



# Central News

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## NICHOLSON SPRING CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKER



We are delighted to welcome Mike Nicholson, senior director of research at Battelle for Kids, as our spring conference keynote speaker. Nicholson will speak about the “Locally Developed Graduate Portrait,” a process a growing number of districts are undertaking to reconsider and update the goals of their students’

schooling. In short, the process begins with a very intriguing look at shifts in society and considering what these landscape changes mean for the competencies districts desire in their graduates. Examples of the process and resulting district graduate portraits will be shared.

Nicholson has an extensive background in education, assessment and technology and has a wealth of knowledge and experience in standards-based education, instructional leadership and using value-added analysis to inform teaching and learning.

As a senior director, Nicholson provides counsel to support strategic planning and coordinates internal and external research initiatives and assists with the creation and delivery of professional development resources for educators.

Most recently Nicholson served as the superintendent for Glenview School District 34 in Glenview, IL. Prior to that role, he was the executive director of secondary learning for Olentangy Local (Delaware) Schools.

Spring Conference will be held on March 7. See related article.

## STATE LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Tuesday, March 6  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The State Legislative Conference, held at the Sheraton Columbus at Capitol Square, provides school board members, administrators and treasurers a great venue to meet with their state legislators and discuss issues impacting public education. It is a golden opportunity to get the message out on the importance of investing in strong public schools and putting a local face on these issues.

During the morning session, school district leaders will hear briefings on proposed legislation that can be used in discussions with their legislators during lunch and in office visits later that day. Participants will also hear from legislative leaders about their views on public education and other priorities.

Reservations for this conference are made by using the following link:

<https://www.ohioschoolboards.org/events/view/state-legislative-conference>

## CENTRAL REGION LEADERSHIP



*Lee Schreiner passing the gavel to Amy Eyman*

2017 OSBA Central Region President Lee Schreiner of South-Western City, led the region executive committee through another successful year. Under Schreiner's direction, the region increased the number of members who contributed to *KidsPAC*, provided professional development and support opportunities at the region's legislative open house and recruited five new members to the executive and other region committees. Additionally, a state policy maker attended an executive committee meeting and Kim Miller-Smith, regional manager visited 28 district board meetings.

Schreiner has served OSBA as a member of the OSBA Board of Trustees, OSBA Executive Committee, OSBA Capital Conference Planning Task Force, Black Caucus and a member of the Federal Relations Network. Locally, he has served as his board's

delegate to the OSBA Delegate Assembly, many community committees and board vice president.

In January, we welcomed Amy Eyman, Lancaster City, as region president. She has served on the board for 10 years, leading as president for five of those years and serving on numerous board standing committees. Eyman is active in several community committees such as the Lancaster Rotary Club and is a member of Philanthropy Ohio and Central Ohio Charitable Gift Planners. Eyman is the executive director of the Fairfield County Foundation. The foundation awards grants to nonprofit organizations, scholarships to students and works with donors to achieve their philanthropic goals. She has been with the foundation for 18 years.

A native of Lancaster and a proud graduate of Lancaster High School, Eyman has a Bachelor of Science from the College of Health and Human Services, Ohio University, Athens. Eyman will continue to make the Central Region a vibrant support for its 102 public school districts.

## UPCOMING EVENT DATES

Central Region Spring Conference  
Board Leadership Institute  
Committee Nomination (region/state)  
Outstanding Board Member nomination  
Region Award Deadline  
Central Region Legislative Open House  
Central Region Fall Conference

March 7  
April 27-28  
June 30  
June 30  
July 1  
Aug. 22  
Sept. 19



## BOARD LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE, APRIL 27-28



Make plans to attend the only two-day (Friday-Saturday) professional development event in the state designed exclusively *by* board members *for* school board members. The Board Leadership Institute (BLI) provides new and veteran board members across Ohio information to help guide their districts forward. Attendees receive up-to-date information on topics such as student achievement, finance, school law, legislative issues and board development.

The institute also features enlightening keynote speakers, networking luncheons, an on-site OSBA Bookstore and plenty of opportunities to share ideas and best practices with other board members and association staff.

To register for BLI, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/33166> or contact OSBA Senior Events Manager Laurie Miller at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org).

The event is held at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris. Contact the Hilton Columbus/Polaris at (614) 885-1600 for room availability.

### SPRING CONFERENCE 2018

Reserve your seat today for the OSBA Central Region Spring Conference on **Wednesday, March 7**. The event will be held at Villa Milano Banquet and Conference Center, 1630 Schrock Road, Columbus.

The Central Region will recognize outstanding schools and programs and veteran board members with 10, 15 and 20 years of service. Additionally, we will honor board members who have earned the Award of Achievement or Master Board Member distinction. The awards portion of the conference provides the region's membership an opportunity to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of fellow board members and instructional leaders.

Spring conference is also a professional development opportunity for district leadership. OSBA's experts will deliver pertinent legislative and association updates and like other conferences, we will feature a keynote speaker. Mike Nicholson, senior director of research at Battelle for Kids, will deliver our keynote address. This session promises to be thought-provoking. (See related article on p. 1)

New this year - Reservations will be made online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/crspring2018> allowing individuals and school districts to pay with a personal or district credit card. Registration deadline for this event is Feb. 28.

We are looking forward to seeing you on March 7.



## MEYERS NAMED CENTRAL REGION ALL-OHIO SCHOOL BOARD

Each November, five board members across the state receive the Ohio School Boards Association's most prestigious honor, the All-Ohio School Board Award. One member from each region is selected from the pool of Outstanding Board Member nominations to become the region's All-Ohio recipient.

Earning this Award is not an easy feat. Competition is heavy and the qualifications are considerable. Board members who receive this award benefit greatly, both in their personal and professional lives, not because of the award per se, but because of the service and dedication to his or her school district that guided the journey to the recognition.

The Central Region Executive Committee selected **Jeff Meyers, Madison Local (Richland)**, for the All-Ohio School Board, OSBA's most prestigious award.



*Jeff Meyers, Madison Local (Richland)  
Central Region All-Ohio School Board*

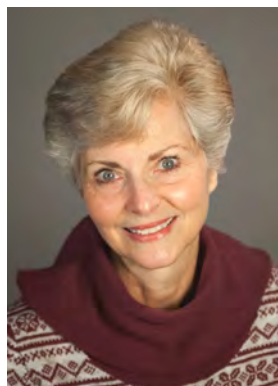
All-Ohio winners are selected from the region's Outstanding Board Member nominations. The selection committee evaluates nominees who are concerned for the education and welfare of children, make the necessary time commitments, invest in their personal professional development, practice good decision-making, work with their fellow board members as a team and follow OSBA's code of ethics.

Meyers has served the district for 20 years and held the position of president for 11 of those years. He has served as a member of the athletic board of control, is a high school soccer referee, a rules interpreter for the Ohio High School Athletic Association and a softball umpire. He has been an instrumental voice on the district's construction committee during building projects and has shown honest and determined leadership throughout his tenure.

Congratulations, Jeff!

## LONGSTANDING SERVICE TO PUBLIC EDUCATION

Being a board member is rewarding, but it also has its challenges. Serving a district as a board member for 30 years or more is not a common occurrence. In fact, only 2% of OSBA's board members reach such a service milestone. Two Central Region members recently accomplished this very feat. Congratulations and thank you to these skilled and dedicated board members for their 30 years of service: Dr. Marguerite Bennett, Mount Vernon City and Knox County Career Center and Deborah Shaw, Logan Elm Local (Pickaway).



*Dr. Marguerite Bennett*



*Deborah Shaw*

## POLITICALLY SUPPORTING OHIO'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS



How can we elect state legislators who truly understand and support public education? The answer is simple. Help such people get elected to office. You can aid that cause by contributing to *Kids PAC*.

Political action committees (PACs) are accounts from which contributions to political campaigns can be made. Established by the OSBA Executive Committee to give board members the opportunity to belong to a PAC whose membership is aware of the problems facing boards of education and whose goals were aimed at dealing with those issues, *Kids PAC* provides a way for members to focus attention on the legislative agenda and support lawmakers who believe in these same goals.

As we advocate for the future of public education, it is important to understand that political action committees are part of the process.

*Kids PAC* contributions can be made by check for any amount or by cash for up to \$100. By law, school district and corporate checks cannot be accepted. Credit card donations for any amount can be made at **[kidspac.org](http://kidspac.org)**, and all contributors will be recognized in the OSBA Journal.

*Please note that contributions are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.*

For more information or to obtain a membership form, contact OSBA Senior Administrative Assistant of Legislative Services Marcella Gonzalez at [mgonzalez@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:mgonzalez@ohioschoolboards.org) or (614) 540-4000.



### PLEASE NOTE

Please direct all correspondence to regional manager, Kim Miller-Smith, 8050 N. High Street, Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235. Please share this information with appropriate district personnel and change your records.

## CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

**Two hundred fifty-three people attended** the 2017 Central Region Fall Conference, held on Sept. 27 and enjoyed Villa Milano's excellent meal and social hour. Attendees were entertained by South-Western City's Franklin Heights High School "After Dark," a jazz combo, and heard presentations from OSBA Executive Director, Richard Lewis; OSBA President Denise Baba, Streetsboro City; and OSBA Director of Legislative Services Jennifer Hogue. Tei Street, education director, The Ohio State University, presented an inspiring keynote address.

One **Outstanding Teacher**, (teacher/teachers nominated for the Ohio Teacher of the Year) Jonathan Juravich (Olentangy Local-Delaware), was awarded the Central Region Outstanding Teacher award. And, for the second consecutive year, **we are delighted to boast that our nominee was named the Ohio Teacher of the Year!**

Additionally, the region awarded the following:

**Exemplary Employee** — Jodi Ranegar, Bloom-Carroll Local (Fairfield); Dr. Mabelle Kline, Columbus City; Brett Bradley, Grandview Heights City; Darla Willis, Hamilton Local (Franklin); Craig Hindman, Heath City; Rodney Stufflebean, Lakewood Local (Licking); Jan Rice, Licking County ESC; Todd Johnson, Marysville EV; Kristi Matlack, North Union Local (Union); Katie Bowser, Olentangy Local (Delaware); Karen Reedy, Walnut Township Local (Fairfield).

**Friend of Public Education** — Kathy Shahbodaghi, Columbus City; Penny Miller, Canal Winchester Local (Franklin); Page Vornbrock, Dublin City; South Central Power, Fairfield County ESC; Tom Bogen, Grandview Heights City; Village of Obetz, Hamilton Local (Franklin); Craig Hindman, Heath City; Kim Emch, Hilliard City; Holly Graham, Lakewood Local (Licking); Ron Ramey, Lancaster City; Lori Mye, Licking County ESC; Larry Fox, Marysville EV; Donnie Parrott (posthumous), North Union Local (Union); Emily Truitt Robinson, Olentangy Local (Delaware); Howard Koons, Pioneer Career & Technology Center; Glen Keller, Walnut Township Local (Fairfield)

**Outstanding Board Members** — Larry Carfrey, Westfall Local (Pickaway); Jeff Meyers, Madison Local (Richland).

Congratulations to all of our award winners!



## ASBURY NAMED CHAMPION



the recipient of the 2017 Champion Award.

2016 marked the creation of Central Region's Champion of Public Education Award. The award was established to recognize public servants with a demonstrated career history of supporting and advocating for public education. Damon Asbury was

Throughout his career, Asbury lobbied on behalf of OSBA through five state biennial budgets and worked with state legislators to resolve Medicaid issues, improve College Credit Plus, implement charter school accountability provisions and engaged the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission to ensure that the "thorough and efficient" language remained.

Likewise, Asbury served as the executive director of the State Teachers Retirement Systems, leaving the organization with assets at an all-time high level, an improved pension fund, and a dedicated revenue stream for health care.

He spent nine years as the superintendent of Worthington City Schools and spent 24 years at Columbus City Schools, during which time he was a school psychologist, supervisor, director, executive director, assistant superintendent and interim superintendent.

Throughout his career, Damon Asbury demonstrated a willingness to do what it took to complete a task and his easy-going demeanor and unparalleled leadership skills earned him the respect and admiration of policy makers, administrators, board members and students across the state.

## BOOK CLUB

We are ready to begin our Winter 2018 Book Club selection, "Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis," by Robert D. Putnam, a Malkin Professor of Public Policy at Harvard and raised in Port Clinton, Ohio. Putnam has served as dean of Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and has been consulted by Presidents Clinton, Bush and Obama, as well as other national leaders.

Dates and times for the three 45-minute webinars are scheduled as follows:

Chapters 1-2|[Mon., Feb. 12](#)  
3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Chapters 3-4|[Tues., Feb. 27](#)  
3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Chapters 5-6|[Wed., March 14](#)  
3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Registered members will receive webinar log-in information via email ahead of each scheduled webinar.

Go to

<http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/osba-book-club>

to sign up and/or order your book! For questions, contact Cheryl Ryan or Teri Morgan at (614) 540-4000.

## NOMINATE YOUR STUDENT GROUP FOR THE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT FAIR

Celebrate the stars in your district at the 2018 OSBA Student Achievement Fair on Tuesday, Nov. 13, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.



Nominate a student performance group or a program that showcases exemplary student achievement for the 2018 Student Achievement Fair. Held during the Capital Conference, the Student Achievement Fair highlights outstanding student performance groups and fresh, innovative initiatives from public school districts across the state. Use the following link to nominate your group today!

<http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations/>

## THE CENTRAL REGION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Amy Eyman  
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Dublin City, president-elect

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