

# BRIEF CASE

## THE OHIO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

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### OSBA's executive director earns national award for excellence

The National School Boards Association (NSBA) has chosen OSBA Executive Director **Richard Lewis** to receive the 2013 Thomas A. Shannon Award for Excellence. Lewis is being recognized as a school board association executive director who has put forth extraordinary efforts on behalf of NSBA, his state association, local school board constituencies and school communities. The award will be presented during the NSBA Leadership Conference on Jan. 26 in Washington, D.C. This is the second year in a row that an OSBA staff member has earned the honor. **Greta Gardner**, retired deputy director of policy services, received the award earlier this year.

### Subscribe to the *Briefcase* electronically and receive it free

As yet another value-added component of OSBA membership, the association is once again offering the *Briefcase* newsletter free if *all* subscribers in a district sign up to receive it electronically. If anyone in the district wants to receive hard copies of the newsletter, the low annual subscription rate of \$125 for up to 15 copies will still apply. Please indicate your district's preference on the OSBA membership invoice.

### Louisiana school voucher law ruled unconstitutional

A Louisiana judge has ruled the state's school voucher law unconstitutional because it diverts taxpayer money to pay tuition at private and parochial schools for some students. The ruling came out of a lawsuit filed by the Louisiana School Boards Association, state teachers unions and 43 public school boards. The suit was supported by the National School Boards Association. Gov. **Bobby Jindal** and State Superintendent of Education **John White** said they will appeal the verdict.

### ODE Summit bringing industry and education together

Ohio has more than 100,000 unfilled jobs, many because candidates do not have the necessary training. The Feb. 26-27 Ohio Economic-Education Summit will bring business, industry and education leaders together to help solve that problem and improve Ohio's economy. To learn more and register, go to [www.economic.education.ohio.gov](http://www.economic.education.ohio.gov). Questions can be addressed to **Pat Huston**, of the Ohio Department of Education Office of Career-Technical Education, at [pat.huston@education.ohio.gov](mailto:pat.huston@education.ohio.gov), or **Scott Ebright** at [scott@ebright.info](mailto:scott@ebright.info).

### Award of Achievement application deadline drawing near

The application deadline for the OSBA Award of Achievement is Jan. 22. Applications have been mailed to all board members; they also can be downloaded at

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### Route workshop information to:

- ☐ Administrative assistants
- ☐ Administrators
- ☐ Assistant treasurers
- ☐ Principals

<http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/43085>. Award winners will be notified after their application information is verified. The awards will be presented at the spring region conferences. To confirm your OSBA committee service and workshops attended, visit [www.ohioschoolboards.org](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org), log in via the "Sign In" tab at the top right of the page, then click on "My Account" (also at top right). For more information about the Award of Achievement, Master Board Member award or application process, contact OSBA's **Judy Morgan** at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or [jmorgan@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:jmorgan@ohioschoolboards.org).

### Early literacy conference coming to Columbus

The National Reading Recovery & K-6 Classroom Literacy Conference is set for Feb. 2-5 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. The conference is designed

for teachers, reading specialists, administrators, literacy coaches and others interested in early literacy education. The conference features nationally known keynote speakers and over 110 sessions led by respected literacy experts. For details and to register, visit [www.rrcna.org/conferences](http://www.rrcna.org/conferences).

### Students bring holiday cheer to pets in need of homes

**Youngstown City's** Choffin Career & Technical Center students hope to bring some holiday cheer to furry friends down on their luck: pets with no place to call home.

Students in the center's biotechnology tech prep and health magnet programs are collecting items for homeless pets at three animal shelters in Mahoning County. "I'm sensitive to animals," junior **Charidan Hilson** told a local newspaper. "If no one is going to help them, then I think we should help them."

Students are collecting items at school such as dog food, cat food and cleaning supplies. A Christmas tree in the Choffin lobby is decorated with laminated paper dog bones and photos of dogs and cats at the animal shelters available for adoption.

Source: *The Youngstown Vindicator*

### Reminder: Send board recognition news to OSBA

January is School Board Recognition Month. Districts are urged to send articles and photos highlighting their recognition events to OSBA to be featured in the *Journal* magazine and on the OSBA website. A resource kit to help districts honor board members is posted at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/school-board-recognition-month](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/school-board-recognition-month). Please send information and photos to **Crystal Davis Hutchins** at [cdavis@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:cdavis@ohioschoolboards.org) or 8050 N. High St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235, or submit them online at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/forms/sbrm.php](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/forms/sbrm.php).

### OSBA online

● [www.ohioschoolboards.org](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org)

Photos from the 2012 OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show are posted and available for download at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/54240>.



## Briefcase

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# BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, administrative assistant of communication services

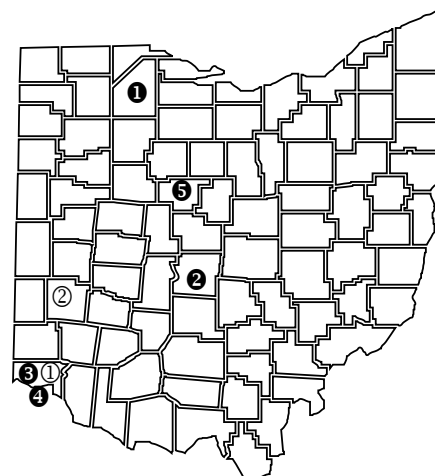
## OSBA executive searches

### Superintendent

District	Deadline	Contact
① Rossford EV	Jan. 4	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
② Whitehall City	Jan. 16	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
③ Winton Woods City	Feb. 6	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
④ Finneytown Local (Hamilton)	Feb. 8	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
⑤ Marion City	TBD	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

### Treasurer

District	Deadline	Contact
① Lockland Local (Hamilton)	Jan. 4	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
② Dayton City	Jan. 18	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



① = Superintendent

② = Treasurer

## Other searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Union Local (Belmont)	Jan. 4	<a href="http://www.ulschools.com">www.ulschools.com</a>
Superintendent	Hilliard City	Jan. 29	Bill Reimer, assistant superintendent, ESC of Central Ohio, (614) 284-1832
Treasurer	Clearview Local (Lorain)	Jan. 4	Richard Marcucci, board president, Clearview Local, Richard.Marcucci@ clearviewschools.org
Treasurer	Wapakoneta City	Jan. 7	Ann Harvey, superintendent, Auglaize County ESC, (419) 738-3422

## National searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Executive director	Kentucky School Boards Association	Jan. 11	<a href="http://www.ksba.org/employment.aspx">www.ksba.org/employment.aspx</a>

## Board changes

Gahanna-Jefferson City Board of Education member **Heather Bishoff** announced her resignation effective Dec. 31. She was elected to a seat in the Ohio House of Representatives. ●●● Girard City Board of Education member **William R. Bell**

### Editor's note

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

announced his resignation effective Nov. 30. ●●● **Kettering City** Board of Education member **James A. Brown** announced his resignation effective Nov. 15. The board appointed **Jim Ambrose** effective Dec. 4. ●●● **Switzerland of Ohio Local (Monroe)** Board of Education member **Rob Caldwell** announced his resignation effective Nov. 21. He was hired as a principal in the district.

## Administrative changes

### Superintendents

**Antwerp Local (Paulding)** hired **Patricia Ross** as superintendent effective Jan. 1. She will replace **Mark Hartman**, who resigned. Ross, currently the superintendent at **Paulding EV**, will serve as interim superintendent until Dec. 31. ●●● **Aurora City** Superintendent **Russ Bennett** announced his retirement effective Feb. 28. ●●● **Clyde-Green Springs EV** hired Assistant Superintendent Dr. **Laura Kagy** as interim superintendent effective Jan. 1. She will replace **Gregg Elchert**, who is retiring. ●●● **Continental Local (Putnam)** hired **Joel Mengerink** as superintendent effective Jan. 1. He will replace **Gary Jones**, who is retiring Dec. 31. Mengerink is currently the district's high school principal. ●●● **North Ridgeville City** hired Dr. **James E. Powell** as superintendent effective Jan. 2. He will replace **Larry Brown**, who took the superintendent position at **Wauseon EV**. Powell is currently the district's assistant superintendent/director of curriculum and instruction. ●●● **Shadyside Local (Belmont)** hired **John Haswell** as superintendent effective March 1. He will replace **Terry Brinker**, who is retiring. Haswell also will continue to serve as the district's high school principal. ●●● **West Clermont Local (Clermont)** Assistant Superintendent Dr. **Mary Ellen Steele-Pierce** announced her resignation effective Dec. 31.

### Treasurers

**Bucyrus City** Treasurer **Dawn M. Jacobs** announced her resignation effective Nov. 30. She was hired as treasurer at **Otsego Local (Wood)**. ●●● **Clearview Local (Lorain)** Treasurer **John W. Scott** announced his retirement effective Feb. 18. ●●● **Dalton Local (Wayne)** hired **Matt Jordan** as treasurer effective Jan. 1. He replaces **Darryl Woolf**, who took the treasurer position at **Sandy Valley Local (Stark)**. ●●● **Delaware City** hired **Melissa N. Lee** as treasurer effective Jan. 7. She replaces Interim Treasurer **Steve Huzicko**. Lee currently is assistant treasurer at **Hilliard City**. ●●● **Liberty Local (Trumbull)** hired **Rhonda Baldwin-Amorganos** as interim treasurer effective Dec. 17. She replaced **James Wilson**, who resigned effective Dec. 7. Baldwin-Amorganos also will continue as treasurer at **Hubbard EV**.



## NEWS

by Amanda Finney, senior marketing coordinator

## OSBA staff adds IT administrator, transportation consultant

OSBA is excited to announce two staff members joined the association in October.

Former OSBA employee **Drew Clark** returned to the association as a senior information technology administrator in the Division of Communication Services. From 2007 to 2010, Clark served as

OSBA's information services specialist. For the past two years, Clark worked as an IT manager for the Georgia School Boards Association in Lawrenceville, Ga.

Prior to joining OSBA in 2007, Clark was a technology specialist at **Canton Local (Stark)**, where he taught video production and

computer networking.

He serves as OSBA's technology administrator, responsible for day-to-day IT operations, as well as planning and implementing the association's technology initiatives.

A Canton native, Clark graduated from Canton Local's

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Canton South High School. He holds a bachelor's degree in education, with an emphasis on theater and computer technology, from the University of Akron.

He can be reached at (800) 589-OSBA; (614) 540-4000; or [dclark@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:dclark@ohioschoolboards.org).

**Pete Japikse** is OSBA's new senior transportation consultant in the Division of Management Services. Prior to joining the association, Japikse served as the state pupil transportation director

for the Ohio Department of Education.

With Japikse's arrival, OSBA rolled out a new service to assist districts with their transportation needs. He will direct that service, consulting with districts on transportation issues such as safety and operations. His extensive knowledge and expertise will ensure members are well served in all areas related to school transportation.

Japikse is a Cincinnati native

who graduated from **Finneytown Local's (Hamilton)** Finneytown High School. He continued his education at Miami University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in psychology. He also holds a master of business administration degree in management consulting from Xavier University.

Japikse can be reached at (800) 589-OSBA; (614) 540-4000; [pjapikse@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:pjapikse@ohioschoolboards.org); or [schoolbus@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:schoolbus@ohioschoolboards.org).



## INFORMATION

by the OSBA legal services division

### A gift from OSBA and OCSBA: a free resource guide

OSBA and the Ohio Council of School Board Attorneys (OCSBA) Executive Committee announce the release of a new ePublication, the "HR Desktop Reference Guide to School Law." The HR guide is a handy reference on laws related to public school employment in Ohio. It covers a variety of topics, including the hiring process, employment contracts, compensation, benefits and more. It also includes Web links to applicable statutes and relevant resources. Best of all, the reference is offered as a free resource. Download it at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/49174>.

The idea to offer a helpful, complimentary desktop reference guide for school board members and school administrators

originated with the 2011 OCSBA Executive Committee and the OSBA legal division. OCSBA developed the content and revised it as legislative enactments changed the legal landscape. It is current through Senate Bill 316 (effective September 2012).

Board members and administrators will find useful resources as they manage and administer the public school system with its many employment-related components. The guide should be considered a resource with links to obtain more information. It is not a substitute for the assistance of competent legal counsel.

You may recognize your school attorney or his or her firm's name, below, as a contributing author of the HR guide. OSBA thanks

everyone who contributed to this resource:

- **Laura G. Anthony**, Bricker & Eckler LLP
- **Sara C. Clark**, OSBA deputy director of legal services
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- **Hollie F. Reedy**, OSBA chief legal counsel
- **W. Joseph Scholler**, Frost Brown Todd LLC

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# **New board members: Trying to maneuver the maze of boardmanship? Find your way at the New Board Member Workshop**



- **Designed for new board members**
- **Intensive, one-day workshop**
- **Plenty of networking opportunities**
- **Saturday, Jan. 12, 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, new school board members must move 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 workshop 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 workshop is \$160 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](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/event_listing)**.

# Become a better board leader

## *Attend the Board Presidents Workshop*

Two dates and four locations to choose from:

- **Saturday, Jan. 26, at the OSBA office in Columbus or Owens Community College in Findlay**
- **Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Dayton Marriott in Dayton or Northeast Ohio Medical University in Rootstown**

**The workshops run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

These workshops, led by experienced OSBA staff, will present all the tools you need to improve your boardmanship skills and effectively lead your district. You don't have to be the board president to attend; board members looking to increase their leadership skills also can benefit.

School board presidents serve critical leadership roles in their 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 fulfill these roles by going it alone and feel that on-the-job training is all they need to responsibly lead the board. It is crucial to you and a benefit to your school district to be well-informed and skillful enough to carry out your leadership duties effectively. Bring your questions about leadership roles.

Topics to be covered include legal issues affecting board members; effective board meetings; using parliamentary procedure effectively; dealing with controversy and public participation; open meetings and executive sessions; successful communications; working as a team; consensus building; indicators of an effective board; and networking with your colleagues.

Cost for the workshop is \$160 per board member, and includes a copy of the *Board Presidents' Handbook*. To register, contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org). You can register online at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/event\\_listing](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/event_listing).







# WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

## New Board Member Workshop

☐ Jan. 12, Columbus, \$160

## Board Presidents Workshop

☐ Jan. 26, Columbus, \$160

☐ Jan. 26, Findlay, \$160

☐ Feb. 2, Dayton, \$160

☐ Feb. 2, Rootstown, \$160

## 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 at [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto: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 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.

Email registrations can be  
sent to Laurie Miller at [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org).  
Please include a purchase  
order number.

You may register on our website at  
**[www.ohioschoolboards.org](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org)**. Events are listed at  
the bottom of the page. You will need a username  
and password.

### 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.



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- **Nicholas E. Subashi**, Subashi & Wildermuth LPA
- **Jessica Voltolini**, former OSBA

staff attorney  
 ● **Glenn D. Waggoner**, Pepple & Waggoner Ltd.

If you have questions about the resource, please contact OSBA's legal division at (614) 540-4000.



## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Michelle Francis, deputy director of legislative services

### Lawmakers wrap up report card bill, other education legislation

The Ohio General Assembly continued its busy lame-duck session in December and finished work on various bills impacting public schools. Following is a summary of the legislation, including House Bill (HB) 555, the report card reform bill.

#### Report card legislation

The Senate made changes to the House version of HB 555, both in the Senate Education Committee and on the Senate floor, before passing the bill on Dec. 12 with a 27-6 vote. OSBA still has some concerns with the final version of the bill, but believes significant progress has been made toward a better piece of legislation.

That progress was a direct result of grassroots advocacy and OSBA members' efforts. OSBA had a great response to its calls to action and senators heard members' voices. There are still issues that must be addressed in the coming months, and OSBA is analyzing the final language the Senate adopted and that the House concurred with.

Senate changes to HB 555 include:

- No letter grades on individual college and career-ready components of the dashboard.
- Directing the State Board of Education to develop standards for "industry credentials" — one of the college and career-ready components of the dashboard that would recognize students' achievement in career-technical education programs.
- Expanding the list of teacher qualifications for purposes of the reading endorsement related to the third-grade reading guarantee. This was a direct response to strong feedback from the field on provisions in Senate Bill 316.
- Letter grades will be used for the existing report card components for this school year, but no composite score will be assigned (no letter grade or overall designation).
- No new items will be graded on the report card for the current school year.
- No new dashboard components will be reported on the report card for the current school year, except

the annual measureable objectives, which replace adequate yearly progress (AYP) measures.

- Requiring the State Board to develop a "safe-harbor" provision that protects schools against EdChoice and "challenged school district" status for the first year after the PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) assessments become effective. The Senate Education Committee adopted a "safe-harbor" provision, but later discovered flaws in that amendment. So, a Senate floor amendment deferred the responsibility for developing the provision to the State Board.

These changes would not have been possible without OSBA members' involvement. OSBA has a commitment from the Senate Education Committee chair to continue working with the association on some outstanding issues with the new report card system going into the next General Assembly session. OSBA urges members to contact their

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legislators to thank them for the positive changes in the bill. OSBA also strongly encourages members to let legislators know they want to continue working with them on the areas where concerns remain.

If you have questions about the changes to the bill, please feel free to contact OSBA's legislative staff. A workshop is being developed to cover the education-related legislative changes that occurred in the lame-duck session, including HB 555. Mark your calendars for Feb. 11 and watch for more specific information on this workshop.

### Suicide prevention bill

HB 543, sponsored by Rep. **Marlene Anielski** (R-Walton Hills), requires schools to incorporate youth suicide awareness and prevention training into school district in-service training requirements.

The bill requires school districts, community (charter) schools, STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) schools and educational service centers to

provide training in youth suicide awareness and prevention to all teachers, administrators, counselors, nurses, school psychologists and any other personnel considered appropriate. The training counts toward professional development required by the employer and can be accomplished through self-review of suitable suicide prevention materials approved by the employer.

The training must be incorporated into the in-service training required by existing law for school nurses, teachers, administrators, school counselors and school psychologists. The bill does not expand the number of current in-service training hours, and free materials are being provided to school districts through The Jason Foundation Inc. and other behavioral health providers.

The language of the bill officially identifies it as the "Jason Platt Act" in honor of **Joe Anielski**, Rep. Anielski's son, who passed away in 2010. The House and the Senate have passed the bill; it will go into effect 90 days after the governor signs it.

### Concussion legislation

HB 143, cosponsored by Reps. **Mike Stinziano** (D-Columbus) and **Sean O'Brien** (D-Brookfield), requires training for coaches and referees on youth head injuries, as well as procedures to follow with youth showing signs of brain injury.

Specifically, the bill does the following:  
● prohibits schools from allowing

a student to practice or compete in interscholastic athletics until the student has submitted a signed form stating that the student and the student's parent or guardian have received a concussion and head injury information sheet created by the Ohio Department of Health;

● prohibits schools from allowing an individual to coach interscholastic athletics without holding an Ohio Department of Education pupil-activity program permit;

● prohibits schools from allowing an individual to referee interscholastic athletics without holding a pupil-activity program permit or successfully completing an online training program in recognizing concussion symptoms or a training program authorized and required by an organization that regulates interscholastic conferences or events;

● requires coaches and referees to remove students exhibiting signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with having a concussion or head injury from practice or competition;

● prohibits coaches and referees from allowing a student to return to practice or competition until the student has been assessed and cleared for return by a physician or any other licensed health care provider authorized by the school.

Under the legislation, schools that are subject to the rules of an interscholastic conference, such as the Ohio High School Athletic Association, are considered to be

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### OSBA can help facilitate your labor agreements

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- highly trained negotiators,
- a wealth of auxiliary services,
- consultants who work with the board's interest in mind.

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## PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Bryan Bullock, assistant editor

### Rural southeast Ohio districts create pioneering virtual school

Three southeast Ohio school districts have partnered to create a virtual Early College High School — the first of its kind in the state, and a possible model for other rural schools to follow.

**Crooksville EV, Morgan Local (Morgan) and New Lexington City** recently received a federal Race to the Top Innovative Grant for \$561,000 over a four-year period to develop the Web-based school, known as The Rural Ohio College High School (ROCHS).

High school students from the three districts will be able to take college-level courses online through ROCHS and remain on their home campus. The ROCHS faculty will be instructors from the districts who are qualified to teach college-level courses and partnering college professors; students will meet for face-to-face activities, instructional sessions or lab courses as needed.

Students will have the opportunity to earn an associate

degree, or college junior standing, along with a high school diploma. The ROCHS program began last summer with the selection of three cohorts of students at grades seven, nine and 11. Students will have a compacted curriculum so they are prepared for college courses by 11th grade.

ROCHS plans to encourage students who are first-generation college enrollees to participate.

Source: Ohio Department of Education

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in compliance with the bill as long as the requirements of those rules are substantially similar to the bill's requirements.

HB 143 has been passed by the House and Senate and is awaiting the governor's signature.

For the latest legislative updates,

please contact the OSBA legislative division at (800) 589-6722.

*Editor's note:* All information in this article was current as of Dec. 13.

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### Sympathies

Former **Ada EV** Board of Education member **Dr. Jack Edward Corle Sr.** died Nov. 21. He was 82. ●●● Former **Campbell City** Treasurer **Joseph M. Sebest** died Nov. 15. He was 54. ●●● Former **Chippewa Local (Wayne)** Board of Education member **Robert P. "Bob" Williams** died Dec. 2. He was 84. ●●● Former **Claymont City** Superintendent **John B. Neighbor** died Nov. 23. He was 67. ●●● Former **Grand Valley Local (Ashtabula)** Board of Education member **Walter Cline Stackhouse** died Dec. 3. He was 74. ●●● Former **Indian Lake (Logan)** Superintendent **Sheldon O. Hall** died Dec. 4. He was 93. ●●● **Jerrold "Jerry" Meyer**, former treasurer at **Maumee City** and the former **Lucas County ESC** (now **ESC of Lake Erie West**), died Dec. 2. He was 78. ●●● **Earl Eugene "Doc" Meng**, a member of the former **Jeromesville** school board, died Dec. 1. He was 91. ●●● Former **Southeastern Local (Clark)** Board of Education member **Thomas F. Junk** died Nov. 26. He was 84. ●●● Former **Upper Scioto Valley Local (Hardin)** Board of Education member **Ronald Albert "Ron" Briggs** died Nov. 27. He was 71. ●●● **Maxine Ruth Blakeman**, a member of the **Fremont City** and former **Vanguard Vocational** school boards, died Dec. 6. She was 91. ●●● Former **Vinton County Local (Vinton)** Treasurer **Paul Cecil Sr.** died Dec. 3. He was 80.

## December 2012

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

## January 2013

- 7 Last day for voter registration for February election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30 days prior to the election).  
 12 OSBA New Board Member Workshop ..... Columbus  
 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 OSBA Capital Conference Planning Task Force Meeting..... Columbus  
 18 OSBA Executive Committee Meeting ..... Columbus  
 19 OSBA Board of Trustees Meeting ..... Columbus  
 20 Last day for boards of education to submit fiscal tax-year budget to county auditor — RC 5705.30.

- 22 Last day to submit certification for May conversion levy to tax commissioner — RC 5705.219(B) (105 days before election).  
 26 OSBA Board Presidents Workshop ..... Columbus  
 26 OSBA Board Presidents Workshop ..... Findlay  
 28 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).  
 31 Annual campaign finance reports due (by 4 p.m.) detailing contributions and expenditures through Dec. 31, 2012 — 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.

## February 2013

- 1 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).  
 2 OSBA Board Presidents Workshop ..... Dayton  
 2 OSBA Board Presidents Workshop ..... Rootstown

- 5 Special Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after the first Monday).  
 6 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).  
 25 Last day to file (by 4 p.m.) as a write-in candidate — RC 3513.041 (72 days prior to the election).