OSBA offers assistance to school board candidates

COLUMBUS — The Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) will help school board candidates running for a seat in November understand more about what the role entails.

OSBA will offer five regional Board Candidate Workshops in August and September. Veteran staff will lead board candidates through a concise and valuable program to help them better understand the everyday roles and responsibilities of school board service as well as the legal aspects of being a board member. The cost to attend is $95.

Following is the schedule for the workshops:
- Aug. 30 — Northeast Ohio Medical University (NOMU), Rootstown, 6 p.m.-9 p.m.
- Sept. 7 — Hilton Garden Inn Dayton South-Austin Landing, Miamisburg, 6 p.m.-9 p.m.
- Sept. 11 — Hilton Garden Inn, Findlay, 6 p.m.-9 p.m.
- Sept. 12 — Ohio University Inn and Conference Center, Athens, 6 p.m.-9 p.m.
- Sept. 16 — OSBA Office, Columbus, 9 a.m.-noon

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

This year’s general election is Nov. 7. Ohioans wishing to run for a board of education must file a nominating petition with their county board of elections by 4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9 (90 days prior to the date of the general election — Ohio Revised Code sections 3513.254 and 3513.255).

Anyone running for school board must be a U.S. citizen; at least 18 years old; a resident of the school district for at least 30 days preceding the election; and registered to vote in the school district for at least 30 days preceding the election.

In its 62nd year, OSBA leads the way to educational excellence by serving Ohio’s public school board members and the diverse districts they represent through superior service, unwavering advocacy and creative solutions.

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