Athens, \$120
- ☐ Sept. 8, Rootstown, \$120
- ☐ Sept. 10, Perrysburg, \$120
- ☐ Sept. 15, Wilmington, \$120
- ☐ Sept. 22, Powell, \$120

Strike Management Workshop

- ☐ Sept. 17, \$75

The 21st Century School School District Workshop

- ☐ Oct. 1, \$75

School Law for Treasurers Workshop

- ☐ Oct. 8, \$120

MDS #3

- ☐ Oct. 13, \$75

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.



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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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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.



REGIONAL ROUNDUP

by Gary Motz, managing editor

Fall region conferences are right around the corner

Summer is drawing to a close, and that means it's time to register for your OSBA region's fall conference. Held in the spring and fall, the five regions' conferences bring hundreds of board members, administrators, guests and students together for dinner, networking, learning and celebrations of achievement.

The events feature keynote speakers, awards ceremonies and performances from outstanding student entertainment groups. The fall conferences also are when elections for the upcoming year's regional officers are held.

OSBA President **John Pennycuff**, **Winton Woods City**, and OSBA Executive Director **Richard Lewis** will travel to all of the conferences to greet attendees and present association updates. Region officers and other OSBA staff members also will be on hand to deliver updates and presentations.

School board members can earn five credits toward the OSBA Award of Achievement for attending a regional conference. For more information on the Award of Achievement program, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/43085> or contact OSBA. In addition, Ohio Revised Code Section 3315.15 authorizes the

establishment of a service fund for board members, which can be used for expenses incurred for meetings such as this.

Registration forms for each conference except the Southwest Region were published in the July 26 edition of the OSBA *Briefcase*. The Southwest Region form can be found in the Aug. 9 *Briefcase*. Forms also are available on the OSBA website at www.ohioschoolboards.org/Regions. Click on your respective region, then click on the "download information" link for a form. This is a members-only section of the website, so you will need your username and password.

Following are reports from the regional managers previewing the conferences, along with registration fees and deadlines.

Central Region

The Central Region meets Oct. 5 at the Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Road in Columbus. The evening begins at 5 p.m. with a social hour. The keynote presenter, The Ohio State University President Dr. **E. Gordon Gee**, speaks at 6 p.m.; dinner follows.

Region President **Charlie Wilson**, **Worthington City**, will preside over the evening. The region will recognize its

outstanding board members, school employees, district programs and schools. Others honored will be the Friends of Education and the National School Boards Association's School Board Member National Recognition Program award recipients.

Registration is \$40 per person or \$320 a table (seats up to eight) for OSBA members, guests and spouses. The registration deadline is Sept. 30. For questions, contact Regional Manager Dr. **Michael G. Grote** at (614) 529-4915.

Northeast Region

The Northeast Region's conference is Oct. 6 at The Tangier restaurant, 532 W. Market St. in Akron. Registration and socializing begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Region President **Roger L. Samuelson**, **Champion Local (Trumbull)** and **Trumbull Career & Technical Center**, will lead the conference.

The region will recognize its outstanding board members, superintendents, treasurers and principals; and the NEOSBA Teacher Education Scholarship recipient.

The student entertainment group is **Firelands Local's (Lorain)**

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Firelands High School Jazz Band. The band also will represent the region at the OSBA Capital Conference in November, where it will perform at the Student Achievement Fair.

Registration is \$35 each for OSBA members, guests and spouses. The registration deadline is Sept. 30. For questions, contact Regional Manager **Russell B. McKenzie** at (330) 296-2892, ext. 551003.

Northwest Region

The theme for the Northwest Region's Oct. 7 conference is "From one community to another: Lifting up Lake Local." The event, at the **Lucas County ESC**, 2275 Collingwood Boulevard in Toledo, will feature a silent auction to

benefit **Lake Local's (Wood)** high school, which was partially destroyed by a tornado in June. Northwest Region career centers have donated items to be auctioned.

President **Kenneth E. Ault, Wood County ESC**, will preside over the conference, which begins at 5:30 p.m. with registration and a social period, followed by dinner. A student entertainment group from Lake Local will perform.

Those to be recognized include outstanding board members, veteran board members, the Northwest Region Educational Book Grant recipients and Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair participants.

Registration is \$30 per person or \$160 per table (seats up to six) for OSBA members, guests and spouses. The deadline to register is Sept. 30. For questions, contact Regional Manager Dr. **Judy Jackson May** at (419) 575-0663.

Southeast Region

The **Tri-County Career Center**, 15676 SR 691 in Nelsonville, is the site for the Sept. 30 Southeast Region conference. Registration and socializing begin at 6:15 p.m., followed by dinner and entertainment by **Eastern Local's (Meigs)** Eastern High School Bell Choir.

Region President **Sharon E. Manson, Waverly City** and **Pike County Career Technology Center**, will preside over the evening. The region will recognize its veteran board members and outstanding

board members. It also will present the Southeast Region President's; Advocate of Education; and Annual Southeast Region Recognition awards.

Registration is \$35 each for OSBA members, guests and spouses. The registration deadline is Sept. 24. For questions, contact Regional Manager **Paul D. Mock** at (740) 385-5240.

Southwest Region

The Southwest Region meets Oct. 14 at the **Warren County Career Center**, 3525 N. SR 48 in Lebanon. Region President **Donna J. Myers, Northwestern Local (Clark)** and **Springfield-Clark Career Technology Center**, will preside over the conference, which kicks off at 5:20 p.m. with registration and socializing, followed by dinner. Attendees also will be able to take tours of the career center. **Hillsboro City's** Hillsboro High School Symphonic Choir is the evening's entertainment group.

Recognitions will include the region's Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair participants and outstanding student programs. The region also will present its Al Kettlewell Award for Outstanding Board Members and Annual Friend of Education Hall of Fame Award.

Registration is \$35 each for OSBA members, guests and spouses. The registration deadline is Oct. 7. For questions, contact Regional Manager **Ronald J. Diver** at (937) 746-7641.

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Gary Motz, managing editor

Lorain program gives struggling kids a jump-start on school year

Lorain City offered students who fell behind academically last year some extra help over the summer. It was the second year for the district's free, 20-day Early Start Program.

More than 1,100 students participated in the grant-funded program, which was operated at three schools from July 19 to Aug. 13. The first- through eighth-grade students worked with teachers and each other to refresh their math and reading skills in preparation for the

coming school year.

Middle school students attended for three hours, either in the morning or afternoon. Elementary students were in school from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Class sizes ranged from 10 to 15 students.

"We are so excited about this opportunity for our students," Superintendent **Cheryl Atkinson** told a local newspaper. "Students are identified based on skill needs and teachers come in. Students get a running start in front of their

grade level. They also get skills they were deficient in strengthened."

Last year 1,500 students were in the program. The lower enrollment this year indicates that fewer kids needed extra help, a sign that the program is working, Atkinson said.

The students still had some summer vacation awaiting them at the end of the special session; the new school year starts Aug. 26.

Source: *The (Lorain) Morning Journal*



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

by Angela Penquite, communication design manager

Competition for scholarships

In partnership with the College Board, the Siemens Foundation is sponsoring the Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology. The competition promotes excellence by encouraging students to undertake individual or team research projects.

Maximum awards: \$100,000

Eligibility: high school students

Deadline: Oct. 1

Contact: www.collegeboard.com/siemens/index.html

NEA Foundation Learning & Leadership grants

The National Education Association provides grants for public school teachers, public education support professionals, and/or faculty and staff in public institutions of higher education. Grants are awarded for one of two purposes: to fund participation in high-quality professional development experiences, such as summer institutes or action research; or to

fund collegial study, including study groups, action research, lesson study or mentoring experiences for faculty or staff new to an assignment. All professional development must improve practice, curriculum and student achievement.

Maximum awards: \$5,000

Eligibility: K-12 public school teachers and public school education support professionals

Deadline: Oct. 15

Contact: <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/62235/>

August 2010

- 23 *Last day to file (by 4 p.m.) as a write-in candidate — RC 3513.041 (72 days prior to the election).*

September 2010

- 1 OSBA Southeast Region Treasurers' ClinicAthens
8 OSBA Northeast Region Treasurers' ClinicRootstown
10 OSBA Northwest Region Treasurers' ClinicPerrysburg
15 OSBA Southwest Region Treasurers' ClinicWilmington
17 OSBA Strike WorkshopColumbus
21 OSBA/OHSPRA Guerrilla Communication WorkshopColumbus
22 OSBA Central Region Treasurers' ClinicPowell
23 OSBA/OHSPRA Guerrilla Communication WorkshopBrecksville
24 OSBA Executive Committee Meeting.....Columbus
25 OSBA Board of TrusteesColumbus
29 Small School District Advisory Committee MeetingColumbus
30 OSBA Southeast Region Fall ConferenceNelsonville

October 2010

- 1 *Last day for board to adopt annual appropriation measure — RC 5705.38(B).*
1 OSBA 21st Century School District WorkshopColumbus
4 *Last day to nonrenew treasurer's contract expiring Dec. 31, 2010 — RC 3313.22 (contracts entered into prior to March 30, 2007); last day for voter registration for November election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30 days prior to the election).*
5 OSBA Central Region Fall ConferenceColumbus
6 OSBA Communication WorkshopColumbus
6 OSBA Northeast Region Fall ConferenceAkron
7 OSBA Northwest Region Fall ConferenceToledo
8 OSBA School Law for Treasurers WorkshopPowell
13 OSBA Management Development Series #3Columbus
14 OSBA Southwest Region Fall ConferenceLebanon
15 *Last day for certification of average daily membership — RC 3317.03; last day for certification of licensed employees to State Board of Education — RC 3317.061.*

- 20 OSBA Transportation RoundtableColumbus

November 2010

- 1 *Last day to submit certification for February income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to the election).*
2 *General Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after the first Monday).*
5 *Last day to submit February emergency or current operating expenses levy to county auditor for February election — RC 5705.194, 5705.213 (95 days before election).*
7-10 OSBA Capital Conference & Trade ShowColumbus
7 OSBA Northwest Region Executive Committee MeetingColumbus
7 OSBA Southeast Region Executive Committee MeetingColumbus
8 OSBA Central Region Executive Committee MeetingColumbus
10 *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 February election — RC 133.18(D); last day for county auditor to certify school district bond levy terms for February election — RC 133.18(C).*