

BRIEF CASE

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Serving the public school leadership team



Highland Local board members sacrificing pay to get community input

Highland Local (Medina) is seeking stakeholders' opinions, and the district's board members have pledged to ante up a year's pay to help fund the initiative. According to *The Medina Gazette*, school board members said they will donate the \$125 they earn for each meeting in 2011 to provide funding to conduct focus groups, an online survey and a phone poll of 500 registered voters in the district. The donation is expected to total about \$10,000. In the wake of three failed levies, the board wants the community's input before returning to the voters.

OSBA's first woman president passes away at 93

Jean F. Dye, the first woman elected as OSBA's president, died on Nov. 15. She was 93. Dye served as a Cleveland Heights-University Heights City board member for 16 years and was OSBA's president in 1970. She also served as Ohio PTA president and National PTA vice president. Among her many honors were a distinguished service award from the Ohio League of Women Voters and a Layman of the Year award from the Ohio Department of Elementary School Principals.

Deadline nears for NSBA Annual Conference early registration deals

School district leaders should register soon to take advantage of the early bird discount for the 71st NSBA Annual Conference, set for April 9-11 in San Francisco. The deadline for early registration is Dec. 30. Those who register by that date will pay \$860, or a fee of \$695 for NSBA National Affiliate members. After the deadline, those fees go to \$895 and \$720, respectively. For further information, visit www.nsba.org/conference.

Subscribe to School Management News via e-mail and get a discount

Starting in 2011, OSBA will provide its *School Management News (SMN)* newsletter at a nearly 20% discount to member districts in which all subscribers choose to receive the publication electronically. The electronic version will cost \$150 annually for up to 15 subscribers, a \$35 savings over the paper newsletter. Please indicate which option your district prefers on the OSBA membership invoice, which was recently mailed.

Reminder: Set School Board Recognition Month plans before the holidays

January is School Board Recognition Month, so be sure to finalize your plans before the holiday break. Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/school-board-recognition-month to access an OSBA resource kit to help you plan your event. OSBA also wants to feature your celebrations in the *Journal* magazine and on its website. Submit news and photos of your events to Gary Motz at gmotz@ohioschoolboards.org; 8050 N. High St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235; or www.ohioschoolboards.org/forms/sbrm.php.

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Route workshop information to:

- Administrators
- Principals

ETPI gives districts vital data on tax, policy changes

The Education Tax Policy Institute (ETPI), an independent research organization founded by OSBA and other groups, is the only organization in Ohio dedicated to researching and analyzing education and public policy issues. Funded by its member groups and school districts, ETPI provides data and reports to help members project the outcome of tax changes on education funding and local government services. A recent ETPI report effectively rebutted a Brookings Institution and Ohio Policy Center study that called for eliminating 200 Ohio school districts through consolidation. To learn more about the institute or to become a member, please contact OSBA's **Marcella Gonzalez** at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or mgonzalez@ohioschoolboards.org. Further details are available at ETPI's website, www.etpi-ohio.org.

Entrepreneur cashing in on schools' cell phone ban

Vernon Alcoser has cornered the mobile market at two Bronx high schools, where students pay \$1 a day to keep their cell phones in the trucks he parks nearby.

Cell phones are banned in New York City schools. Offenders' phones are confiscated and will only be returned to their parents.

"I'd rather pay a dollar than take that risk," one student said.

Alcoser hit on the idea after a parent complained about the ban. To prevent theft, students are photographed with their phones every morning and use ticket stubs to retrieve them after school.

Alcoser is surprised by his success, but not employee **Jonathan Ortiz**, a recent graduate of one of the schools. "These kids can't live without their phones," Ortiz said.

Source: *New York Daily News*

ODE recognizes schools for outstanding school nutrition

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) has honored 28 public schools and districts with the 2010 Stellar Award for Best Nutrition Practices. The program recognizes schools that promote a healthy school environment. Winners are

selected based on their efforts to adopt federal guidelines on local school wellness policies. Contact ODE for details on the program.

This month in OSBA history

A photo in the 1965 December *Journal* featured OSBA leaders burning the \$30,000 mortgage on the association's Columbus headquarters during the Capital Conference. Paying off the building was a highlight of OSBA's 10th anniversary year, especially since the debt was retired two years ahead of schedule.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org
Photos from the 2010 OSBA Student Achievement Fair are now posted at cc.ohioschoolboards.org/2010/photos. The fair, held at the Capital Conference, featured 100 booths displaying innovative student programs from around Ohio, student performing groups and an art exhibit.



Briefcase

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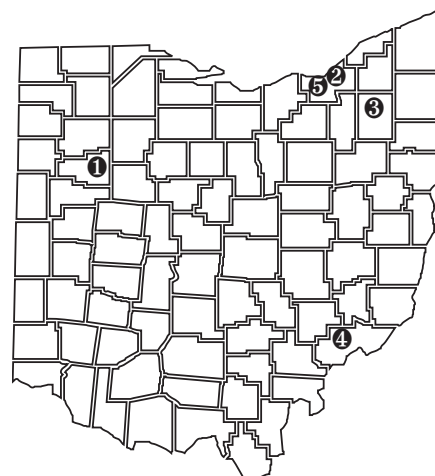
BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, administrative assistant of communication services

OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

District	Deadline	Contact
❶ Bath Local (Allen)	Dec. 27	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
❷ Cuyahoga Heights Local (Cuyahoga)	Jan. 14	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
❸ Streetsboro City	Feb. 9	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
❹ Belpre City	TBD	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
❺ Cuyahoga Valley Career Center	TBD	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



❶ = Superintendent

Board changes

Triway Local (Wayne) appointed **Theodore Luc** to the board effective Nov. 22. He replaced **Shelly Martin**, who resigned after taking a position at the Wayne County Schools Career Center. ●●● Wayne Local (Warren) appointed **David Hurley** to the board effective Nov. 15. He replaced **Jack Stubbs**, who resigned in October.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Clear Fork Valley Local (Richland) hired Dr. **Matthew J. Dill** as superintendent effective Dec. 13. He replaced interim superintendent **David L. Ritter**. Dill previously was the superintendent at Fort Frye Local (Washington). ●●● New Albany-Plain Local (Franklin) hired **April Domine** as superintendent effective Jan. 1. She replaces interim superintendent **Bill Reimer**. Domine is the senior director of performance management and leadership at Battelle for Kids. ●●● Niles City Superintendent **Rocco Adduci** announced his retirement.

Treasurers

Claymont City Treasurer **Susan Raymond** announced her retirement effective Dec. 31. ●●● Madison Local (Butler) Treasurer **Susan Murray** announced her resignation effective Nov. 15. The board hired **Ken Ulm** as interim treasurer. Ulm also will continue in his role as treasurer at Butler County ESC. ●●● Sandy Valley Local (Stark) Treasurer **Paul Lattavo** announced his resignation effective Dec. 31.

Editor's note

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

Sympathies

Wayne D. Darr, a member of the former Coshocton County Board of Education, died Nov. 13. He was 84. ●●● Former Dayton City Board of Education member James D. Hart died Nov. 16. He was 85. ●●● Eugene H. Huebner, a member of the former Gnadenhutten school board in Tuscarawas County, died Nov. 19. He was 88. ●●● Harold F. Parsons, superintendent of the former Painesville Township Local (Lake) school district, now called Riverside Local (Lake), died Nov. 15. He was 91. ●●● Former Vandalia-Butler City Board of Education member H.F. Dwight Elkins died Nov. 15. He was 88.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Michelle Francis, lobbyist

Reviewing election results and previewing the lame-duck session

Not only did the Republicans sweep all statewide offices and regain control of the Ohio House, they increased their majority in the Ohio Senate to have the largest edge in 47 years. Come January,

single-party rule returns, as Republicans will control the governor's office, the House and the Senate. The lawmakers also will have to balance a biennial budget with an estimated \$8 billion

shortfall.

Following is a complete list of results posted by the Ohio secretary of state as of Dec. 3.

Statewide offices and Ohio Supreme Court seats

- Governor: **John Kasich** (R-Westerville)
- Lieutenant governor: **Mary Taylor** (R-Green)
- Auditor: **Dave Yost** (R-Delaware Township)
- Attorney general: **Mike DeWine** (R-Cedarville)
- Secretary of state: **Jon Husted** (R-Kettering)
- Treasurer: **Josh Mandel** (R-Lyndhurst)
- Ohio Supreme Court: **Maureen O'Connor** (R-Cleveland Heights); **Judith Lanzinger** (R-Toledo); and **Paul Pfeifer** (R-Bucyrus)

Ohio Senate

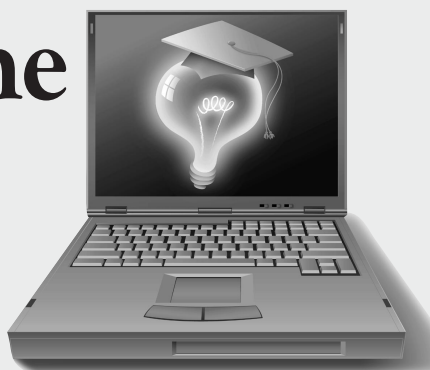
With 17 seats up for grabs, Republicans increased their majority to 23-10.

- District 1: **Steve Buehrer** (R-Delta)*

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OSBA legal services webinar:

Don't let the bedbugs bite!



Thursday, Jan. 13

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Ohio school districts are experiencing bedbugs problems, with many seeing an increase in the number of bugs infesting classrooms. Many experts predict the problem will only continue to increase. Join OSBA's legal services division for a webinar on bedbugs and the unique challenges they bring to Ohio's schools. Topics will include: identifying bedbugs, appropriate school responses to bedbug sightings, foreseeable legal issues and best practices. The webinar will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 13. Register today by contacting Laurie Miller at Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. The registration fee is \$35.

**New board members:
Trying to maneuver the maze of boardmanship?**

Find your way at the New Board Member Academy



- **Designed for new board members**
- **Plenty of networking opportunities**
- **Intensive, one day academy**
- **Saturday, Jan. 15, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**
- **OSBA office, Columbus**

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

This intensive academy will focus on:

- the world of boardmanship
- communicating effectively
- board policy 101
- how Ohio schools are funded
- collective bargaining and employee relations issues
- the Sunshine Law and executive sessions

Cost for the academy is \$155 per board member. Four books are included with workshop tuition: *Boardmanship*, *Board-Treasurer Partnership*, *Board-Superintendent Partnership* and *Board-Legislature Partnership*.

To register, call (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA or register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/event_listing.

Lead your district in achieving its mission



attend the Board Presidents' Workshop

Saturday, Jan. 29 ● OSBA office, Columbus, and Findlay Inn & Conference Center, Findlay
Saturday, Feb. 5 ● Roberts Conference Centre, Wilmington, and NEOUCOM, Rootstown
Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. The program is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

School board presidents serve critical leadership roles in their school districts. The president is the visible leader of the board and responsible for the efficient and legal operation of board business.

Unfortunately, too many board presidents attempt to accomplish the duties of president by going it alone, feeling that on-the-job training is all that is needed to fulfill this leadership responsibility. It is to your advantage and a benefit to your school district to be well-informed and skillful enough to perform your leadership duties effectively. Bring your questions about your leadership role to this workshop.

Topics to be covered include:

Board development

- ◆ Role of the school board president
- ◆ Indicators of an effective board
- ◆ A board president's checklist
- ◆ Effective board operating principles

Legal issues

- ◆ Open meetings and open records
- ◆ Presiding and using parliamentary procedure at meetings
- ◆ New reporting requirements

Management services

- ◆ Best practices in health care pooling
- ◆ Key employee issues
- ◆ Administrative hearings
- ◆ Critical negotiations considerations
- ◆ Contract administration
- ◆ Policy update
- ◆ Health care update

The workshop will be presented by OSBA staff. Tuition is \$150 and covers registration; materials, including the *Board Presidents' Handbook*; lunch; and refreshments.

To register, call (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA or register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/event_listing.



Save the date

Mark your calendar for these important workshops.

January 15

New Board Member Academy

OSBA office, Columbus

\$155, includes books, full day

January 29

Board Presidents' Workshop

Findlay Inn & Conference Center

\$150, includes book, full day

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OSBA office, Columbus

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February 5

Board Presidents' Workshop

NEOUCOM, Rootstown

\$150, includes book, full day

February 5

Board Presidents' Workshop

Roberts Conference Centre,

Wilmington

\$150, includes book, full day

March 11

Special Education Workshop

DoubleTree, Worthington

\$140, full day

March 23

State Legislative Conference

Hyatt on Capitol Square

\$100, mini-workshop

April 29-30

Board Leadership Institute

Hilton Polaris, Columbus

\$235, two days



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

New Board Member Academy

Jan. 15, \$155

Board Presidents' Workshop

Jan. 29, Columbus, \$150

Jan. 29, Findlay, \$150

Feb. 5, Rootstown, \$150

Feb. 5, Wilmington, \$150

OSBA Workshop Registration Form

Workshop name _____ Workshop date _____
 Attendee name _____ Title _____
 Daytime phone _____ E-mail _____
 District/firm _____ County _____

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ or P.O.# _____ to cover _____ registration(s). Make checks payable to OSBA and mail to 8050 N. High St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235-6481; fax to (614) 540-4100; or e-mail Laurie Miller at Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. Include a purchase order number with fax or e-mail.



_____ *Please check here if you require special accommodations. Contact us or attach a written description of needs.*

Please photocopy this form for each person

OSBA workshop registration procedures

OSBA sends e-mail confirmation of registration if an e-mail address is provided. Registration is open to all boards and staff of OSBA members. "Walk-in" registrations are welcome on a space-available basis only. Please call OSBA to check the status of registration before you arrive at the workshop. To register, you must have a purchase order number or a check payable to OSBA and a completed registration form. You may register with a purchase order number by phone, fax, e-mail or Web page 24 hours a day.

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.



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or fax

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ext. 300; or fax us at
(614) 540-4100.



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

You may register on our Web page at www.ohioschoolboards.org. Events are listed at 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.

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- District 3: **Kevin Bacon**
(R-Minerva Park)
 - District 5: **Bill Beagle** (R-Tipp
City)
 - District 7: **Shannon Jones**
(R-Springboro)
 - District 9: **Eric Kearney**
(D-Cincinnati)
 - District 11: **Edna Brown** (D-Toledo)
 - District 13: **Gayle Manning**
(R-North Ridgeville)
 - District 15: **Charleta Tavares**
(D-Columbus)
 - District 17: **David Daniels**
(R-Greenfield)
 - District 19: **Kris Jordan** (R-Powell)
 - District 21: **Shirley Smith**
(D-Cleveland)
 - District 23: **Mike Skindell**
(D-Lakewood)
 - District 25: **Nina Turner**
(D-Cleveland)
 - District 27: **Frank LaRose**
(R-Fairlawn)
 - District 29: **Scott Oelslager**
(R-North Canton)
 - District 31: **Tim Schaffer**
(R-Lancaster)
 - District 33: **Joe Schiavoni**
(D-Youngstown)
- Ohio House**
- There were races for all 99 seats. Republicans regained control with a 58-41 majority.
- District 1: **Craig Newbold**
(R-Columbiana)
 - District 2: **Andrew Brenner**
(R-Powell)
 - District 3: **Ron Amstutz**
(R-Wooster)
 - District 4: **Matt Huffman** (R-Lima)
 - District 5: **Gerald Stebelton**
(R-Lancaster)
 - District 6: **Randy Gardner**
(R-Bowling Green)
 - District 7: **Kenny Yuko**
(D-Richmond Heights)
 - District 8: **Armond Budish**
(D-Beachwood)
 - District 9: **Barbara Boyd**
(D-Cleveland Heights)
 - District 10: **Bill Patmon**
(D-Cleveland)
 - District 11: **Sandra Williams**
(D-Cleveland)
 - District 12: **John Barnes Jr.**
(D-Cleveland)
 - District 13: **Nickie Antonio**
(D-Lakewood)
 - District 14: **Mike Foley**
(D-Cleveland)
 - District 15: **Tim DeGeeter**
(D-Parma)
 - District 16: **Nan Baker**
(R-Westlake)
 - District 17: **Marlene Anielski**
(R-Lyndhurst)
 - District 18: **Mike Dovilla**
(R-Strongsville)
 - District 19: **Anne Gonzales**
(R-Westerville)
 - District 20: **Nancy Garland**
(D-New Albany)
 - District 21: **Mike Duffey**
(R-Worthington)
 - District 22: **John Carney**
(D-Columbus)
 - District 23: **Cheryl Grossman**
(R-Grove City)
 - District 24: **Ted Celeste**
(D-Columbus)
 - District 25: **Michael Stinziano**
(D-Columbus)
 - District 26: **Tracy Heard**
(D-Columbus)
 - District 27: **Carlton Weddington**
(D-Columbus)
 - District 28: **Connie Pillich**
(D-Cincinnati)
 - District 29: **Louis Blessing Jr.**
(R-Cincinnati)
 - District 30: **Bob Mecklenborg**
(R-Cincinnati)
 - District 31: **Denise Driehaus**
(D-Cincinnati)
 - District 32: **Dale Mallory**
(D-Cincinnati)
 - District 33: **Alicia Reece**
(D-Cincinnati)
 - District 34: **Peter Stautberg**
(R-Cincinnati)
 - District 35: **Ron Maag** (R-Lebanon)
 - District 36: **Michael Henne**
(R-Clayton)
 - District 37: **Peggy Lehner**
(R-Kettering)
 - District 38: **Terry Blair**
(R-Washington Township)
 - District 39: **Clayton Luckie**
(D-Dayton)
 - District 40: **Roland Winburn**
(D-Dayton)
 - District 41: **Lynn Slaby**
(R-Copley)
 - District 42: **Kristina Daley
Roegner** (R-Hudson)
 - District 43: **Todd McKenney**
(R-New Franklin)
 - District 44: **Vernon Sykes**
(D-Akron)
 - District 45: **Zack Milkovich**
(D-Akron)
 - District 46: **Barbara Sears**
(R-Sylvania)
 - District 47: **Teresa Fedor**
(D-Toledo)
 - District 48: **Michael Ashford**
(D-Toledo)
 - District 49: **Matt Szollosi**
(D-Oregon)

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- District 50: **Todd Snitchler** (R-Uniontown)
- District 51: **Kirk Schuring** (R-Canton)
- District 52: **Stephen Slesnick** (D-Canton)
- District 53: **Timothy Derickson** (R-Oxford)
- District 54: **Courtney Combs** (R-Fairfield)
- District 55: **Bill Coley** (R-West Chester)
- District 56: **Dan Ramos** (D-Lorain)
- District 57: **Matt Lundy** (D-Elyria)
- District 58: **Terry Boose** (D-Norwalk)
- District 59: **Ron Gerberry** (D-Austintown Township)
- District 60: **Bob Hagan** (D-Youngstown)
- District 61: **Mark Okey** (D-Carrollton)
- District 62: **Lorraine M. Fende** (D-Willowick)
- District 63: **Ron Young** (R-Leroy)
- District 64: **Tom Letson** (D-Warren)
- District 65: **Sean O'Brien** (D-Brookfield)
- District 66: **Joe Uecker** (R-Loveland)
- District 67: **Peter Beck** (R-Mason)
- District 68: **Kathleen Clyde** (D-Kent)
- District 69: **William G. Batchelder** (R-Medina)
- District 70: **Jarrold Martin** (R-Beavercreek)
- District 71: **Jay Hottinger** (R-Newark)
- District 72: **Ross McGregor** (R-Springfield)
- District 73: **Jay Goyal** (D-Mansfield)
- District 74: **Bruce Goodwin** (R-Defiance)
- District 75: **Lynn Wachtmann** (R-Napoleon)
- District 76: **Cliff Hite** (R-Findlay)
- District 77: **James Zehringer** (R-Fort Recovery)*
- District 78: **John Adams** (R-Sidney)
- District 79: **Richard Adams** (R-Troy)
- District 80: **Dennis E. Murray** (D-Sandusky)
- District 81: **Rex Damschroder** (R-Fremont)
- District 82: **Jeffrey McClain** (R-Upper Sandusky)
- District 83: **Dave Burke** (R-Marysville)
- District 84: **Bob Hackett** (R-London)
- District 85: **Bob Peterson** (R-Sabina)
- District 86: **Cliff Rosenberger** (R-Clarksville)
- District 87: **John Carey** (R-Wellston)
- District 88: **Danny Bubp** (R-West Union)
- District 89: **Terry Johnson** (R-McDermott)
- District 90: **Margaret Ruhl** (R-Mount Vernon)
- District 91: **Bill Hayes** (R-Granville)
- District 92: **Debbie Phillips** (D-Athens)
- District 93: **Andy Thompson** (R-Marietta)
- District 94: **Troy Balderson** (R-Zanesville)
- District 95: **Lou Gentile** (D-Steubenville)
- District 96: **Al Landis** (R-Dover)
- District 97: **Dave Hall** (R-Killbuck)
- District 98: **Tim Grendell** (R-Chesterland)*
- District 99: **Casey Kozlowski** (R-Pierpont)

- State Board of Education**
- District 2: **Kathleen McGervey** (Avon)
 - District 3: **Jeff Mims** (Dayton)
 - District 4: **Debe Terhar** (Monfort Heights)

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Where can you find the *real* facts?



The **Education Tax Policy Institute** (ETPI) continues to be the *only* organization in Ohio dedicated to research and analysis of education public policy issues.

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Gary Motz, managing editor

President Obama recognizes Solon City students at White House

Solon City's Solon Middle School Science Olympiad teams were honored Oct. 18 at the White House by President **Obama** for winning a national championship. The team joined others from around the U.S. that were invited to Washington for the White House Science Fair.

Team co-captain **Ojas Sathe** and gold medal winner **Stephen Tang** met Obama and sat just to his right as he spoke in the East Room about the importance of investing in math and science education.

"We welcome championship sports teams to the White House to celebrate their victories," Obama said. "I thought we ought to do the same thing for the winners of science fair and robotic contests, and math competitions, because often we don't give these victories the attention that they deserve."

For Sathe, who competed on all three of Solon's championship teams, meeting and shaking hands with the president was "pretty incredible." Tang, who won three

gold medals at the 2010 Science Olympiad National Championship, said that Obama took note of the number of medals he was wearing by saying, "Wow, you have quite a bit of hardware there, don't you?"

As if talking to the president wasn't enough, both students also got to meet three "surprise" guests: **Bill Nye** the Science Guy and **Jamie Hyneman** and **Adam Savage** of "MythBusters," the popular Discovery Channel science show.

Source: Solon City Schools

Legislative Report, continued from page 6

● District 7: **Tammy O'Brien** (Akron)

● District 8: **Deborah Cain** (Uniontown)

* Even though the 129th Ohio General Assembly doesn't convene until Jan. 3, there already are vacancies to be filled. Gov.-elect **John Kasich** recently named Rep. **James Zehringer** (R-Fort Recovery) director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture and Sen. **Steve Buehrer** (R-Delta) administrator of the Bureau of Workers' Compensation. In addition, Sen. **Tim Grendell** (R-Chesterland), who was elected to the House, has decided not to move to the lower chamber, opting instead to serve out the final two years of his Senate term before

term limits kick in. The Senate also has two other spots to fill with Sen. **Bob Gibbs'** (R-Gabeville) departure for the U.S. Congress and Sen. **Jon Husted's** (R-Kettering) election as Ohio secretary of state.

Lame-duck session

With both the House and governor's office set to change into Republican hands next year, the normally chaotic lame-duck session looks like it will be relatively quiet. Some fireworks could come from the Senate's decision to reject some of Gov. **Ted Strickland's** pending appointments. Senate President **Bill Harris** (R-Ashland) believes Kasich

should get to appoint people in "key policy positions," but Harris has not specified which of the more than 200 appointments fall into that category. The only other substantive matters likely to be addressed include a human trafficking measure, an extension for the Sunset Review Committee and language to synchronize the state tax code with federal law changes.

For more information on the election or the latest legislative updates, please contact the OSBA legislative services division at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.

Editor's Note: All information in this article was current as of Dec. 3.

December 2010

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

January 2011

10 Last day for voter registration for February election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30 days prior to the election).

15 OSBA New Board Member AcademyColumbus

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).

18 Last day to submit certification for May conversion levy to tax commissioner — RC 5705.219(B) (105 days before election).

20 Last day for boards of education to submit fiscal tax-year budget to county auditor — RC 5705.30.

21 OSBA Executive Committee Meeting.....Columbus

22 OSBA Board of Trustees Meeting.....Columbus

24 Last day to submit certification for May income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to the election).

28 Last day to submit May emergency levy, current operating expenses levy or conversion levy to county auditor for May election — RC 5705.194, 5705.195, 5705.213, 5705.219 (95 days prior to the election).

29 OSBA Board Presidents' Workshop.....Columbus

29 OSBA Board Presidents' WorkshopFindlay

31 Annual campaign finance reports due (by 4 p.m.) detailing contributions and expenditures through Dec. 31, 2010 — RC 3517.10(A)(3) (last business day of January); deadline for educational service center (ESC) governing boards to meet and organize — RC 3313.14.

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Feb. 2 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 May election — RC

133.18(D); last day for county auditor to certify school district bond levy terms for May election — RC 133.18(C); last day to submit continuing replacement, permanent improvement or operating levy for May election to board of elections — RC 5705.192, 5705.21, 5705.25; last day to certify resolution for school district income tax levy, conversion levy or renewal of conversion levy for May election to board of elections — RC 5705.195, 5705.219(G), 5748.02(C); last day to submit emergency levy for May election to board of elections — RC 5705.195; last day to submit phased-in levy or current operating expenses levy for May election to board of elections — RC 5705.251(A) (90 days prior to the election).

5 OSBA Board Presidents' WorkshopWilmington

5 OSBA Board Presidents' WorkshopRootstown

5-6 NSBA Leadership ConferenceWashington, D.C.

6-8 NSBA Federal Relations Network (FRN) ConferenceWashington, D.C.

8 Special Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after the first Monday).

13 OSBA SE Region Executive Committee MeetingLogan

17-19 AASA ConferenceDenver