

BRIEF CASE

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Federal government releases \$400 million RttT grant to Ohio

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is set to start distributing federal Race to the Top (RttT) funds to participating school districts. ODE was notified on Jan. 28 that the funds had been awarded. Over the next four years, the \$400 million grant will be used to support RttT activities, either directly through Ohio schools or through state-supported initiatives. The schools and districts that participated in the grant application represent more than one million Ohio students.

Kasich names five members to State Board of Education

Gov. John Kasich appointed five members to the State Board of Education last month: **Teresa Elshoff** of New Knoxville, a former member of the **New Knoxville Local (Auglaize)** Board of Education; **Joseph L. Farmer** of Baltimore, a former member of the **Liberty Union-Thurston Local (Fairfield)** Board of Education; **Thomas W. Gunlock** of Centerville, who served on the State Board in 2006; **C. Todd Jones** of New Albany, president and general counsel of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio; and **Dennis Shelton** of Delaware, a former school superintendent and ODE title facilitator. Three newly elected members also took their seats in January: **Kathleen McGervey**, **Jeffery J. Mims Jr.** and **Debe Terhar**.

OSBA announces Board Leadership Institute keynote speaker

Neil Leist, **Clermont Northeastern Local (Clermont)** superintendent and author of *Superintendent Saving Strategies: Stretching the Taxpayer's Dollar in Your School*, will be the General Session speaker at the OSBA Board Leadership Institute. Leist, who has been profiled in the national news media, will share how he has helped save his district more than \$2 million. The institute, which offers the best board development training in Ohio, is April 29-30 at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris. Visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/33166> for details and to register.

Delisle puts Ohio's 'Quality Counts' ranking into context

Despite slipping in *Education Week's* 2011 "Quality Counts" education ranking of states, Ohio maintained its B- rating and beat the national average, Superintendent of Public Instruction **Deborah S. Delisle** pointed out in her weekly newsletter to school administrators. "... Ohio's overall score dropped slightly from 81.2 to 79.8," Delisle wrote. "This small decrease is responsible for the slight change in overall ranking."

OSBA participating in national labor-management conference

Van D. Keating, OSBA director of management services, is representing OSBA at the national Conference on Labor-Management Collaboration, Feb 15-16, in Denver.

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Route workshop information to:

- ☐ Administrators
- ☐ Curriculum directors
- ☐ ESC administrators
- ☐ Human resource directors
- ☐ Principals

The conference is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education in partnership with the National School Boards Association; American Federation of Teachers; National Education Association; American Association of School Administrators; Council of Great City Schools; and Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service. The event's focus is on fostering successful labor-management relations in public education.

OSBA Legislative Platform books sent to treasurers

The OSBA 2011 Legislative Platform books have been mailed to district treasurers. The platform informs legislators, policymakers, the public and the news media about OSBA's positions on education issues. For additional copies, contact OSBA's **Ann Herritt** at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or aherritt@ohioschoolboards.org. The document also is posted

online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/21310>.

This month in OSBA history

As it is today, school funding was front and center in the 1950s. And, as the following passage written by OSBA Executive Secretary Dr. **Lew Harris** in the

West Geauga kids strap on the snowshoes

When Mother Nature delivers more than a foot of snow, knowing how to walk in snowshoes can be a valuable skill. It's a skill some **West Geauga Local (Gauga)** Middle School students acquired recently as part of their physical education class.

Lake Metroparks staff visited the school to teach the seventh-graders the fine art of snowshoeing. At first it was rough going, but once they got the hang of trekking in the awkward gear, they ran up and down a small hill and raced across a field behind the school.

The seventh-graders are the first to take up snowshoeing as part of their physical education class, according to **Bonnie Gruttadauria**, West Geauga director of communications.

Next up for the students? Cross-country skiing.

Source: *The News Herald*

inaugural issue of the *Ohio School Boards Journal* in February 1957 shows, the more things change, the more they stay the same.

"Financial support for education is the most crucial question facing Ohio schools today. ... This means that new sources of revenue must be found. The state is sadly in need of a comprehensive tax study."



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OSBA online

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OSBA is divided into five regions — Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast and Southwest. Want to learn more about your region's activities, leadership and governance? Simply go to the above website and click on the "Member Resources" tab at the top of the page, then click on the "OSBA Regions" link. There you also will find information on the upcoming region spring conferences. More spring conference details begin on page 6 in this issue of the *Briefcase*.



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compiled by Melanie Price, administrative assistant of communication services

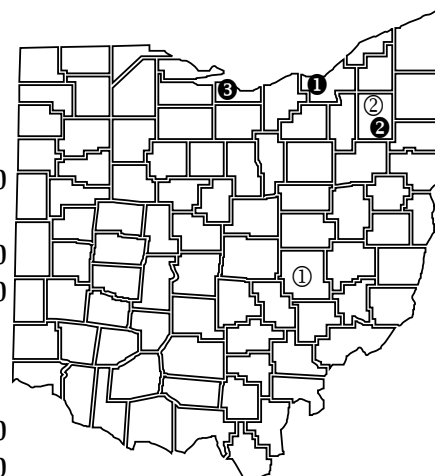
OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

District	Deadline	Contact
❶ Cuyahoga Valley Career Center	Feb. 18	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
❷ Ravenna City	March 11	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
❸ Berlin-Milan Local (Erie)	March 21	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

Treasurer

District	Deadline	Contact
❶ Zanesville City	March 2	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
❷ Ravenna City	March 28	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



❶ = Superintendent

❶ = Treasurer

Other searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Perry Local (Lake)	Feb. 18	Dr. Brian Bontempo, superintendent, Lake County ESC, (440) 350-2563, ext. 701
Superintendent	Eastern Local (Brown)	March 1	Kevin Kendall, treasurer, Eastern Local, (937) 695-1399
Superintendent	Upper Sandusky EV	March 1	Nathan Lynch, treasurer, Upper Sandusky EV, (419) 294-2307
Superintendent	East Holmes Local (Holmes)	March 21	Dr. Eugene Linton, superintendent, Tri-County ESC, (330) 345-6771, ext. 232
Superintendent	Ashland City	March 31	Dr. Eugene Linton, superintendent, Tri-County ESC, (330) 345-6771, ext. 232
Curriculum director	Fairfield City	Feb. 18	Paul Otten, assistant superintendent, Fairfield City, (513) 829-6300
Director of human resources	Worthington City	March 1	Dr. Trent H. Bowers, coordinator of human resources, Worthington City, tbowers@worthington.k12.oh.us

Editor's note

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

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Intermediate school principal	Midview Local (Lorain)	March 1	Sandy Trenchard , administrative assistant to the superintendent, Midview Local (Lorain), strenchard@midviewk12.org
Middle school principal	Worthington City	March 1	Dr. Trent H. Bowers, coordinator of human resources, Worthington City, tbowers@worthington.k12.oh.us
Elementary school principal	Worthington City	March 1	Dr. Trent H. Bowers, coordinator of human resources, Worthington City, tbowers@worthington.k12.oh.us

Board changes

Allen County ESC appointed **Ann Best** to the governing board effective immediately. She replaced **Philip Gordon**, who resigned effective Dec. 31 due to moving out of the county. ●●● **Copley-Fairlawn City** Board of Education member **Charles Dressler** announced his resignation effective Jan. 11. ●●● **Dayton City** appointed Rev. **William B. Schooler** to the board effective immediately. He replaced **Jeffrey J. Mims Jr.**, who was elected to the State Board of Education. ●●● **Howland Local (Trumbull)** Board of Education member **Paul Dieter** announced his resignation effective Jan. 31. ●●● **Ledgemont Local (Geauga)** appointed **James Cozens** to the board effective immediately. He replaced **Kenneth M. Stanley**, who resigned in December. ●●● **Liberty Union-Thurston Local (Fairfield)** Board of Education member **Joseph L. Farmer** resigned effective Jan. 18. He was appointed to a seat on the State Board of Education. ●●● **New Knoxville Local (Auglaize)** Board of Education member **Teresa Elshoff** resigned effective Jan. 18. She was appointed to a seat on the State Board of Education. ●●● **New Lexington City** appointed **Fredrick John Buchanan** to the board effective Jan. 31. He replaced **Michael D. Weiland**, who died Jan. 3. ●●● **River Valley Local (Marion)** appointed **Katie Chivington** to the board effective Jan. 13. She replaced **Kenny Stiverson**, who resigned effective Dec. 31. ●●● **Strongsville City** Board of Education member **J. Scott Maloney** announced his resignation effective Jan. 17. He was appointed to Strongsville City Council. ●●● **Tallmadge City** appointed **Christine Cipa** to the board effective Jan. 27. She replaced **Dennis Loughry**, who resigned to take a position as Tallmadge's public service director.

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OSBA Director of School Board Services position available

The Ohio School Boards Association is seeking qualified applicants for a full-time position as the Director of School Board Services. The successful candidate will provide leadership to the association; plan, develop, coordinate, monitor and evaluate all division activities; serve as a professional search consultant; produce and deliver workshops and retreats; provide consulting services to public school districts; and coordinate school board development programs. Knowledge and experience with school boards, school administration and strategic planning is required. Experience in management, supervision and adult training is essential. Must have a college degree in a related field and possess excellent written and oral communication skills. Public speaking, evening and weekend work and travel in Ohio are required. Send cover letter, résumé and salary expectations to Board Development Search, OSBA, 8050 N. High Street, Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235. No e-mail or online applications will be considered. Application deadline is Feb. 24, 2011. EOE



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Administrative changes

Superintendents

Cleveland Municipal hired **Peter Raskind** as interim chief executive officer effective Jan. 13. He replaced Dr. **Eugene T.W. Sanders**, who retired effective Feb. 1. ●●● **East Holmes Local (Holmes)** Superintendent **Joe Wengerd** announced his retirement effective June 30. ●●● **Fairfield County ESC** Superintendent Dr. **J. Larry Miller** announced his resignation effective June 30. ●●● **Independence Local (Cuyahoga)** hired **Steve Marlow** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **David Laurenzi**, who retired Dec. 31. Marlow is currently superintendent at **Twinsburg City**. ●●● **Mogadore Local (Summit)** hired Dr. **Christina Dinklocker** as superintendent effective Jan. 1. Dinklocker, former **Parma City** deputy superintendent, replaced **Terry Byers**, who retired. ●●● **Ravenna City** Superintendent Dr. **Tim Calfee** announced his retirement effective July 31. ●●● **Fairfield City** hired Curriculum Director **Roger Martin** as assistant superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Paul Otten**, who will become the district's superintendent effective Aug. 1.

Treasurers

Ledgemont Local (Geauga) Treasurer **James C. Vokac** announced his resignation effective Jan. 10. He took a position at **Field Local (Portage)**. ●●● **Martins Ferry City** hired **Karen Blake** as treasurer effective Jan. 1. She previously was the treasurer at **Jefferson County ESC**. Blake replaces **Albert A. Skulich**, who retired effective Dec. 31. ●●● **Ravenna City** Treasurer **Jerrold Meyer** announced his retirement effective July 31.

Sympathies

Former **Bedford City** Board of Education member **Claude Earl Weagraff Jr.** died Jan. 12. He was 87. ●●● **Gene Cox**, a member of the former **Butler Township (Darke)** Board of Education, died Jan. 16. He was 80. ●●● **Jefferson County ESC** and **Jefferson County JVSD** Board of Education member **Geno M. Morelli** died Jan. 29. He was 83. ●●● Former **Mayfield City** Board of Education member **Irene P. Kay** died Jan. 13. She was 90. ●●● Former **Nelsonville-York City** and **Tri-County Career Center** Board of Education member **Billy Robert Neal** died Jan. 12. He was 84. ●●● Former **Old Fort Local (Seneca)** Board of Education member **James D. Adelsperger** died Jan. 19. He was 69. ●●● **Michael D. Weiland**, board of education member at **New Lexington City** and **Tri-County Career Center**, died Jan. 3. He was 50. ●●● Former **Rolling Hills Local (Guernsey)** Board of Education member **R. Dale Kenney** died Jan. 12. He was 89. ●●● **Wayne E. Ullman**, a member of the former **Salem-Liberty** Board of Education in Washington County, died Jan. 27. He was 85. ●●● Former **Southeastern Local (Clark)** Board of Education member **Edwin Orr Florence** died Jan. 8. He was 95. ●●● **Springfield Local (Summit)** and **Portage Lakes Career Center** Board of Education member **Julie Mash** died Jan. 24. She was 52.

Running a district is hard

Lighten your load with an updated policy manual

You need an up-to-date policy manual to run your district effectively. OSBA can help. Our policy specialists will assist in updating your manual, ensuring your district's policies are current and up-to-date with the Ohio Revised Code.

Call Jeannette Radcliff, administrative assistant of management services, at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA, to begin updating your manual today.



REGIONAL ROUNDUP

by Angela Penquite, communication design manager

Register now for the spring region conferences

Spring might not quite be in the air yet, but it is right around the corner. So are the OSBA region spring conferences, which feature dinner, outstanding speakers, student entertainment and recognition of outstanding achievements.

The five OSBA regions host conferences in the spring and fall. These highly popular meetings bring together board members, administrators and guests to network and learn more about OSBA's activities in the region. The spring conferences also feature the presentation of the OSBA Award of Achievement and Master Board Member honors.

School board members can earn five credits toward the OSBA

Award of Achievement for attending a regional conference. For more information on the Award of Achievement program, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/43085> or contact OSBA. In addition, Ohio Revised Code Section 3315.15 authorizes the establishment of a service fund for board members. Such funds can be used for expenses incurred for meetings such as this.

OSBA President **Cathy Johnson**, **South-Western City**, and OSBA Executive Director **Richard Lewis** will travel to all of the meetings to greet attendees and provide association updates. Region officers and other OSBA staff members also will deliver updates and presentations.

Registration forms for all of the region events were published in the Jan. 24 issue of the OSBA *Briefcase*. The same information is available on the OSBA website at www.ohioschoolboards.org/Regions.

Following are brief previews of the 2011 spring region conferences, along with registration information.

Central Region

The Central Region will host its conference at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16, at the Villa Milano in Columbus. Region President **Cindy Crowe**, **Westerville City**, will preside over the evening.

Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Later in the evening, the region will recognize outstanding board members, teachers and school programs.

Registration is \$40 per person, or \$320 for a table seating eight. The registration deadline is Friday, March 11. For more information or questions, contact Dr. **Michael G. Grote**, regional manager, at (614) 527-4915 or mgrote@ohioschoolboards.org.

Northeast Region

The Northeast Region will meet

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**Searching for the right direction?
Let OSBA put you on the path to
success today!**

OSBA can help your district create a strategic plan to ensure you always know which path to take. Call **Kathy LaSota** at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA to get started on the right path today!



2011 Student Achievement Fair

OSBA Capital Conference

Nov. 15, 2011

OSBA invites your school district to:

- *Showcase an outstanding performing group!*
- *Showcase the exemplary programs that are improving student achievement in your district!*
- *Show us your best programs and tell us about your best practices!*

The OSBA Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair highlights outstanding initiatives from school districts across the state. OSBA is seeking another round of fresh, innovative programs or practices your district is willing to share with thousands of Ohio school district representatives. Programs and practices will be selected based on creativity and impact on student achievement. While multiple programs may be submitted for consideration, no more than two per district will be selected, so districts should prioritize their submissions.

Performing groups also will be selected to entertain attendees during the Student Achievement Fair. To be considered, submit an audio or video recording of the performing group.

Student Achievement Fair application

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2011 ● 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

____ Enclosed is a concise title and description of our **student achievement program** in 25 words or less, including what we think others will learn from our booth. (You may submit additional material that describes your program.)

Will you need electricity? ☐ Yes ☐ No

____ Enclosed is a title and description of the **performing group** that we would like to showcase at the Student Achievement Fair. (Include an audio or video recording of the performing group.)

Title of program or performing group: _____

Description: _____

Submitted by: _____ Title: _____

(Please inform the contact person as to your submission.)

Daytime phone: () _____ E-mail: _____

(Please print)

Contact person: _____ Title: _____

Daytime phone: () _____ E-mail: _____

(Please print)

Superintendent: _____ E-mail: _____

(Please print)

School district: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Ohio ZIP: _____

If selected, your district's program will be showcased in a 10x10-foot booth that can accommodate up to five people. (More details to follow). Applications may be submitted online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/SAF, or mail **student achievement program** applications to **Kathy LaSota**, deputy director of school board services, OSBA, 8050 N. High St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235. Mail your completed **performing group** application, with recording, to **Cheryl W. Ryan**, school board services consultant, at the above address. Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/SAF for specific details regarding the Student Achievement Fair. **Application deadline is Friday, April 22, 2011.**

School board members:

Learn about serving on career-tech boards

Wednesday, Feb. 23

6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Free teleworkshop

If you are going to serve on a career-tech board or would like to learn more about career-technical education (CTE) governance and how it differs from K-12 districts, read on.

While governing career-technical school districts is similar to K-12 districts, there are many differences. Most local, city and exempted village school board members have some knowledge of how career-tech schools operate, but generally only those who have served on career-tech boards really understand how they differ.



OSBA and the Ohio Association for Career and Technical Education created a program to prepare those new to serving on career-tech boards. While the program is aimed at newly appointed career-tech board members, all OSBA school board members are invited.

This **free**, three-hour teleworkshop will be held on Feb. 23 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Videoconferencing technology will deliver the live session to career-tech centers across Ohio. The program features experienced and respected board members, superintendents and a treasurer. Speakers will join the teleworkshop from Bellefontaine, Brecksville, Cincinnati and Columbus.

To register, contact your district or a nearby career-tech center. Career centers can sign up to be a host site by contacting Scott Ebright, OSBA deputy director of communication services, at sebright@ohioschoolboards.org; (614) 540-4000; or (800) 589-OSBA before Feb. 16. If you do not have the technical capabilities to be a host site, you are welcome to attend at a neighboring career-tech center. Board members completing the training will earn OSBA Award of Achievement points.

Agenda

6 p.m.

Welcome and introduction to the program

Scott Ebright, APR, deputy director of communication services, OSBA; and Christine Gardner, executive director, Ohio Association of Career Technical Education

6:15 p.m.

The difference between serving on K-12 and career-tech boards of education and how to be an effective dual board member

Kim Davis, superintendent, Ohio Hi-Point Career Center; and Dr. Robin White, superintendent, Great Oaks ITCD

7 p.m.

Panel discussion: What every new career-tech board member needs to know

Joyce Galbraith, board member, ESC of Central Ohio and Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technical Schools; Jaynie Lambert, board member, Fairbanks Local (Union) and Tolles Career and Technical Center; and William Spahr, board member, Xenia City and Greene County Career Center

7:45 p.m.

Break

8 p.m.

The difference between five-year forecasting for career-tech education and K-12 districts

Joy Clickenger, treasurer, Cuyahoga Valley Career Center

8:45 p.m.

Wrap up

If you have further questions on this innovative professional development opportunity, please contact Scott Ebright at sebright@ohioschoolboards.org; (614) 540-4000; or (800) 589-OSBA.

Management Development Series #1: Back to Basics: Negotiations 101

Wednesday, March 2
OSBA office, Columbus

10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Cost is \$80

Why do schools bargain with employee unions? How do negotiations work? What are the differences between traditional bargaining and interest-based bargaining? What happens at impasse? What is implementation all about? If any or all of these questions are on your mind, this workshop is for you. Back to the Basics: Negotiations 101 is designed for anyone unfamiliar with collective bargaining in Ohio's public schools. We will cover negotiations from beginning to end. We will focus on the entire context of negotiations, from Ohio law and the State Employment Relations Board through team selection, proposal/counterproposal development, at-the-table negotiations and impasse procedures, and different bargaining methods. There will be ample time for questions and answers. Whether you are an administrator or board member, if collective bargaining is new to you, or you never understood all parts of the process, this workshop will improve your knowledge and skills in this complex area. Presenters will be Van D. Keating, OSBA's director of management services, and Renee L. Fambro, OSBA's deputy director of labor relations.



Agenda

9:30 a.m.	Registration	12:30 p.m.	At-the-table strategies and techniques
10 a.m.	Introduction to collective bargaining in Ohio	1:15 p.m.	Break
11 a.m.	Break	1:30 p.m.	Impasse, implementation and strikes
11:15 a.m.	Getting started: selecting your team, issues and bargaining method	2 p.m.	Adjourn
Noon	Lunch (provided)		



We've got you covered

OSBA provides all school board members with a free \$100,000 accidental death and dismemberment insurance policy that covers them while they are performing their duties as board members.

Low-cost coverage upgrades

Now OSBA offers school board members, district administrators and their families the opportunity to purchase low-cost accidental death and dismemberment insurance that covers them at *all* times.

Coverage and enrollment

The coverage period runs annually from March 1 through Feb. 28. To enroll, you need to sign up by March 1, 2011. An enrollment form may be obtained from OSBA's website or by calling OSBA.



Please contact Janice Smith, OSBA chief financial officer, at (800) 589-OSBA; (614) 540-4000; or jsmith@ohioschoolboards.org for more information.

ESC Workshop



Friday, March 4

9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

OSBA office, 8050 N.
High St., Columbus

Cost is \$140

Board members and
administrators are
invited

OSBA is bringing you a dynamic day of professional development. From nuts and bolts to academics, this workshop will provide ESC board members, administrators and others with the resources they need to meet the challenges and opportunities ahead.

Agenda

8:30 a.m.	Registration	Noon	Lunch
9 a.m.	Welcome and opening remarks Kathy LaSota, deputy director of school board services, OSBA; and Craig Burford, executive director, Ohio Educational Service Center Association	12:45 p.m.	Effective grassroots advocacy for board members Jay Smith, lobbyist, OSBA
9:15 a.m.	Ohio school legal update Jessica L. Spears, staff attorney, OSBA	1:30 p.m.	ESC shared services panel Representatives from the Stark County ESC, Hamilton County ESC and Lorain County ESC
10 a.m.	Break	2:15 p.m.	ESC accreditation panel Representatives from the ESC of Central Ohio, ESC of Cuyahoga County, Muskingum Valley ESC and Jefferson County ESC
10:15 a.m.	Legislative update Tom Ash, director of governmental development, BASA		
11:15 a.m.	State budget update Craig Burford	3 p.m.	Public relations and communications through a community forum Representatives from the Allen County ESC
		3:45 p.m.	Adjourn


To register for this workshop, contact Laurie Miller, OSBA event manager, at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. You can register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/esc-workshop.

Special Education Law Workshop

Friday, March 11
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Doubletree Hotel
Columbus/
Worthington

Cost is \$140

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- 8:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast**
- 9 a.m. Ohio Department of Education (ODE) update**
The ODE Office of Exceptional Children will provide information on office initiatives, compliance issues, federal OSEP reviews and caseload ratios. Time for Q&A included.
- 10 a.m. Private placement and alternative settings**
William M. Deters II, Esq., Ennis, Roberts & Fischer Co. LPA, Cincinnati
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch (provided)**
- 12:30 p.m. More, more, more on 504**
Back by popular demand, the author of OSBA's *Special Education Law in Ohio* book provides a Section 504 recap and discussion of specific Section 504 topics. Time for Q&A included.
Susan E. Geary, Esq., Bricker & Eckler LLP, Columbus
- 1:40 p.m. Break**
- 1:50 p.m. Seclusion and restraint: concerns and solutions**
This session will discuss the concerns related to the use of seclusion and restraint, provide information on their use within Ohio schools and share current efforts designed to ensure that schools provide effective and safe behavior intervention procedures.
John E. Britton, Esq., Britton, Smith, Peters & Kalail Co. LPA, Cleveland
- 2:20 p.m. A road map to resolving special education conflicts**
Conflict happens. Join us for a session dedicated to handling the complaint process. Learn proactive ways to prevent the headaches — and expense — that can be caused by complaints. Time for Q&A included.
Christina Henagen Peer, Esq., Squire, Sanders & Dempsey LLP, Cleveland
- 3 p.m. Adjourn**
Unauthorized audio recording or videotaping of any session is strictly prohibited.

The Doubletree Hotel Columbus/Worthington is located at 175 Hutchinson Ave. in north Columbus. Take I-270 to exit 23/US 23 north toward Delaware. At the first traffic light, turn right onto East Campus View Boulevard. Turn right at the next light onto High Cross Boulevard. When High Cross ends you will be facing the Doubletree Hotel Columbus/Worthington.

Questions about workers' comp rates?

Get answers at the SchoolComp Workshops!



Hear the latest on the SchoolComp program, Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) changes and experience review. These sessions meet BWC's two-hour safety training requirement*.

The workshops will be held at five sites around Ohio, beginning at 8 a.m. and ending at 12:30 p.m. While there is no fee, registration is requested to accommodate those attending.

For registration, contact Laurie Miller at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

Agenda:

- 8 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast
- 8:15 a.m. Welcome and introductions
John Logue, vice president of association services, CompManagement Inc.; Van D. Keating, director of management services, OSBA; and Ohio Association of School Business Officials representative
- 8:30 a.m. Ten-Step Business Plan for Safety
Get an overview of the Ten-Step Business Plan for Safety and how this program can help your district actively manage workplace safety and health.
Janet Strausbaugh, CompManagement Inc.
- 9:15 a.m. Worksite wellness
Employee health and productivity are key ingredients for successful business outcomes. This session will discuss disease management versus injury management models with statistics, trends and opportunities for employers to consider in the workplace.
Dr. David Kessler, CompManagement HealthSystems Inc.
- 10 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. Unemployment compensation update
Learn what you need to know in order to properly defend an unemployment compensation claim.
Roger Baker, CompManagement Inc.
- 11 a.m. Rating programs: how to evaluate and choose the best option for your district
Review current BWC rating programs and get tips on how to best evaluate competing program options and performance.
John Logue
- 11:45 a.m. Accident investigations: searching for the real story
Explore basic accident investigation information to prevent and/or minimize future workplace accidents.
Janet Strausbaugh
- 12:30 p.m. Closing
John Logue

Dates and locations:

Program members should mark their calendars now to attend one of the following workshops:

► **Thursday, March 10**
Ohio University Inn & Conference Center, Athens

► **Tuesday, March 15**
Findlay Inn & Conference Center, Findlay

► **Thursday, March 17**
NEOUCOM, Rootstown

► **Thursday, March 24**
Holiday Inn I-275 North, Cincinnati

► **Monday, March 28**
OSBA office, Columbus

**BWC requires any public employer who is either group experience rated or "group retrospective rated to complete a two-hour training if they had a claim, medical only or loss time, in either 2009 or 2010. This requirement must be satisfied during calendar year 2011. If a district is "penalty-rated" and not, by BWC rules, eligible for a group program, they do not have this requirement, but can attend for the purposes of safety education.*



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State Legislative Conference

Wednesday, March 23 Hyatt on Capitol Square, 75 E. State St., Columbus
9 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost is \$100

Facing an estimated \$8 billion shortfall in the next state budget, Gov. John Kasich and the General Assembly are looking at a number of changes that could have a significant impact on Ohio public education. Among those is a cut in state funding to schools as high as 20%.

It's crucial that school district leaders let state officials know how these proposals might affect public education at the local level. The State Legislative Conference provides school board members, administrators and treasurers the opportunity to meet with their state legislators and discuss these and other issues impacting their schools.

The conference features a full slate of speakers, followed by a luncheon with state legislators and their aides. Attendees who have scheduled appointments will meet individually with their representatives during the afternoon. The cost for the conference and luncheon is just \$100.

During the morning, top speakers will address vital public education issues that affect every school district in the state, with a particular focus on the future of education in Ohio. Legislative experts will provide updates on the issues. They also will share talking points on key concerns, which attendees can use in discussions with their legislators during the luncheon and in future conversations. That is followed by a legislative update and charge from the OSBA legislative team to talk to your legislators during lunch. Don't miss this annual opportunity to have your voice heard at the Statehouse!

To register, contact **Laurie Miller**, OSBA events manager, at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. Register online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/89599>. Log onto <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/hyatt/capitol/> for directions and a map.

OSBA's Regional Spring Conferences

Southeast Region	Tuesday, March 1	Southwest Region	Tuesday, March 15
Southeast Region	Thursday, March 3	Central Region	Wednesday, March 16
Northwest Region	Thursday, March 10	Northeast Region	Wednesday, March 23

To register for your region's annual spring conference, contact your regional manager at the address below or print the registration forms found at www.ohioschoolboards.org/Regions.

Southeast Region, March 1

Pike County Career Technology Center, Piketon

Cost: \$35

Reservation deadline: Feb. 22

Contact: Paul D. Mock

Southeast regional manager

685 E. Main St.

Logan, OH 43138-1737

Phone: (740) 385-5240

Fax: (740) 380-2487

E-mail: pmock@ohioschoolboards.org

Southeast Region, March 3

Coshocton County Career Center, Coshocton

Cost: \$35

Reservation deadline: Feb. 22

Contact: Paul D. Mock

Southeast regional manager

685 E. Main St.

Logan, OH 43138-1737

Phone: (740) 385-5240

Fax: (740) 380-2487

E-mail: pmock@ohioschoolboards.org

Northwest Region, March 10

Apollo Career Center, Lima

Cost: \$30

Reservation deadline: March 4

Contact: Dr. Judy Jackson May

Northwest regional manager

517 Education Building

Bowling Green, OH 43403

Phone: (419) 372-7373

E-mail: jjacksonmay@ohioschoolboards.org

Southwest Region, March 15

Great Oaks ITCD, Scarlet Oaks Campus, Cincinnati

Cost: \$35

Reservation deadline: March 9

Contact: Ronald J. Diver

Southwest regional manager

8797 Meadowlark Drive

Franklin, OH 45005

Phone: (937) 746-7641

E-mail: rdiver@ohioschoolboards.org

Central Region, March 16

Villa Milano, Columbus

Cost: \$40

Reservation deadline: March 11

Contact: Dr. Michael G. Grote

Central regional manager

PO Box 3323

Dublin, OH 43016

Phone: (614) 527-4915

E-mail: mgrote@ohioschoolboards.org

Northeast Region, March 23

Wayne County Schools Career Center, Smithville

Cost: \$35

Reservation deadline: March 18

Contact: Jeff Chambers

Interim northeast regional manager

8050 N. High St., Ste. 100

Columbus, OH 43235

Phone: (614) 540-4000

E-mail: jchambers@ohioschoolboards.org

Authority for reimbursement

Ohio Revised Code Section 3315.15 authorizes the establishment of a service fund for board members. Such funds may be used for expenses incurred for meetings such as this one.

Award of Achievement

These conferences entitle board members to five Award of Achievement credits.

More information and directions to each location can be found at www.ohioschoolboards.org.

OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show

Nov. 13–16, 2011 • Columbus

Share your expertise and experience. OSBA invites you to submit a presentation overview for the 2011 OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show. OSBA's Capital Conference Planning Task Force will evaluate and select presentations based on criteria such as high interest and relevance; creativity and innovation; success supported by positive results; and solid, practical, how-to information. Creative formats and student involvement in programs are encouraged. Final selections will be made in May. To nominate a speaker or propose another topic, please use the form on the next page. Duplicate the form if you would like to make multiple nominations. Suggested topics include, but are not limited to, those listed below. Learning tracks are in bold.

Selected learning tracks

Administration

Administration-led new board member orientation
Chain-of-command issues
Crisis planning
Impact of professional development
Internal consolidation (registration, etc.)
Measuring value-added services
Power of persuasion
Superintendent and treasurer succession planning
Teacher evaluations
Teacher mentoring

Board development

Big districts, big headaches
Board-appointed OSBA liaisons
Board discipline
Board management relations
Board member job description
Board policy for crisis planning
Board/administration relations for all district sizes
Boardmanship 201
Closing schools
Consensus
Intergenerational boards
Managing board conflicts and image
New board member 101
New board member orientation
NSBA national survey of board members
Public records
Public speaking
Running effective board meetings
School finance 101
Developing a strategic plan for your district
Sunshine Law and executive sessions
Tools for evaluating administrators
Understanding teacher compensation
What is the Ohio Department of Education?

What the board needs to know from the treasurer

Career education/ESC

Adult education
Best school-to-work models
Building effective community relations
Career-tech and credit flexibility
Effectively using your ESC
ESC accreditation and AdvancED process
High Schools That Work
Integrating traditional school and JVS staff
Recruiting career-tech students
Skills USA
Understanding today's career-tech education options
Workforce readiness

Community relations

Accommodating the public
Building effective community partnerships
Business education forum
Customer service with the public
Dealing with community conflict
Effective booster groups
Evaluating parent consultants (Title I)
Garnering support for levies
Higher education conversation
How to run a successful levy campaign
Marketing your district
Partnerships that support core academic standards
Public engagement strategies before the levy
Working with the media

Finance/facilities

Alternative energy projects (wind turbine, solar)
Cooperative purchasing
Creative financing
Future of the Ohio School Facilities Commission

House Bill 264 for technology use
Insurance consortia
KnowledgeWorks study
Outsourcing
School buildings as community resources
School funding
SF3 funding (evidence-based funding)
Rules and understanding of spending federal money
Understanding financial reports

Hot topics

Charter schools
Closing schools/buildings
Defending public education
Diversity and inclusion programs
Dress codes
Emerging trends in student discipline
Extending the school day
Grassroots advocacy
KnowledgeWorks study
Merger, consolidation and territory transfers
Process of change
Shared personnel
Shared services
Sponsoring community schools
STEM programs and resources
Update on Race to the Top

Human resources

2011 bargaining trends
Characteristics of good and bad teachers
Controlling health care costs
Impact of charter schools on your district
Maximizing volunteer efficiency
Measuring the impact of professional development
Pension reform
Reduction in force
Retire/rehire

Instruction

Creativity and innovation
Curriculum mapping

Gifted programs
Keeping the arts strong in a tough economy
Missing-link curriculum
New classroom technology
One-to-one computing
Online learning possibilities
School-to-work models
Service learning — implementing and tracking
What do I do with all this data?

Legal

Cyberbullying
Education advisory councils
Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act
Guide to collective bargaining
How a bill becomes a law
Rules for executive sessions
Social media concerns
Sunshine Law and public records
Superintendent contract renewals and timing
Teacher licensure and tenure
What you want to know ... can we legally?

Organizational outlook

Getting to know the State Board of Education
Ohio High School Athletic Association
What is the Ohio Department of Education?

Safety and wellness

Bedbugs and other infestations
Childhood obesity
Gangs in Ohio schools
Nutrition
Role of the school resource officer
Staff wellness programs that work

Student achievement

Accountability — primer system
Closing the achievement gap

Ohio Improvement Process
Race to the Top update
Special education profile
Student achievement programs that work
Student data mapping
Turning around lowest performing districts
Understanding the local report card

Student issues

Autism
Discipline — what's working?
Dropout prevention
Educating foster and adopted children
Education guidelines for student athletes
Engaging high-performing students
Increasing parental involvement
Parental engagement programs
Portfolio building — what does higher education want?
Serving homeless students
Serving special education students
Transportation discipline
Understanding today's low-income students

Technology

Effective use of social media
Googlicious
How to use the OSBA website
One-to-one technology
What is a dashboard and do I have one?

21st century learning

Credit flexibility
Next-generation learning
Seniors-to-sophomores
Single-gender schools
“Waiting for Superman” — what's next?
What brain research is telling us

2011 Capital Conference speaker nomination form

We want you! Speak and share your knowledge at the 2011 OSBA Capital Conference

Nov. 13–16 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center



Title of breakout presentation: _____ (please limit to 40 characters)

Presentation format: ☐ panel ☐ open microphone ☐ dialogue ☐ debate ☐ role-play

Select a learning track from the list on the next page that best describes the topic: _____

Main contact's name: _____
District/firm: _____
Address: _____
City, ZIP: _____
Title: _____

Phone (day): _____
Phone (cell): _____
E-mail address: _____

Please list all co-presenters' names and information:

Name: _____
District/firm: _____
Title: _____
Address: _____
City, ZIP: _____
Phone (day): _____
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E-mail address: _____

In 50 words or fewer, describe the presentation and specific skills or knowledge participants will gain by the end of your session. OSBA reserves the right to edit the description for use in the *Conference Guide*. (Please feel free to submit additional material that describes your program.)

Submitted by: _____
(Please inform the speaker(s) as to your submission)
District/firm: _____
Address: _____
City, ZIP: _____

Title: _____
Phone (day): _____
Phone (cell): _____
E-mail address: _____

Rules for proposal submissions

1. Submit as many ideas as you wish. Just make sure each overview incorporates all the requested information (use a separate sheet of paper if necessary).
2. Your proposal must be complete (title, short description and up to two pages of supporting information) to qualify for consideration.
3. Proposals must be received in the OSBA office by **5 p.m., March 21, 2011**. You are encouraged to submit your proposal as soon as possible. Use one form per topic. This page may be duplicated.
4. Speakers agree to supply OSBA with handout material for distribution to attendees by **Oct. 14, 2011**.
5. **Internet drops and computers will not be available for the presentation.**
6. Presentations must be product- and vendor-neutral **and** include a member school district.
7. **Selected presenters are required to register with their district or exhibiting company for the conference.**

Please return this form to **Judy Morgan**, administrative assistant of school board services.
Please contact **Rob Delane**, deputy executive director and director of school board services, or Judy Morgan with questions.
Send to OSBA, 8050 N. High St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235-6481 or fax to (614) 540-4100.
USE ONE FORM PER TOPIC/RECOMMENDATION. THIS PAGE MAY BE DUPLICATED.



Save the date

Mark your calendar for these important workshops.

February 23

*Career-tech Board Training
Teleworkshop*
free, teleworkshop

March 2

Management Development Series #1
OSBA office, Columbus
\$80, half day

March 4

ESC Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
\$140, full day

March 10

SchoolComp Workshop
Ohio University Inn, Athens
Free, half day

March 11

Special Education Law Workshop
DoubleTree, Columbus
\$140, full day

March 15

SchoolComp Workshop
Findlay Inn & Conference Center,
Findlay
Free, half day

March 17

SchoolComp Workshop
NEOUCOM, Rootstown
Free, half day

March 23

State Legislative Conference
Hyatt on Capitol Square
\$100, mini-workshop

March 24

SchoolComp Workshop
Holiday Inn I-275 North,
Cincinnati
Free, half day

March 28

SchoolComp Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
Free, half day

April 29-30

Board Leadership Institute
Hilton Polaris, Columbus
\$235, two days

May 10

*Management Development Series
#2: Senate Bill 210*
OSBA office, Columbus
\$80, half day

May 17

Cyberlaw Workshop
Embassy Suites, Dublin
\$140, full day

May 25

Transportation Roundtable
OSBA office, Columbus
\$40, half day

June 10

OCSBA Spring Conference
Cherry Valley Lodge, Newark
\$175, full day

June 24

Sports Law Workshop
Embassy Suites Airport, Columbus
\$140, full day

July 16

Pre-board Candidate Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
Free, mini-workshop

August 5

Back-to-School Workshop
Embassy Suites Airport, Columbus
\$140, full day

August 17

*Budget Analysis and Discussion
(BAD) Workshop*
Hyatt Regency, Columbus
\$185, includes CD-ROM, full day



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Management Development Series #1

☐ March 2, Columbus, \$80

ESC Workshop

☐ March 4, Columbus, \$140

SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop

☐ March 10, Athens, free

☐ March 15, Findlay, free

☐ March 17, Rootstown, free

☐ March 24, Cincinnati, free

☐ March 28, Columbus, free

Special Education Law Workshop

☐ March 11, Columbus, \$140

State Legislative Conference

☐ March 23, Columbus, \$100

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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Phone
or fax



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OSBA Registration Hotline,
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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.

Regional Roundup, continued from page 6

on Wednesday, March 23, at the **Wayne County Schools Career Center** in Smithville. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with registration and socializing. Region President **Susie Lawson, Tri-County ESC** and Wayne County Schools Career Center, will preside.

Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m., with the program to follow at 7:30 p.m. Outstanding board members and teachers will be honored during the recognition portion of the program.

Registration is \$35 per person; the deadline is Friday, March 18. For additional information, contact **Jeff Chambers**, interim regional manager at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or jchambers@ohioschoolboards.org.

Northwest Region

The Northwest Region gathers on Thursday, March 10, at the **Apollo Career Center** in Lima. Registration and socializing begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner. Presiding will be Northwest Region President Dr. **Angela Zimmann, Lucas County ESC**.

The region will recognize its past executive committee members, along with outstanding board members, administrators and teachers. It also will present two new awards: the Northwest Region Excellence Award for Outstanding Leadership: Who's Who in the Northwest Region, and the Northwest Region Humanitarian Award: "Super Bowl Sweep Stock your Food Pantry Week" Award.

Registration is \$30 per person, or \$160 for a table of six. The deadline to register is Friday, March 4. For questions or more information, contact Dr. **Judy Jackson May**, regional manager, at (419) 372-7373 or jjacksonmay@ohioschoolboards.org.

Southeast Region

The Southeast Region always hosts two spring conferences. This year's events are on Tuesday, March 1, at **Pike County Career Technology Center**, and Thursday, March 3, at **Coshocton County Career Center**. Region President **W. Bryce Watt, Muskingum Valley ESC**, will preside over the conferences.

Both sessions begin at 5:30 p.m. with a social period followed by dinner. The region will recognize its past executive committee members, outstanding board members and teachers, and OSBA Student Achievement Fair participants.

Registration is \$35 per person; the deadline is Tuesday, Feb. 22. For more information, contact **Paul D. Mock**, regional manager, at (740) 385-5240 or pmock@ohioschoolboards.org.

Southwest Region

The Southwest Region will meet at the **Great Oaks ITCD** Scarlet Oaks Campus in Cincinnati on Tuesday, March 15. The conference begins at 5:15 p.m. with a social period, followed by dinner. Region President **JoAnn W. Feltner, Franklin City**, will preside.

Those to be recognized include the 2011 Southwest Region President's Award honoree and outstanding board members and teachers.

Registration is \$35 per person; the deadline is Wednesday, March 9. For further information, contact Regional Manager **Ronald J. Diver** at (937) 746-7641 or rdiver@ohioschoolboards.org.

The region conferences are great places to meet new friends, get reacquainted with old colleagues and discover what's going on in other school districts in your area. They also are full of valuable information from around the state and region. Be sure to take advantage of these outstanding opportunities to pick up new ideas, get updated on OSBA activities and learn from your fellow board members.

We hope to see you there.

OSBA can help facilitate your labor agreements

OSBA has:

- highly trained negotiators,
 - a wealth of auxiliary services,
 - consultants who work with the board's interest in mind.
- Please call Van D. Keating, OSBA director of management services, at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA for more information.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

by Angela Penquite, communication design manager

Young scientist challenge

The Discovery Education/3M Young Scientist Challenge is a national science competition to encourage the exploration of science among America's youth and promote the importance of science communication. Students must submit a video entry online demonstrating their understanding of the scientific concepts explained and their comfort in discussing science in general.

Maximum award: \$25,000

Eligibility: students in grades five through eight

Deadline: April 15

Contact: www.youngscientistchallenge.com/11challenge/index.html

Rewarding young leaders

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes honors outstanding young leaders who have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet. Nominees must have been the prime mover of a service activity and demonstrated positive spirit and high moral purpose in accomplishing their goals. Candidates must be nominated by responsible adults who have solid knowledge of the young person's heroic activities and are not related to the nominee.

Maximum award: \$2,500

Eligibility: youth ages 8-18

Deadline: April 30

Contact: www.barronprize.org

Grants for scientific education

The American Honda Foundation engages in grantmaking that reflects the basic tenets, beliefs and philosophies of Honda companies, which are characterized by the following qualities: imaginative, creative, youthful, forward-thinking, scientific, humanistic and innovative. It supports youth education with a specific focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects in addition to the environment.

Maximum award: \$60,000

Eligibility: public schools with

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Need help reaching a peaceful agreement?

OSBA's bargaining consultation services offer your district comprehensive representation services during negotiations, and/or traditional and alternative bargaining styles.



Bargaining consultation clients receive:

- low-cost service fees;
- flexible rates;
- experienced negotiators;
- statewide experience.

For more information on how bargaining consultation can work for your district, contact OSBA's management services division at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.

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two years of audited financial statements examined by an independent CPA for the purpose of expressing an opinion

Deadline: May 1

Contact: <http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf>

Awards for excellence in teaching math, science

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) are among the nation's highest honors for math and science teachers, and recognize highly qualified teachers for their contributions in the classroom and to their profession. The goal is to exemplify the highest standards of mathematics and science teaching. Anyone — principals, teachers, parents, students or members of the general public — may nominate a teacher by completing the nomination form available on the PAEMST website by April 1. The teacher must complete the applications by May 2.

Maximum award: \$60,000

Eligibility: Seventh- through 12-grade teachers with five years experience teaching math or science

Deadline: May 2

Contact: www.paemst.org/controllers/home.cfc?method=view

'WILD School Sites' grants available

The Ohio Department of

Natural Resources Division of Wildlife has grants available to help teachers develop "WILD School Sites" on their campuses. These sites enable teachers to take lesson plans outdoors, bringing environmental education concepts to life. Funds can be used to purchase materials, equipment and

activities needed to develop "WILD School Sites."

Maximum award: \$500

Eligibility: teachers who have successfully used Project WILD in their classrooms

Deadline: May 31

Contact: www.wildohio.com

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Children are our future and there is no greater investment than a child's education. By joining OSBA's political action committee, *Kids PAC*, you are helping to ensure all children in Ohio receive the quality education they deserve!

To learn more about *Kids PAC*, contact OSBA at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Michelle Francis, lobbyist

Final committee assignments set as legislative action begins

Senate President **Tom Niehaus** (R-New Richmond) recently announced the chamber's committee assignments and chairs, changing the panel lineup to some extent. Here are the members of some key Senate committees pertaining to education:

Senate Education Committee

- Chair: Sen. **Peggy Lehner** (R-Kettering)
- Vice chair: Sen. **Gayle Manning** (R-North Ridgeville)
- Sen. **Bill Beagle** (R-Tipp City)
- Sen. **Gary Cates** (R-West Chester)
- Sen. **Cliff Hite** (R-Findlay)
- Sen. **Larry Obhof** (R-Montville Township)
- Ranking minority member: Sen. **Tom Sawyer** (D-Akron)
- Sen. **Shirley Smith** (D-Cleveland)
- Sen. **Charleta Tavares** (D-Columbus)

Senate Finance Committee

- Chair: Sen. **Chris Widener** (R-Springfield)
- Vice chair: Sen. **Shannon Jones** (R-Springboro)
- Sen. **Kevin Bacon** (R-Columbus)
- Sen. **David Daniels** (R-Greenfield)
- Sen. **Keith Faber** (R-Celina)
- Sen. **Peggy Lehner** (R-Kettering)
- Sen. **Scott Oelslager** (R-Canton)

- Sen. **Tom Patton** (R-Strongsville)
- Sen. **Jimmy Stewart** (R-Albany)
- Ranking minority member: Sen. **Mike Skindell** (D-Lakewood)
- Sen. **Eric Kearney** (D-Cincinnati)
- Sen. **Tom Sawyer** (D-Akron)
- Sen. **Shirley Smith** (D-Cleveland)

House Bill 30 likely to move

House Bill (HB) 30, sponsored by Rep. **Randy Gardner** (R-Bowling Green), would eliminate spending and reporting requirements for most of the components of the Ohio Evidence Based Model (OEBM), eliminate the requirement that school districts offer all-day kindergarten and allow districts to continue charging tuition for all-day kindergarten on a sliding scale.

However, one provision that would remain, even with the passage of HB 30, is the mandate for spending gifted education funds according to the OEBM breakdown. The State Board of Education is currently developing rules for gifted education spending requirements and that process would continue. The current proposal is very prescriptive about how districts have to spend the money and how many staff positions must be filled. In addition, HB 30 limits the number

of years districts that have previously not received gifted "unit funding" can get a waiver. Therefore, even though the bill would repeal reporting requirements related to OEBM, it does not repeal reporting and spending requirements related to gifted funding that are currently being developed.

OSBA and the Ohio Association of School Business Officials sent a joint letter to Gardner urging him to remove the gifted spending mandates, along with other OEBM reporting requirements. We also shared with him our previous communications to the State Board of Education about the development of the board's gifted spending rules. All of those documents can be found on OSBA's website at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/44251>. If HB 30 is meant to relieve districts of mandates, then the gifted spending rules should be repealed as well.

We have been working with Gardner to make changes to the bill since its introduction and a substitute version of it was recently introduced with the following changes:

- Districts may continue to require family and civic engagement teams



PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Gary Motz, editorial manager

More than 1,000 students vie in debate, speech competition

The Sylvania Invitational debate and speech tournament attracted a record number of participants to northwest Ohio over the Martin Luther King Jr. Day weekend.

Sylvania City Schools hosted 1,100 students from around Ohio for one of the largest speech and debate competitions in the state.

The tournament was conducted at two of the district's high schools and one of its junior highs. Forty-four Ohio high schools were represented. More than 300 adults

took part as judges and coaches.

The event was organized into nine categories for speech and three for debate. It also featured a Student Congress, in which contestants debated hypothetical pieces of legislation, much as actual representatives and senators do.

In one event, students debated the issue of prosecuting violent juvenile offenders as adults. In the impromptu speaking category, students drew quotes from

envelopes and interpreted them.

A coach attending the event told a local newspaper that the Sylvania competition is popular with speech and debate coaches because it provides good practice for the state tournament, which is scheduled for March. Another coach said that since competitors must argue both sides of an issue in different rounds, they learn to respect the beliefs and ideas of other contestants.

Source: toledoblade.com.

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if it is part of their agreement to be in compliance with the federal Race to the Top grant.

- Districts would continue "closing the achievement gap" support services spending requirements if this is part of their Race to the Top grant.

- Eliminates the textbook and instructional material set-asides requirement.

- Delays enforcement of the State Board of Education gifted spending rules for one year.

- If state budget cuts are made to education, school districts and educational service centers would be permitted to reduce their expenditures for gifted student services for fiscal year (FY) 2012

and FY 2013 by an amount proportionate to the amount their total funding is reduced from the previous year.

We are continuing to work with Gardner on modifications to the gifted spending requirements. If you have any comments or suggestions on any of these modifications, please contact OSBA. It appears as though HB 30 could move quickly through the Ohio House. It is currently being deliberated in the House Education Committee, but will be reported out soon.

OSBA Bill Tracker updated

We recently updated the OSBA Bill Tracker for the 129th session of

the Ohio General Assembly. Be sure to log in to the OSBA website periodically for current legislative information. We use bill-tracking software that lists current legislation that may affect public education. Also listed are new proposals and committee updates, including testimony. Bill Tracker can be found at www.ohio-schoolboards.org/129th-general-assembly.

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

Editor's note: All information in this article was current as of Feb. 4, 2011.

February 2011

- 17-19 AASA Conference Denver
23 OSBA Career-tech Board Training
Teleworkshop

March 2011

- 1 *Last day to take action on nonrenewal of superintendent's contract — RC 3319.01; last day to take action on nonrenewal of treasurer's contract (contracts entered into after March 30, 2007) — RC 3313.22.*
1 OSBA Southeast Region Spring Conference #1 Piketon
2 OSBA Management Development Series #1 Columbus
3 OSBA Southeast Region Spring Conference #2 Coshocton
4 OSBA ESC Workshop Columbus
10 SchoolComp Workshop Athens
10 OSBA Northwest Region Spring Conference Lima
11 OSBA Special Education Law Workshop Columbus
15 SchoolComp Workshop Findlay
15 OSBA Southwest Region Spring Conference Cincinnati
16 OSBA Central Region Spring Conference Columbus

- 17 SchoolComp Workshop Rootstown
23 OSBA Northeast Region Spring Conference Smithville
23 OSBA State Legislative Conference Columbus
24 SchoolComp Workshop Cincinnati
28 SchoolComp Workshop Columbus
31 *Last day to take action to nonrenew contracts of administrators other than superintendent — RC 3319.02.*

April 2011

- 4 *Last day for voter registration for May election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30 days prior to the election).*
9-11 NSBA 71st Annual Conference & Exposition San Francisco
15 *Last day for certain board members and administrators to file financial disclosure forms with the Ohio Ethics Commission — RC 102.02.*
25 *Last day to submit certification for August income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to the election).*
29 *Last day to submit August emergency or current operating expenses levy to county auditor for August election — RC 5705.194, 5705.213 (95 days prior to the election).*

- 29-30 OSBA Board Leadership Institute Columbus
30 *Last day to give written notice of intent not to re-employ teachers — RC 3319.11(D) (1); and nonteaching employees — RC 4141.29(I)(1)(e).*

May 2011

- 1 OSBA Southeast Region Executive Committee Meeting Zanesville
3 *Primary/Special Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after the first Monday).*
4 *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 August election — RC 133.18(D); last day for county auditor to certify school district bond levy terms for August election — RC 133.18(C); last day to submit continuing replacement, permanent improvement or operating levy for August election to board of elections — RC 5705.192, 5705.21, 5705.25; last day to certify resolution for school district income tax levy for August election to board of elections — RC 5748.02(C); last day to submit emergency levy for August election to board of elections — RC 5705.195.*