

# BRIEF CASE

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## OSBA offers resources for celebrating School Board Recognition Month

January is School Board Recognition Month, and OSBA offers a planning kit to help districts honor board members for their service. The kit, posted at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/sbrm](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/sbrm), is full of ideas for honoring board members and letting the community know about their many contributions. It includes a sample news release, article and proclamation; messages for school marquees; social media graphics; and a link to submit news and photos of recognition events. News and photos also can be sent to **Angela Penquite** at [apenquite@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:apenquite@ohioschoolboards.org) or mailed to her at 8050 N. High St., Ste. 100, Columbus, OH 43235. Feb. 10 is the deadline to submit materials to be included in the Journal magazine and on OSBA's website. A large poster and personalized certificates are being mailed to district superintendents for use at January recognition events.

## Another successful Capital Conference and Trade Show is in the books

Nearly 9,000 public school leaders traveled to Columbus in November for the 2019 OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show. The attendance tally for the Nov. 10-12 event was 8,947. It featured renowned keynote speakers, over 170 workshops, the Student Achievement Fair and one of the nation's largest education trade exhibitions, with 601 vendor booths. Handouts from most of the conference's workshops are available at <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/handouts>. Be sure to reserve time on your calendar for the 2020 Capital Conference, scheduled for Nov. 8-10.

## Association's most prestigious honor bestowed on five board members

OSBA recognized the 2019 All-Ohio School Board Nov. 10 during its Capital Conference. The recognition — presented to one board member from each of OSBA's five regions — is the association's highest honor. Sadly, one honoree was recognized posthumously: **Robin Comfort**, who was an **Upper Arlington City** board member, passed away in July. Her husband, **Greg**, accepted the award on her behalf. The other honorees and their districts are: **Ken Blood**, **East Muskingum Local (Muskingum)**; **Michael A. Boff**, **Northeastern Local (Defiance)**; **William Catlin**, **Lordstown Local (Trumbull)**; and **Daryl Michael Jr.**, **Montgomery County ESC**.

## Montgomery County board member is OSBA's 2020 president-elect

The OSBA 2020 president-elect will be **Scott E. Huddle**, **Mad River Local (Montgomery)**. The OSBA Delegate Assembly elected Huddle during its meeting at the Capital Conference. A Mad River Local board member since 2000, he will become president in 2021 after his term as president-elect. Current OSBA President-elect **Lee Schreiner**, **South-Western City**, will become president on Jan. 1, 2020.

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### Route workshop information to:

- ☐ Administrators
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- ☐ Transportation supervisors

## Unique recipient chosen for OSBA President's Award

Since 1980, the OSBA president has recognized individuals who have had a tremendous influence on Ohio public education. The President's Award is presented in recognition of dedicated leadership and commitment to public schools. This year, President **John W. Halkias, Plain Local (Stark)**, chose a unique recipient for the award: The Ohio Public School Teacher. He chose 2020 Ohio Teacher of the Year **Leila Kubesch**, from **Norwood City Schools**, to accept the award on behalf of all Ohio public school teachers.

## Capital Conference photos available on Flickr

Nearly 1,000 photos from the Capital Conference and Trade Show have been posted on the OSBA Flickr page. The photos are organized into albums featuring the conference's various events,

making it easier to search for specific photos or sessions. Two of those albums are filled with pictures of attendees meeting the two General Session speakers: **Jason Latimer** and **Laura Linney**. All photos can be viewed and downloaded at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/65317>.

## Volunteers inspire students in creative way

Helpers gathered at **Kettering City's** Van Buren Middle School with cans of fresh paint and a lot of creativity.

They began to work, painting the words "I am" on the bathroom walls and finishing the statement with other positive words like "powerful," "happy" and "authentic."

"Research shows children from the ages of 12-15 — that's when they develop their true selves," Principal **Sarah J. Adams** told a local TV station. "They're figuring out who they are and part of that is their self-esteem and self-awareness."

Adams credits the community with coming up with the idea that began with parents posting on Facebook. When a local Lowe's store heard about the idea, it donated the paint.

Source: WDTN-TV

## ODE offers resources to attract outstanding educators

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) has created the Human Capital Resource Center to help districts attract, hire and support top-notch teachers. Visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/40895> to find resources for designing and implementing a comprehensive human capital management system. For details, send an email to [hcrc@education.ohio.gov](mailto:hcrc@education.ohio.gov).

## OSBA online

● [www.ohioschoolboards.org](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org)  
Capital Conference and Trade Show attendees flooded social media this year. The conference hashtag, #OSBACC, was seen nearly 1.2 million times on Twitter during the three-day event. Numerous attendees also shared their photos and posts on Facebook and Instagram. In addition, nearly 4,000 people used the Capital Conference App.



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# BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, senior administrative assistant of communication services

## OSBA executive searches

### Superintendent

#### District

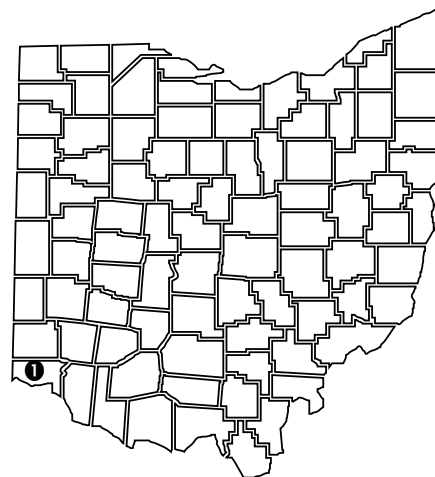
● Reading Community City  
(search opens Dec. 16)

#### Deadline

Jan. 24

#### Contact

OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



## Other searches

#### Position

Treasurer

#### Location

Clermont Northeastern Local  
(Clermont)

#### Deadline

Until filled

#### Contact

Al Porter, treasurer,  
Clermont Northeastern Local,  
porter\_a@cneschools.org

## National searches

#### Position

Superintendent

#### Location

Graham County, Kan.

#### Deadline

Jan. 2

#### Contact

Gary Sechrist, leadership services field specialist, Kansas Association of School Boards, (620) 680-0871

Superintendent

Lincoln, Kan.

Jan. 2

Gary Sechrist, leadership services field specialist, Kansas Association of School Boards, (620) 680-0871

Superintendent

Newport, Ky.

Jan. 2

Don Martin, Newport Independent Superintendent Search, Kentucky School Boards Association, (859) 991-4932

## Board changes

Black River Local (Medina) Board of Education member **Matthew Clark** announced his resignation effective Nov. 1. ●●●  
Canal Winchester Local (Franklin) Board of Education member **Brian J. Niceswanger** announced his resignation effective

### Editor's note

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

Dec. 31. He is moving out of the district. ●●● **Goshen Local (Clermont)** Board of Education member **Tommie Bixler** announced his resignation effective Dec. 31. ●●● **Nordonia Hills City** appointed **William Busse** to the board effective Nov. 15. He replaced **Nick Berchtold**, who resigned effective Oct. 28. ●●● **Stark County ESC** appointed **Jacqueline DeGarmo** to the board effective Nov. 7. She replaced **Gene Feucht**, who passed away.

## **Administrative changes**

### **Superintendents**

**Penta Career Center** Superintendent **Ron Matter**, who had previously announced his retirement effective July 31, 2020, re-announced his retirement date as effective Dec. 31. Assistant Superintendent **Ed Ewers'** hire date as superintendent will now be effective Jan. 1 instead of Aug. 1, 2020. ●●● **Solon City** hired Assistant Superintendent **Fred E. Bolden** as interim superintendent effective immediately.

### **Treasurers**

**Bellefontaine City** hired **Joshua Wasson** as treasurer effective Jan. 1. He will replace **Keith E. Krieger**, who is retiring. Wasson currently is assistant treasurer at **Northwestern Local (Clark)**. ●●● **Centerville City** hired **Laura Sauber** as interim treasurer effective immediately. She replaced **Mitchell Biederman**, who passed away. Sauber will continue to serve as treasurer at **Valley View Local (Montgomery)**. ●●● **Lorain City** hired **Tia Kearney** as interim treasurer effective Nov. 14. She replaced **Joshua J. Hill**, who took the treasurer position at **South Euclid-Lyndhurst City**. Kearney previously was the senior human resources specialist/finance liaison for the district. ●●● **Niles City** hired **Craig Yaniglos** as interim treasurer effective Nov. 18. He replaced **Lori Hudzik**, who resigned. Yaniglos will continue to serve as treasurer at **Brookfield Local (Trumbull)**. ●●● **Van Buren City** hired **Dawn M. Jacobs** as treasurer effective Nov. 14. She replaced **Alex Price Binger**, who took the treasurer position at **Vanguard-Sentinel Career & Technology Centers**. Jacobs previously was treasurer at **North Central Ohio ESC**. ●●● **Van Wert City** hired **Michelle M. Mawer** as treasurer effective immediately. She replaced **Michael A. Ruen**, who resigned. Mawer previously was treasurer at **Coldwater EV**.

## **Sympathies**

Former **Buckeye Career Center** Superintendent **Charles Lee Flint** died Oct. 24. He was 67. ●●● Former **Copley-Fairlawn City** Board of Education member **Leon R. Graf** died Nov. 1. He was 89. ●●● Former **Crestview Local (Richland)** Board of Education member **Dean Arthur Glenn** died Nov. 18. He was 77. ●●● **Hamilton City** Board of Education member **Tom A. Alf** died Nov. 13. He was 70. ●●● Former **Jackson-Milton Local (Mahoning)** Superintendent **Richard "Dick" Rezek** died Nov. 15. He was 89. ●●● Former **Madison Local (Butler)** Assistant Treasurer **Gayle Bolinger** died Nov. 7. She was 69. ●●● Former **Pleasant Local (Marion)** Board of Education member **Richard Lee Farst** died Nov. 13. He was 78. ●●● Former **West Branch Local (Mahoning)** Assistant Superintendent **Dale E. Beatty** died Nov. 1. He was 89.



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## REGIONAL ROUNDUP

by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

### School board members, districts honored at fall conferences

OSBA's regional fall conferences recognized outstanding achievements and featured student performers who showcased their talents at five locations across the state in September and October.

In addition, these well-attended events, which also are held in the spring, continue to provide hundreds of school board members, administrators, teachers, students and guests the opportunity to network and build new relationships with others in their region.

OSBA President **John W. Halkias, Plain Local (Stark)**, OSBA Chief Executive Officer **Rick Lewis** and other OSBA staff welcomed attendees and offered association updates, including current advocacy efforts at the Statehouse.

Board members who attend a regional conference earn five credits toward the OSBA Award of Achievement, which recognizes board members who strive to improve their leadership skills.

Regional managers organize the region conferences. Following is a summary of their fall conference reports. Visit OSBA's Flickr page at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/69280> to view conference photos. Learn more about OSBA's regions at [www.ohioschoolboards.org](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org).

**org/regions** or contact your regional manager.

#### Central Region

by *Kim Miller-Smith*  
regional manager

Central Region President **Stu Harris, Dublin City**, presided over the Sept. 25 Central Region Fall Conference at Villa Milano in Columbus. Conference registration totaled 286 guests from 13 of the 14 counties in the region.

Dublin City's Karrer Middle School Orchestra entertained attendees. Actor and comedian **Robert Post** presented an intriguing performance on middle school and social-emotional learning.

Conference activities included the election of 2020 Central Region Executive Committee members.

**Kevin Archer, Teays Valley Local (Pickaway)**, was elected the region's 2020 president-elect.

Two teachers received the region's Outstanding Teacher Award. **Cecelia Peirano, Ohio School for the Blind**, and **Robert Niedermeyer, Reynoldsburg City**, also were nominated for 2020 Ohio Teacher of the Year.

The region's Champion of Public Education award was presented to **Tom Ash**, former director of governmental relations

for the Buckeye Association of School Administrators. The award recognizes individuals who serve at the state level and make a positive impact on school districts in the Central Region and across Ohio.

The region also recognized exemplary employees; Friends of Public Education; Outstanding Board Members; and board members with 30 and 45 years of service. Harris was honored for his excellent leadership and service.

The late **Robin Comfort, Upper Arlington City**, was selected as the region's 2019 OSBA All-Ohio School Board member.

#### Northeast Region

by *Reno Contipelli*  
regional manager

The Northeast Region Fall Conference, held Oct. 2 at the Galaxy Banquet Center in Wadsworth, was attended by 130 school board members, administrators and guests.

Region President **Susie Lawson, Tri-County ESC and Wayne County Schools Career Center**, presided over the meeting and thanked sponsors FieldTurf and Pepple & Wagoner Ltd.

Elections were held for the region's executive committee.

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Board members elected **Albert Haberstroh, Southington Local (Trumbull)** and **Trumbull Career & Technical Center**, as the region's 2020 president-elect.

Lawson introduced several speakers, including **Kevin J. Locke, Esq.**, of Pepple & Waggoner Ltd., who gave an informative legal update on issues related to medical marijuana, vaping and

more.

Chief Executive Officer Lewis presented the Outstanding School Board Member awards to **Linda Kramer, Wadsworth City**, and **William Catlin, Lordstown Local (Trumbull)**. Catlin was named the region's 2019 OSBA All-Ohio School Board member.

Certificates also were presented to the region's OSBA Capital

Conference Student Achievement Fair participants.

**Fred Szabo, Polaris Career Center**, received the Roger L. Samuelson Award of Board Excellence. He was recognized for his leadership, dedication and commitment to kids. Szabo is retiring from board service and will be missed by all of us.

The annual Lester C. Marrison



## Is a superintendent or treasurer search in your future?

*"OSBA went beyond all expectations we could have imagined. The process allowed us to think about our district's future. Our staff and community were very pleased with the amount of involvement afforded to them. Thanks to our consultant and OSBA, we hired a person who also believed in our district vision."*

*— Pamela Freshour,  
Pleasant Local (Marion)*

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Teacher Education Book Grant scholarship went to **Maddie Brooks**, a 2019 graduate of **Norwayne Local (Wayne)** and Wayne County Schools Career Center. She attends North Central State College.

Dr. **Robert Mengerink**, ESC of **Northeast Ohio**, was honored as the region's Superintendent of the Year.

Others honored by the region were:

- **Chris Adams**, **Springfield Local (Summit)**, Treasurer of the Year;
- **Lynn Moomaw**, Wayne County Schools Career Center, Outstanding Administrator;
- **Warrensville Heights City**, Outstanding School Board Team;
- **Fannie P. Dean**, Warrensville Heights City, Outstanding Classified Employee;
- Chef Training Program at Polaris Career Center, Outstanding JVSD or Vocational Program, with teacher and chef **Chris Olszewski** as an Ohio Teacher of the Year nominee;
- **Amy Burt**, **Springfield Local (Summit)**; **Tom Kaufman**, **Hillsdale Local (Ashland)**; **Jean Tusin**, **Youngstown City**; and **Helen Haney**, **Tuscarawas Valley Local (Tuscarawas)** (posthumous), Outstanding Volunteers;
- **John M. Rubesich**, retired superintendent, **Ashtabula County ESC**, Friend of Public Education.

## Northwest Region

*by Dr. Judy Jackson May  
regional manager*

Northwest Region President

**Chris Varwig**, **Toledo City**, presided over the region's fall conference on Oct. 3 at **Tiffin City's** Tiffin Middle School, with 158 guests attending.

**Vanguard-Sentinel Career & Technology Centers'** Culinary and Hospitality Management students, led by instructor **Tracey Kardotzke** and assistant **Gerald "Jerry" Elchert**, prepared and served dinner. Tiffin City's Tiffin Columbian High School Choir, directed by **Kimberly Ridge**, entertained attendees.

The region was proud to welcome two new sponsors, IAP Government Services Group and FieldTurf.

Conference events included the election of the region's executive committee members. **Carol-Ann Molnar**, **Oregon City**, was elected the region's 2020 president-elect.

The region recognized its 2019 OSBA All-Ohio School Board member, **Michael A. Boff**, **Northeastern Local (Defiance)**. Also honored were veteran board members with 10 and 15 years of service.

**Carole Kuns**, **North Point ESC** and **EHOVE Career Center**, was recognized for 40 years of school board service. She also became the first woman to be honored with the Neil Pohlmann Award of Excellence in Education.

The region's academic awards included the Ohio Department of Education's (ODE) 2018 All A's, High Progress School of Honor, Momentum and Overall A awards. **Northeastern Local's** Tinora High

School also was recognized for being named one of U.S. News & World Report's 2019 Best Ohio High Schools.

The Northwest Region had two 2020 Ohio Teacher of the Year finalists in **Mary Darr**, a gifted English/social studies teacher at **Perkins Local (Erie)**, and **Tonya Thorbahn**, an intervention specialist and English language arts and math teacher at **Findlay City**.

Others recognized included:

- Northwest Region Excellence in Community Service Award — **Joe Stacy**, volunteer, Tiffin City; Willard Community Honor Committee: **Jason Ratliff**, **Courtney Carnahan**, **Tiffany Nufer** and **Cathy Weaver**, Willard City; **Mary Green**, **Jennifer McCoy**, **Abbigail Venturino**, **Thomas Fought**, and **George Byington**, instructors, Vanguard-Sentinel Career & Technology Centers; and **Curt Mellott**, instructor, Sentinel Day of Service, Vanguard-Sentinel Career & Technology Centers.
- Northwest Region Humanitarian Award — **Michelle Tuite**, director of educational programming and pre-K principal, Tiffin City; and **Gerald "Jerry" Elchert**, educational aide, Vanguard-Sentinel Career & Technology Centers Culinary and Hospitality Management.
- Who's Who in the Northwest Region Excellence Award for Outstanding Leadership — **Jennifer Musgrave**, college and career readiness adviser,

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# Board Member 101: Survival kit for your first 90 days in office

**Newly elected to your school board? This weekend academy for new board members will give you the tools you need to excel in the first 90 days.**

School boardmanship is more complex and demanding than ever. High-quality board member education, designed specifically for newly elected board members, can help you become a more effective educational leader in your community.

By focusing on your first 90 days in office, experienced OSBA staff will provide direction as you start your boardmanship journey. Learn about the important aspects of board work, frequently asked legal questions, how board policies help you govern your district and how to be an effective advocate for your students. Discover the resources OSBA has to help you in your first year and beyond.

## Details

These academies are offered over two weekends in four locations: **Jan. 11-12** at the Cleveland Marriott East, Warrensville Heights, or Hilton Garden Inn Dayton South, Miamisburg; and **Jan. 25-26** at the Hilton Garden Inn, Perrysburg, or Marriott Columbus Northwest, Dublin.

## Cost

\$285, which includes breakfast and lunch each day, workshop materials and the book, "Boardmanship."

## Agenda

### Saturday

- 8 a.m. Registration and breakfast (provided)
- 9 a.m. Welcome and overview
- 9:15 a.m. OSBA regional map and activities: Introducing the regional manager
- 9:45 a.m. Boardmanship: What it's really all about
- 10:45 a.m. Boardmanship: Conduct and culture
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch (provided)
- 12:30 p.m. Legal resources, issues and other hot topics
- 4 p.m. Adjourn

### Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast (provided)
- 9 a.m. Why legislation and advocacy are so important
- 11 a.m. Break
- 11:15 a.m. The OSBA website and your OSBA staff liaison: Your best resources
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch (provided)
- 12:30 p.m. Keeping new board members on the right path
- 1:15 p.m. Governing through policy: A framework for success
- 3:15 p.m. District goal setting: How else do you know where you're going?
- 3:45 p.m. Questions/adjourn

## To register

Visit [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops) or email Laurie Miller at [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org).

**This workshop is Stop 1 in the 2020 New Board Member Passport. The passport includes six workshops that introduce you to topics that are important to new board members in their first year. Visit [www.ohioschoolboards.org/nbmpassport](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/nbmpassport) to learn more.**





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# Mental Health and Social-Emotional Learning Summit

Feb. 25, 2020 • Greater  
Columbus Convention Center

OSBA and a coalition of education groups, mental health organizations and state and community agencies will host the Mental Health and Social-Emotional Learning Summit and Resource Fair Feb. 25 in Columbus. The free event is designed for school board members, administrators, educators, counselors, psychologists, support staff, mental health professionals and parent leaders.

Districts are encouraged to bring a team so that staff can attend multiple breakout sessions. The summit also will include a Resource Fair in which agencies can share information on their resources that are available to district staff.

View event detail and register at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/mental-health-summit](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/mental-health-summit).



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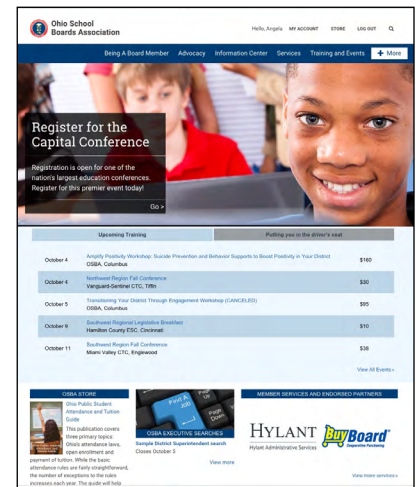
Register at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops)

OSBA members can access member-only information, including workshop registration, by logging in to the OSBA website.

## 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.



# Fleet Maintenance Planning

**Friday, Jan. 17, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. • OSBA office, Columbus • Cost: \$100**

Save your district time and money by learning how to design a preventive bus maintenance program and how vehicle diagnostic software can improve management of your bus fleet.

**9:30 a.m. Registration**

**10 a.m. Welcome**

**10:15 a.m. Implementing a preventive maintenance program**

Hear how **Olentangy Local's (Delaware)** transportation team developed a program that kept buses on the road and avoided large repairs while prioritizing safety. Explore what a three-tier preventive maintenance plan accomplishes and how it can help the transportation director manage the bus fleet.

**Noon Lunch (provided)**

**12:30 p.m. Using vehicle diagnostics software as a management tool**

Experts in heavy-duty transmissions will demonstrate how diagnostic software can extend the life of a transmission, optimize performance and help you meet on-time schedules and budget expectations for your district.

**2 p.m. Adjourn**

**To register**

Visit [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops) or email **Laurie Miller** at [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org).

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Columbian High School, Tiffin City; **Robert “Bobby” Carter**, mentor, ACE Mentor Program, **Fremont City**; **JoAnn Cousino**, bus driver, **Archbold Area Local (Fulton)**; **Bradley Romano**, superintendent, **New London Local (Huron)**; and **Michele Spencer**, VOSE coordinator, Vanguard-Sentinel Career & Technology Centers.

This year’s recipients of the Bonnie Eddy Educational Supply and Book Grant are:

- **Mallory Austin**, **Allen East Local (Allen)**;
- **Alli Hefner**, **Wayne Trace Local (Paulding)**;
- **Brooke Hoffman**, **Danbury Local (Ottawa)**;
- **Rose Zeedyk**, **Central Local (Defiance)**.

## **Southeast Region**

*by Paul D. Mock  
regional manager*

The Southeast Region enjoyed a very successful fall conference at **Logan-Hocking Local’s (Hocking)** Logan High School on Sept. 26, with 156 registered guests.

Hors d’oeuvres, dinner and dessert was prepared by Aramark and served by Logan High School work-study students, with instructor **Mike Kindinger**. **Erin Dunigan**, a member of the Logan High School National Honor Society, and members of the Key Club and Cadet Core provided hospitality.

The Logan High School Chamber Singers, under the direction of **John McClain** and

**Gretchen Weber**, performed the national anthem and entertained guests. The Logan High School Cadet Core, with instructor **Lance Roberts**, presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special thanks to FieldTurf and Trane Commercial Systems & Services for sponsoring the conference.

Region President **Larry A. Good**, **Muskingum Valley ESC**, presided over the meeting, which included the election of **Amy Kissinger**, **Cambridge City**, as the region’s 2020 president-elect.

The Southeast Region Outstanding Board member award was presented to **Ken Blood**, **East Muskingum Local (Muskingum)**. He was named the region’s 2019 OSBA All-Ohio School Board member.

Plaques were presented to the top recipients in the region’s Outstanding Recognition Program, which began in 1993. The region received 48 nominations from 18 school districts. Honorees included:

- Outstanding student program — Construction Trades/Carpentry Program, **Tri-County Career Center**;
- Outstanding male student — **Vince Griffin**, John Glenn High School, East Muskingum Local and **Mid-East Career and Technology Centers**.
- Outstanding female student — **Emma Myers**, Logan High School, Logan-Hocking Local;
- Outstanding faculty member — **John McClain**, Logan High School,

Logan-Hocking Local;

- Outstanding classified staff member — **Russ Clifton**, **Morgan Local (Morgan)**;

- Outstanding treasurer — **Laura C. Dukes**, Tri-County Career Center;

- Outstanding volunteer — **Jamie Harrop**, **Franklin Local (Muskingum)**;

- Outstanding administrator — **Darren C. Jenkins**, superintendent, **Bellaire Local (Belmont)**;

- Outstanding new program or innovation — Dude, Be Kind!, Muskingum Valley ESC;

- Outstanding community business program — Tech Data Zanesville, partnership with Mid-East Career and Technology Centers, Zanesville Campus.

The President’s Award, selected each year by the region president, honors those who have shown unwavering commitment and dedication to public education and boys and girls in southeast Ohio. Honored was **Ruth Ware**, curriculum consultant at Muskingum Valley ESC.

**Dr. Barbara A. Hansen**, Muskingum Valley ESC, received the 2019 Advocate of Education Hall of Fame Award. Hansen has impacted public education at all levels within southeast Ohio and beyond. She currently is the Dave Longaberger Chair Distinguished Professor of Teaching and Learning at Muskingum University.

The conference also recognized

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the region's ODE Purple Star Award recipients.

### **Southwest Region**

*by Ronald J. Diver  
regional manager*

The Southwest Region Fall Conference was held Oct. 10 at **Great Oaks Career Campuses** in

Cincinnati, with 240 registered guests. It was an awesome evening with good food, good entertainment, lots of nice awards and good fellowship.

We were pleased to have a record number of sponsors. They were: Alpha & Omega Building Services, The Motz Group, Cincinnati

Computer Cooperative, SHP Leading Design and Trane Commercial Systems & Services.

Region President **Linda A. Jordan, Clark County ESC**, presided over the meeting, which included a performance by **Kings Local's (Warren)** fifth- through

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eighth-grade Kokordoza Marimba Ensemble, directed by **Matthew Jenkins**. Great Oaks Career Campuses' Scarlet Oaks Navy JROTC Color Guard, instructed by **Connie Delanger**, presented the colors. Dinner was prepared by McCoy Catering.

During elections for the region's executive committee, **Terry Gibson, Lockland Local (Hamilton)** and Great Oaks Career Campuses, was elected region president-elect for 2020.

**Milford EV's** Boyd E. Smith Elementary School was recognized for its selection as a National Blue Ribbon School. **Graham Local (Champaign)** was honored as a National Green Ribbon School. The region's nominees for 2020 Ohio Teacher of the Year — **Matthew Szozda, Centerville City**; **Leila Kubesch, Norwood City**; and **Andrea Harpen, Blanchester Local (Clinton)** — also received recognition, with Kubesch being named the 2020 Ohio Teacher of the Year.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the region's 2019 Friend of Education Hall of Fame award to co-recipients **James Carter** and **Pamela Lindeman**, the founder and chief executive officer, respectively, of Child Focus Inc., a nonprofit public school advocate group in southwest Ohio that provides safety nets for helping others. They were humbled and expressed their appreciation.

State Board of Education Vice President **Charlotte McGuire** was surprised with a Friend of the

Southwest Region plaque for her extra effort in visiting every school impacted by the Dayton-area tornadoes in May. Chief Executive Officer Lewis also was honored for his 35 years at OSBA with a decorated cake shared by everyone.

The Southwest Region Outstanding Student Program Awards were again a huge success. Fifteen programs — three programs from five categories — were judged as outstanding, and each was presented with a framed certificate.

Outstanding New Programs were: SALT — Student Athlete Leadership Team, Ross Middle School and High School, **Ross Local (Butler)**; Legendary Loveland, Loveland Middle School, **Loveland City**; and Career Experience, Lebanon High School, **Lebanon City**.

Outstanding Ongoing Programs were: Student Leadership Council, Springboro Junior High and Intermediate, **Springboro Community City**; Gifted STEM Program, **Bethel-Tate Local (Clermont)**; and Marketing Management and Research, Great Oaks Career Campuses, which is offered at Sycamore High School, **Sycamore Community City**.

Outstanding Volunteer Programs were: EMS — Senior Mentor Program, Eastern Middle School, **Eastern Local (Brown)**; McClain Cadet Corps, **Greenfield EV**; and The Ascend Academy, **Goshen Local (Clermont)**.

Outstanding Multidistrict Impact Programs were: Opportunity School, **Midwest Regional ESC**;

Veterinary Science Program, **Warren County Career Center**; and Veterinary Science Program, **Upper Valley Career Center**.

Outstanding Special Recognition Programs were: Dude Be Kind Program, Morton Middle School, **Vandalia-Butler City**; You Media, The Dome (Springfield's Center of Innovation), **Springfield City**; and UC Early IT Program, Deer Park High School, **Deer Park Community City**.

The 2019 Al Kettlewell Award for Outstanding Board Members were presented to:

- Jordan, Clark County ESC;
- **Bobbie Grice, Little Miami Local (Warren)** and Warren County Career Center;
- **Daryl Michael Jr., Montgomery County ESC**;
- **David R. Brannock**, Bethel-Tate Local;
- **Dr. Bill Shula**, Bethel-Tate Local;
- **Ed Leventhal**, Springfield City and **Springfield-Clark Career Technology Center**;
- **Kim Martin Lewis**, Indian Hill EV.

Michael was named the region's 2019 OSBA All-Ohio School Board member.

Framed certificates were presented to 24 of the 35 Southwest Region programs chosen as participants in the 2019 Student Achievement Fair at the OSBA Capital Conference. **Middletown City's** Middletown High School Jazz Band also received a certificate for being selected as one of five Student Achievement Fair student performing groups.





## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Will Schwartz, lobbyist

### Territory transfer law causes concern with schools, legislators

A recently enacted law that drastically alters the way school district territory transfers are governed is causing frustration and unrest, not only among school districts but also key legislators, including Rep. **Don Jones** (R-Freeport) and Sen. **Peggy Lehner** (R-Kettering). The law, Ohio Revised Code section 3311.242, was added to House Bill 166 when the bill was pending in the House Finance Committee. The Senate Finance Committee removed the provision, but it was later reinserted by the conference committee.

The new law, effective Oct. 17, provides an easier method for Ohioans to petition to transfer their territory from one school district to an adjoining school district. A valid petition can be filed only by a qualified elector who resides in a township that contains the territory of two or more school districts. The petition must specify the boundaries of the territory to be transferred. It must be signed by at least 10% of electors who voted in the last general election and who reside in the territory that would be transferred. Finally, the petition must be delivered to the board of education that contains the applicable territory.

Upon receiving a valid petition, a board of education must direct the board of elections of the county in which the territory is located to check the sufficiency of signatures on the petition. If the county board of elections determines the required number of signatures has been met, it must certify the petition to the board of education.

Once the petition has been certified by the county board of elections, the board of education must file the proposal with the State Board of Education and include a map showing the boundaries of the territory to be transferred. The school board also must certify the proposal to the county board of elections for the purpose of placing the proposal on the ballot at the next general or primary election occurring at least 90 days after the certification date or at a special election, the date of which must be specified in the certification and must occur at least 90 days after the certification date. The county board of elections must then make the necessary arrangements for the submission of the question of whether to approve the transfer to the qualified electors to vote on it.

Only those who reside in the territory to be transferred are eligible to vote on the question of

whether to approve the transfer. The law requires the election to be conducted and canvassed, and it requires the results to be certified in the same manner as in regular elections for the election of members of a board of education.

If the proposal to transfer territory is approved by at least a majority of those voting on the proposal, the board of education from which the territory is being transferred must notify the State Board of Education of the results of the vote. Additionally, the board of trustees of the township in which the territory is located must enter into negotiations with that board of education regarding the terms of the proposal to transfer the territory.

If the negotiations between those two entities yield a formal agreement, the board of education must file the proposal and a copy of the formal agreement with the State Board of Education. The law, however, does not require a formal agreement between the township and school district.

The State Board of Education is explicitly required to approve any such transfer proposal approved by voters and provide written notification of its approval to the boards of education affected by the

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## PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

### Dinner is served at Canton City after-school programs

**Canton City Schools'** students who participate in after-school activities, including clubs and athletics, aren't going hungry.

The district is offering dinner to students at Crenshaw, Hartford and Lehman middle schools and at the downtown and main McKinley High School campuses.

"It's so much better than the normal cafeteria food we get for lunch," seventh-grade basketball player **Latejah Still** told a local newspaper.

The district's business manager, **Tad Ellsworth**, hopes to serve dinner to students districtwide in the future.

He added that many students staying after school for activities may go six hours or more before getting the chance to eat.

"I know many of our kids don't have access to nutritious meals at home," Ellsworth said.

One of the district's challenges was finding a way to fund the meals.

District Food Services Supervisor **Erin Cole** overcame this problem through the Child and Adult Care Food Program. This federal program provides reimbursement for nutritious meals that are made available to at-risk children enrolled in after-school programs.

According to the Ohio Department of Education, 19 other Ohio public school districts offer dinner or a snack through the federal program.

Source: The Repository

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territory transfer. The board of education to which the territory is being transferred must file a map that includes the boundaries of the transferred territory with the county auditor of the county in which the territory is located.

Finally, the law requires the boards of education affected by the territory transfer and the applicable township board of trustees to execute an equitable division of the funds and indebtedness between the school districts. Once this has been completed, the territory transfer is considered complete and the legal title of the school property in the transferred territory must be

vested in the board of education of the district to which the territory is transferred.

Currently, there are no bills pending that would repeal or revise this law. Meanwhile, a school district — **Plain Local (Stark)** — has filed a lawsuit challenging the new state law, amid two separate efforts by residents to transfer territory to an adjacent school district.

Please contact the Division of Legislative Services at (614) 540-4000 if you have questions about this legislation.

*Editor's note:* Information in this article was current as of Dec. 2, 2019.



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## December 2019

- 11 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Transportation rules and regulations ..... Columbus
- 13 Levy University ..... Columbus
- 13 Post-general election campaign finance reports must be filed by certain candidates appearing on the ballot (by 4 p.m.) detailing contributions and expenditures made from the last day reflected in the previous report to the close of business on Dec. 6, 2019 (38 days after the election) — RC 3517.10(A) (2); last day to submit March emergency, current operating expenses or conversion levy to county auditor for March election — RC 5705.194, 5705.195, 5705.213, 5705.219(C) (95 days prior to election).
- 18 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 March election — RC 133.18(D); last day for county auditor to certify school district bond levy terms for March election — RC 133.18(C); last day to submit continuing replacement, permanent improvement or operating levy for March election to board of elections — RC 5705.192, 5705.21, 5705.25; last day to certify resolution for school district income tax levy or renewal of conversion levy for March election to board of elections — RC

5748.02(C), 5705.219(G); last day to submit emergency levy for March election to board of elections — RC 5705.195; last day to submit phased-in levy or current operating expenses levy for March election to board of elections — RC 5705.251(A) (90 days prior to election).

31 Last day for treasurer to canvass the board to establish a date for the organizational meeting — RC 3313.14.

## January 2020

- 8 Central Region executive committee meeting..... Columbus
- 11-12 Board Member 101: Survival kit for your first 90 days in office ..... Warrensville Heights
- 11-12 Board Member 101: Survival kit for your first 90 days in office ..... Miamisburg
- 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 Fleet Maintenance Planning Workshop..... Columbus
- 20 Last day for boards of education to submit fiscal tax-year budget to county auditor —

RC 5705.30.

- 25-26 Board Member 101: Survival kit for your first 90 days in office ..... Dublin
- 25-26 Board Member 101: Survival kit for your first 90 days in office ..... Perrysburg
- 31 Deadline for educational service center (ESC) governing boards to meet and organize — RC 3313.14; deadline for secondary schools to provide information about College Credit Plus to all students enrolled in grades six through 11 — RC 3365.04(A); annual campaign finance reports must be filed by certain candidates (by 4 p.m.) detailing contributions and expenditures from the last day reflected in the previous report through Dec. 31, 2019 — RC 3517.10(A)(3).

## February 2020

- 1 Board Member 201: Mastering your board leadership skills..... Miamisburg
- 1 Board Member 201: Mastering your board leadership skills..... Akron
- 5 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration Program: Driver records, background checks and compliance records ..... Columbus
- 5 Northeast Region executive committee meeting..... Wadsworth
- 5 Southwest Region executive committee meeting..... TBD