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Capital Conference materials shipped to school district treasurers

Boxes with name badges, tickets, ribbons and the Conference Guide for the 2016 OSBA Capital Conference have been sent to district treasurers. If your district has not yet registered for the 61st annual conference, Nov. 13-16 in Columbus, contact **Ann Herritt** at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA or download registration forms at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/45664>. OSBA offers a special member school district group registration rate: Once a district has signed up at least seven people for the conference, an unlimited number of additional individuals can register for free. For conference details, visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org>.

OSBA Board of Trustees member killed in car crash

Warren Stevens, a member of the OSBA Board of Trustees, vice president of the **Urbana City Board of Education** and a board member at **Ohio Hi-Point Career Center**, died in a car crash Sept. 28. He was 75. Stevens had served on the Urbana City and career center school boards since 2004. Long active in OSBA at both the regional and state levels, he was a member of the association's Federal Relations Network, Delegate Assembly, Capital Conference Planning Task Force, Investment Committee and Urban School District Advisory Network. He also served on the Southwest Region Executive Committee and was the region's president-elect. OSBA extends its deepest sympathies to the Stevens family and his school district colleagues.

Chillicothe City educator named 2017 Ohio Teacher of the Year

Chillicothe City's **Dustin Weaver** is the 2017 Ohio Teacher of the Year. State Superintendent of Public Instruction **Paolo DeMaria** recognized the Chillicothe High School English teacher Sept. 22 during a ceremony at the school. The Ohio Department of Education started the program in 1969 to honor and promote teaching excellence and build a network of exemplary teachers who are leaders in school improvement initiatives. Weaver will represent Ohio in the national 2017 Teacher of the Year competition sponsored by the Council of Chief State School Officers.

Help prevent tragedies by participating in National Say Something Week

Sandy Hook Promise is inviting schools to participate in National Say Something Week, Oct. 24-28. The goal is to raise awareness of the power young people have to prevent tragedies. The week will be marked by training, media events, public proclamations, contests and school awards. For information and ideas on ways to participate, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/68226>. Sandy Hook Promise is a national nonprofit organization founded and led by several family members whose loved ones were killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012.

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- ☐ Administrators
- ☐ Business managers
- ☐ New board members
- ☐ Safety coordinators

Report school threats to Ohio's free safety tip line

Districts can help make their schools safer by signing up for the Ohio Department of Public Safety's free 24/7 tip line, 844-SaferOH. The tip line enables students and staff to anonymously report potential threats ranging from bullying to mass violence. Ohio Homeland Security analysts receive the calls and texts. For details and to register, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/56270>.

Adolescent health summit is Nov. 10 in Columbus

The Ohio Adolescent Health Partnership 2016 Statewide Summit is set for Nov. 10 at Ohio State University (OSU) in Columbus. The group is again collaborating with the National Consortium for Building Healthy Academic Communities and OSU on this annual event. The summit features excellent speakers and

exhibitors providing key resources for adolescent health stakeholders. For details, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/53138>.

National groups seeking top youth volunteers to honor

Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary

Grandparents celebrated at elementary school

Grandparents recently returned to the halls of **Athens City's** Morrison-Gordon Elementary School where they were honored during Grandparents Day.

Teachers planned a number of class-related activities, including word searches, Mad Libs and interview questions for students to see how their lives compared to those of their grandparents when they were young.

There also were contrasts to being a parent.

"What's (good) about being a grandparent is we don't have to parent the kids," **Patricia Palmer** told a local newspaper. "We can just enjoy them, and each one is unique and wonderful in their own ways, and so it just opens up a wonderful experience in life."

Source: The Athens Messenger

School Principals are seeking outstanding youth volunteers in grades five through 12 to honor with the annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. The top two volunteers in each state will be awarded \$1,000 and an all-expenses paid trip to the nation's capital, where 10 of them will be named America's top youth volunteers. Those 10 will be awarded an additional \$5,000 and \$5,000 in grants for the charities of their choice. For details and to apply, visit <http://spirit.prudential.com>. The application deadline is Nov. 8.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

Make the most of your Capital Conference experience by visiting the "Conference Advice" page at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/44425>. The page offers tips on what to do before the conference, during the event and after the conference.



Briefcase

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BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, administrative assistant of communication services

Board changes

Centerburg Local (Knox) Board of Education member **Jason Rogers** announced his resignation effective Sept. 12. He has taken a trustee position with Hilliar Township. ●●● **Cuyahoga Heights Local (Cuyahoga)** Board of Education member **James Lawrence** announced his resignation effective Sept. 21. ●●● **Danville Local (Knox)** Board of Education member **Andrea D. Inverso** announced her resignation effective Sept. 19. ●●● **Hamilton Local (Franklin)** appointed **Jeffrey Sewell** to the board effective Aug. 29. He replaced **Mark A. Wilson**, who passed away. ●●● **Newbury Local (Geauga)** Board of Education member **John Gingerich** announced his resignation effective Sept. 15. He moved out of the district.

Editor's note

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

Sympathies

Former **Findlay City** Board of Education member **JoAnn Reeds** died in mid-September. She was 72. ●●● Former **Fort Loramie Local (Shelby)** Board of Education member **Shirley A. Simon** died Sept. 13. She was 85. ●●● Former **Miamisburg City** Treasurer **Ruth Maxnie Miller** died Sept. 10. She was 98. ●●● Former **Morgan Local (Morgan)** Board of Education member **Carl L. Price** died Sept. 23. He was 86. ●●● Former **Wolf Creek Local (Washington)** Board of Education member **James L. Sampson** died Sept. 18. He was 85.

Treasurers' Clinic

Tuesday, Oct. 11 • Kent State University at Tuscarawas, New Philadelphia

Plan now to attend the final OSBA Treasurers' Clinic. This clinic provides the most current information on school district fiscal issues. Treasurers, business managers, board members, administrators and treasurer's office personnel are encouraged to attend.

The Treasurers' Clinic offers 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.

Registration and continental breakfast begin at 8 a.m. The fee is \$160, which includes registration, continental breakfast, lunch and materials. You can register by contacting **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

OSBA MASTER OF TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION (MTA) PROGRAM

Don't miss the kickoff of the 2016-17 MTA program. This series of workshops will help those involved in student transportation better understand and perform day-to-day operations.

These half-day workshops — offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — include a working lunch and time for questions. Each class is scheduled twice; participants may sign up for either session. Each class is \$90 or you can purchase an MTA subscription for the workshop series. All workshops will be at the OSBA office, 8050 N. High St., Columbus, 43235. Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/transportation-training-programs to learn about the MTA certification program.



Workshop dates and descriptions

Oct. 12 or 18 — Payment in lieu of transportation/school choice transportation

Public schools are required to provide transportation to nonpublic, community and STEM schools. Review the service requirements and exceptions, steps districts may follow to declare transportation for a student impractical and why paying a parent in lieu of transportation may be considered.

Nov. 23 or 29 — Rules and laws governing Ohio pupil transportation

Pupil transportation is highly regulated. Explore the regulations that transportation administrators need to be familiar with to ensure transportation is safe, dependable and compliant with laws and best practices.

Dec. 7 or 14 — Student management and training

Review student discipline plans, actions within a driver's authority and effective strategies for working with parents and administrators, as well as required safety training and how to expand training beyond students that ride the buses.

Feb. 1 or 7 — Driver records/background check/compliance needs

Ohio's regulations governing school bus driver requirements are among the most detailed in the nation. Learn strategies to maintain compliance, and review driver audit forms and hiring checklists.

April 5 or 11 — Emergency transportation planning

Transportation departments are required to have a viable emergency plan in place. Review what an emergency plan should include, how to develop action plans and how to write a plan that anyone can follow, even in your absence.

May 3 or 9 — Fleet compliance

Learn about bus maintenance and safety checks, Ohio State Highway Patrol motor vehicle inspections and how to make the best use of the driver pre-trip inspection. Review preventive maintenance plans, bus purchasing and using data to determine an effective vehicle replacement plan.

Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops. You also can purchase a subscription plan for all the workshops in this series. For questions about the program or to register, contact **Diana Paulins**, OSBA senior administrative assistant of policy services, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or mta@ohioschoolboards.org.



Knowledge, Effectiveness and Teamwork

*A workshop for central office and school
building administrative assistants*

Friday, Oct. 14
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

OSBA office, Columbus
Cost is \$90

Within central offices and school buildings, administrative assistants are often considered the backbone of the organization. Every program and event runs through their workspace and every community member who comes in meets them before anyone else. Districts successful in maintaining positive relationships with their communities generally have very capable staff.

This packed agenda will include sessions on new policy developments, a discussion on making work processes more efficient, an exercise on understanding personal work styles and a better understanding of how the best teams make it happen. This workshop is the next in a series of professional development seminars and activities for administrative assistants, particularly those who work with boards of education, superintendents, treasurers and building principals.

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.

Agenda

9:30 a.m.	Registration and coffee	12:30 p.m.	Let's be more effective: effectiveness brainstorming and group discussion <i>Teri Morgan, deputy director of school board services, OSBA</i>
10 a.m.	Welcome and introductions		
10:15 a.m.	What's going on? Policy issues and hot topics to know more about <i>Kenna S. Haycox, policy consultant, OSBA</i>	1 p.m.	Developing teams that work — and work together <i>Cheryl W. Ryan, director of school board services, OSBA</i>
10:45 a.m.	What's your work style — the T.E.A.M approach <i>Steve Horton, school board services consultant, OSBA</i>	1:45 p.m.	Final discussion and wrap-up
11:45 a.m.	Lunch (provided) and small group discussion	2 p.m.	Adjourn

Management Development Series #4 Homeless Students and Foster Students — What You Need to Know Now

Monday, Oct. 24
OSBA office, Columbus

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Cost is \$90



The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) made several changes to serving homeless students and foster students. Now, more than ever, with the passage of ESSA, districts need to be aware of issues related to serving these students.

This workshop will provide an overview of the changes as well as more information on serving homeless students and foster students. Attendees also will gain practical insights into working with these particular student populations.

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.



Handling Transgender, Race and Bullying Issues in Schools

Thursday, Oct. 20, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. • Cost \$150

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

What does “transgender” mean? What doesn’t it mean? When does teasing cross the line to bullying? What are some of the cultural differences school staff members need to be aware of in their districts? Join us for a full-day interactive workshop designed to help school administrators recognize and act on instances of discrimination and harassment and handle public reaction to a district’s response to these issues.

9 a.m. Welcome and introductions

Crystal Davis, deputy director of communications, OSBA; and president, Ohio School Public Relations Association (OHSPRA); and Erika Daggett, communications coordinator, Forest Hills Local (Hamilton); past president, OHSPRA

9:15 a.m. The legal lowdown on transgender, race and bullying issues in schools

Get an overview of the laws that pertain to handling transgender, race and bullying issues and hear insights on how to help your district avoid common mistakes in these areas.

Sara C. Clark, director of legal services, OSBA

11:15 a.m. How ODE can help you communicate complex education-related issues

Provide input on materials the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) could create to help you better communicate transgender, race, bullying and other issues in schools.

Kim Norris, executive director of communications and outreach, ODE

11:30 a.m. Lunch

12:15 p.m. Hudson City’s journey to an inclusive school community

Hear how the Hudson High School’s Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) fosters a school community that is inclusive of transgender, non-binary and gender-fluid students. Learn about the creation of all-gender bathrooms, staff professional development and the importance of including a democratic student voice in the process. Students will be share their experiences in the LGBTQ+ community.

Phillip Herman, superintendent; Maureen Schreiner, assistant principal; and GSA students and advisers, Hudson City

1:30 p.m. Roundtable discussions

Student demonstrations during school events:

School districts across the nation have had student athletes participate in racially driven demonstrations during the national anthem. Brunswick City and Forest Hills Local share their recent experiences with these demonstrations. Discussions will include what to do when a demonstration happens in your own or a neighboring school district and short-and long-term communication strategies.

Erika Daggett and Amy Rutledge, community relations coordinator, Brunswick City Schools; director of contest and awards, OHSPRA

Using teamwork to foster an inclusive school community:

A teacher, guidance counselor and group of students who helped coordinate Hudson High School’s GSA share the benefits of including all impacted parties in the discussion to find mutually agreeable solutions to challenging issues such as gender equality.

GSA students and advisers, Hudson City

Controversial student clubs — balancing student passion and energy with community expectations:

Every district wants to encourage passion and energy in their students. But what do you do when that energy bypasses procedures that provide guidance and support? Learn how New Albany-Plain Local (Franklin) managed communication and processes when a group of high school students who were promoting a new school club unintentionally caused a discrimination issue that spilled into the community.

Patrick Gallaway, director of communications, New Albany-Plain Local; president-elect, OHSPRA

3 p.m. Adjourn

The cost is \$150, which includes registration, materials, lunch and light refreshments. 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.

School Law for Treasurers Workshop



Thursday, Oct. 27
OSBA office, Columbus
Cost: \$150

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

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

8:30 a.m.
9 a.m.

Registration and continental breakfast
Updates for treasurers

- **Case law update** — Learn everything you need to know about the changing legal landscape for Ohio schools. Hear updates about the latest decisions on Title IX, public records, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, accommodations and more. *Sara C. Clark, director of legal services; Jennifer A. Hardin, deputy director of legal services; and Megan E. Greulich, staff attorney, OSBA*

- **Legislative update** — The leaves are changing and so are the laws. Participate in a discussion of the highlights of this legislative year and how the changes will affect your job duties and districts.

Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services, OSBA; and Barbara Shaner, interim executive director, Ohio Association of School Business Officials

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Booster groups — benefit, burden or both?

Your teams, bands, clubs and district all can benefit from the efforts of hardworking and effective booster groups. But if the lines between schools and booster groups are blurred, confusion, conflict or worse can ensue. Learn best practices to help treasurers manage district relationships with booster groups.

Pamela A. Leist, Esq., Ennis Britton Co. LPA

11:45 a.m. Lunch (provided)

12:45 p.m. Making sense of employee investigations and discipline

Most, but not all, school district employees are hardworking and well-intentioned. Handling employee misconduct without creating more harm to the district or students can be a challenge. An education lawyer will provide practical ideas for surviving these difficult situations.

Donna M. Andrew, Esq., Pepple & Waggoner Ltd.

1:45 p.m. Protecting the district's revenue: TIFs, tax abatements and negotiated agreements

Discuss one of the most frequently asked questions: How can a school district respond to tax abatements, TIFs and other development measures that drain district resources?

Gregory R. Daniels, Esq., Squire, Patton and Boggs (US) LLP

2:30 p.m. Break

2:45 p.m. An ounce of prevention — protecting your purchasing processes from unscrupulous vendors

Bid rigging and other collusive vendor schemes can be costly to districts and taxpayers. The best course of action is to insulate the purchasing process from these types of schemes. Join an assistant attorney general to walk through ideas and proactive approaches to deter collusion.

Jennifer L. Pratt, chief, Antitrust Section, and Anthony Dillard, investigator, Antitrust Section, office of Attorney General Mike DeWine

3:45 p.m. Adjourn

Unauthorized audio recording or videotaping of any session is strictly prohibited.

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WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Treasurers' Clinics

☐ Oct. 11, New Philadelphia, \$160

OSBA MTA Program

☐ Oct. 12, Columbus, \$90

☐ Oct. 18, Columbus, \$90

☐ Nov. 23, Columbus, \$90

☐ Nov. 29, Columbus, \$90

☐ Dec. 7, Columbus, \$90

☐ Dec. 14, Columbus, \$90

☐ Feb. 1, Columbus, \$90

☐ Feb. 7, Columbus, \$90

☐ April 5, Columbus, \$90

☐ April 11, Columbus, \$90

☐ May 3, Columbus, \$90

☐ May 9, Columbus, \$90

Knowledge, Effectiveness and Teamwork — A workshop for central office and school building administrative assistants

☐ Oct. 14, Columbus, \$90

New Board Member Webinar: Security and safety

☐ Oct. 19, \$35

Handling Transgender, Race and Bullying Issues in Schools

☐ Oct. 20, Columbus, \$150

Management Development Series #4: Homeless Students and Foster Students — What You Need to Know Now

☐ Oct. 24, Columbus, \$90

School Law for Treasurers

☐ Oct. 27, Columbus, \$150

OSBA Workshop Registration Form

Workshop name _____ Workshop date _____

Attendee name _____ Title _____

Daytime phone _____ Email _____

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 email **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. Include a purchase order number with fax or email.



_____ *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 email confirmation of registration if an email 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, email or online 24 hours a day.

Award of Achievement/LPDC

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

You may register on our website at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops. You will need a username and password.



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or fax**

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toll free (800) 589-OSBA,
ext. 300; or fax us at
(614) 540-4100.



Email registrations can be sent to Laurie Miller at Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. Please include a purchase order number.

Cancellation and refund policy

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



INFORMATION

by Steve Horton, school board services consultant

OSBA to screen popular education documentary

OSBA's Urban School District Advisory Network, Black Caucus and Diversity and Inclusion Committee are proud to sponsor a screening of the film "Most Likely To Succeed."

According to producers, "Most Likely to Succeed" offers an inspiring look at what students and teachers are capable of if we have the vision and courage to transform our schools.

Directed by acclaimed documentarian **Greg Whiteley**, the film has been an official selection

in two dozen of the world's top film festivals, including Sundance, Tribeca, American Film Institute, Cleveland, Dallas, Milwaukee, Sarasota, Seattle, Virginia and Bergen.

It also has been featured at leading conferences on education, including the ASU GSV Summit, SxSWedu Conference and Festival, Goldman Sachs/Harvard University Global Education Conference and NewSchools Venture Fund Summit. Audience members call it the most

compelling film ever done on the topic of education.

The screening will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, at the OSBA office, 8050 N. High St., Columbus. A light lunch and discussion about the future of public education will follow the movie. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. To register, please visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/85418> or contact Senior Events Manager **Laurie Miller** at (614) 540-4000 or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

compiled by Angela Penquite, managing editor

Funds for aerospace education

The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) seeks to inspire and advance the future of aerospace by funding grants to meet students' educational needs. This program promotes aerospace education activities in classrooms from kindergarten through 12th grade. Applications must describe projects with a clear connection to STEM and an emphasis on

aerospace.

Maximum award: \$250

Eligibility: current AIAA educator associate members actively teaching grades K-12

Deadline: Nov. 16

Contact: <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/13179>

Prizes for exploring literature

Letters About Literature and the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress are hosting a reading and writing contest for students.

Students are asked to read a book, poem or speech and write to that author (living or dead) about how the book affected them personally. Letters are judged on state and national levels.

Maximum award: \$1,000

Eligibility: students in grades four to 12

Deadline: Dec. 2 for grades nine-12; Jan. 9 for grades four-eight

Contact: www.read.gov/letters

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Recognizing outstanding science teachers

The National Science Teachers Association honors science teachers who excel in the classroom. The awards recognize an outstanding high school teacher who has made biotechnology learning accessible to the classroom; a K-12 STEM teacher; or individuals or organizations that have inspired and elevated the public's interest in and appreciation of science. Check the website for a full list of awards.

Maximum award: \$1,000

Eligibility: varies

Deadline: Dec. 15

Contact: www.nsta.org/about/awards.aspx

Grants for special needs children's programs

The Innovating Worthy Projects

Foundation makes grants to organizations dedicated to developing innovative programs, disseminating ideas or providing direct care or services for children with special needs, acute illnesses or chronic disabilities.

Maximum award: \$5,000

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) organizations

Deadline: Dec. 31

Contact: <http://iwpcf.org>

Rewarding student inventors

The Toshiba/National Science Teachers Association ExploraVision Awards Program encourages kids to create a vision of future technology by combining their imaginations with the tools of science. A teacher will guide his or her group of two to four students as they pick a current technology, research it, envision what it might look like in 20 years and describe the development steps, pros and

cons, and obstacles.

Maximum award: \$10,000 savings bond for each team member

Eligibility: K-12 students

Deadline: Feb. 6

Contact: www.exploravision.org/

Resources for classroom pets

The Pet Care Trust is awarding Pets in the Classroom Grants to teachers who wish to teach children how to care for pets. To receive a grant, teachers must shop at a local pet supply store. Grant certificates may be used to purchase new pets, pet environments or pet food and supplies for existing classroom pets.

Maximum award: \$125

Eligibility: teachers for grades K-eight

Deadline: rolling

Contact: www.petsinthe classroom.org



New Board Member webinars: the path to success in your first year

These webinars cover timely topics to help you get up to speed during your first year on the board. The remaining webinar for 2016 is:

- Oct. 19 — security and safety

The cost is \$35. Register by visiting www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops. You also can register by contacting Laurie Miller, senior events manager, at (800) 589-OSBA, (614) 540-4000 or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. You can purchase the webinar to watch at a later date; contact Laurie Miller to learn more.

Please note: If you signed up for the New Board Member Series or New Board Member Series Plus, you are registered for this webinar. You will receive information about the webinar, including the link to view it, a week prior to the webinar.



PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

High school's 'makerspace' inspires creativity, collaboration

A classroom at **Elyria City's** Elyria High School is filled with sewing machines, 3-D printers, music studio equipment and robotics.

There's no set curriculum, course work or final exam, and teacher **Mike West** doesn't assign homework.

"They can come down and do whatever they want," West told a local newspaper. "No pressure. They can gravitate toward what they are interested in.

"The real thing is they don't even know what they don't know, so this gets them interested in so many areas of technology and engineering."

Students don't have to visit the "makerspace" every day, but attend during lunch, study hall and before and after school. It's a place where creative minds can flourish with project-based learning and collaborative thinking.

The district created the makerspace with a \$130,000 grant

from the Nordson Corp.

Foundation. A former art room was converted and renamed The ImaginEering Hub.

"It's really cool to just come down on a free period and have some fun," said sophomore **Deric Martin**, who crafted a miniature skateboard half pipe out of cardboard.

Others say the room forces them to challenge and express themselves.

Source: The Chronicle-Telegram

Learn how you can save time and money with BoardDocs



Did you know that switching to paperless board meetings could help your school district save time and money and become more effective for as little as \$2,700 per year? OSBA proudly endorses BoardDocs paperless governance solutions. As the pioneer of eGovernance, BoardDocs has helped nearly 2,000 organizations worldwide dramatically lower costs, increase transparency and reduce the time spent producing board packets by up to 75%.

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Register for a free one-hour webinar on Thursday, Oct. 13, from 11 a.m. to noon to learn more. Register at <https://www.boarddocs.com/event.nsf/ViewEvent/osbawebinar-1>. For questions about these webinars, contact **Laura Vautour**, BoardDocs e-governance specialist, at (800) 407-0141, ext. 3521, or Lvautour@boarddocs.com.

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- 18 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Payment in lieu of transportation/school choice transportation..... Columbus
- 19 New Board Member webinar: Security and safety
- 20 Handling Transgender, Race and Bullying Issues in Schools workshop..... Columbus
- 20 Northwest Region Fall Conference..... Van Wert
- 24 Management Development Series #4..... Columbus

- 25 Most Likely to Succeed movie event..... Columbus
- 27 School Law for Treasurers Workshop..... Columbus
- 27 Northwest Region Fall Conference..... Milan
- 31 OSBA Book Club webinar #2
- 31 *End of first ADM reporting period — RC 3317.03(A).*

November 2016

- 1 *Last day for classroom teachers to develop online classroom lessons ("blizzard bags") in order to make up hours for which it is necessary to close schools — RC 3313.482.*
- 8 *General Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after the first Monday).*
- 13-16 OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show..... Columbus
- 22 OSBA Book Club webinar #3
- 23 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Rules and laws governing Ohio pupil transportation..... Columbus
- 29 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Rules and laws governing Ohio pupil transportation..... Columbus

December 2016

- 1 Management Development Series #5..... Columbus
- 2 BoardDocs webinar
- 7 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Student management and training..... Columbus
- 7 Legal Professional Development webinar
- 14 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Student management and training..... Columbus
- 31 *Last day for treasurer to canvass the board to establish a date of the organizational meeting — RC 3313.14.*

2017 January

- 15 *Deadline for boards of education of city, exempted village, vocational and local school districts to meet and organize — RC 3313.14; last day for boards of education of city, exempted village, vocational and local school districts to adopt tax budgets for the coming school fiscal year — RC 5705.28(A) (1).*
- 17 *Last day to submit certification for May conversion levy to tax commissioner — RC 5705.219(B) (105 days prior to election).*