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Serving the public school leadership team



OSBA launches Web page specifically for new board members

As part of its welcome for newly elected school board members, OSBA has created a Web page called "For New Board Members." The page features links to information on association governance; the staff directory; upcoming training events; OSBA services; fact sheets and brochures; the OSBA Bookstore; and a number of other valuable resources. Log on at www.ohioschoolboards.org/for-new-board-members to learn more about the many ways OSBA can help you succeed in your new role.

Many resources available to help districts celebrate Black History Month

February is set aside as a time to recognize the valuable contributions millions of African-Americans have made to the United States and the world. School districts and communities across Ohio will commemorate those accomplishments during Black History Month. There are many outstanding Web resources to help schools incorporate Black History Month into classroom curriculum and other activities. They include: the National Education Association, www.nea.org/tools/lessons/black-history-month.htm; Association for the Study of African-American Life and History, www.asalh.org; and National Archives, <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/32201>.

Mark your calendars for the Board Leadership Institute

OSBA will host its 2012 Board Leadership Institute (BLI) on April 13 and 14 at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris. In its 11th year, the Friday-Saturday event will feature top speakers, two luncheons, a reception and many networking opportunities. Designed by board members for board members, BLI enables participants to receive a wide range of in-depth school governance training in just two days. Cost of the institute is only \$240, and discounted hotel rates are available through March 16. Registration is now open; see the promotional brochure inside this issue of the *Briefcase* for details.

OSBA Black Caucus program offering college stipends

OSBA is accepting applications for the 2012 OSBA Black Caucus Leo Lucas Stipend, a program that provides graduating African-American seniors funds for college. Forms and program details are posted at www.ohioschoolboards.org/ohio-black-caucus. The application deadline is March 9. For further information, contact Kendall Lee, caucus liaison, at (614) 540-4000 or kLee@ohioschoolboards.org.

NSBA Hispanic caucus scholarship deadline drawing near

The National School Boards Association Hispanic Caucus of School Board Members is offering 10 college scholarship awards for Hispanic students graduating in spring 2012. The scholarships will be awarded to two students from each of

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Route workshop information to:

- ☐ Administrators
- ☐ Assistant treasurers
- ☐ Human resources directors
- ☐ New board members
- ☐ Principals

NSBA's five regions. Program details and applications are available at www.nsba.org/Services/Caucuses/NHC. The deadline to apply is Feb. 10.

NSBA releases policy guide on dangerous food allergies

The National School Boards Association has published a policy guide, "Safe at School and Ready to Learn: A Comprehensive Policy Guide for Protecting Students with Life-threatening Food Allergies." The 58-page policy guide is designed to help school leaders establish policies and practices that support the safety, well-being and academic success of students with life-threatening food allergies. The guide is available for download at www.nsba.org/foodallergyguide.

Survey: Many teachers lack training to teach online safety

A national survey found that

many K-12 teachers are unprepared to teach students the basics of online safety, security and ethics, and over a third of those surveyed receive no training in these issues. The survey, conducted by the National Cyber Security Alliance, a nonprofit group that works with the U.S.

Department of Homeland Security, found that 36% of the teachers said that they received no training in online security in the past year, while 40% reported receiving one to three hours of training.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

A student-produced documentary of the 2011 OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show is now posted online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/2011-osba-capital-conference-video. High school students from Lancaster City's Lancaster Schools Network were selected to produce the documentary based on video work they submitted to OSBA last year. As the official conference documentary team, students filmed events, conducted interviews and edited their footage to create a brief video, which is being shared with other state school boards associations and used to promote the Capital Conference.

Board member's daughter a true Santa's helper

Did you ever wonder how Santa handles the mountains of mail he gets each holiday season? He has helpers, of course.

One of those helpers is Leetonia EV Elementary School special education teacher **Emily Rodik**. Her father is **Doug Jones**, a board member at Leetonia EV and the **Columbiana County Career & Technical Center**. He also is the area's postmaster.

Rodik has been helping Santa for 10 years. It started when her little sister wrote a letter to Santa and got a generic reply in return. She began gathering Santa's letters from her father's post office and answering each one personally. She sends about 100 replies a year.

"I just do the best I can to hopefully make the kids feel like Santa actually read their letter," Rodik told a local newspaper.

Source: (Lisbon) *Morning Journal News*



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BULLETIN BOARD

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OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

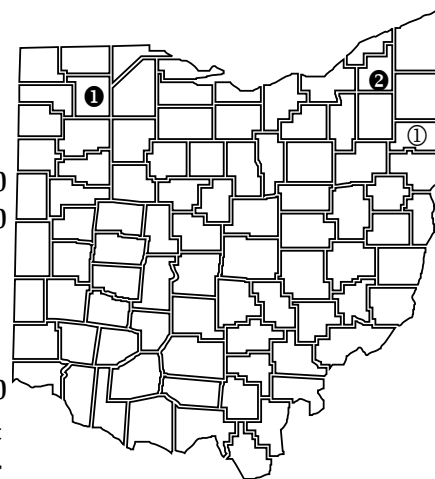
District	Deadline	Contact
❶ Liberty Center Local (Henry)	March 16	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
❷ Chardon Local (Geauga)	March 16	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

Treasurer

District	Deadline	Contact
❶ Youngstown City	Feb. 3	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

❶ = Superintendent

❶ = Treasurer



Other searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Mount Gilead EV	Feb. 6	Chris Mohr, (614) 580-8544, K-12 Business Consulting
Superintendent	Northwest Local (Stark)	Feb. 20	Larry L. Morgan, superintendent, Stark County ESC, (330) 392-8136, ext. 1350
Superintendent	Logan Elm Local (Pickaway)	March 2	John A. Edgar, superintendent, Logan Elm Local, (740) 474-7501
Superintendent	Avon Local (Lorain)	March 16	Paul Pendleton, (216) 225-2787, or Dave Kircher, (440) 666-4889, Finding Leaders/Ohio Schools Council
Treasurer	Shawnee Local (Allen)	Feb. 6	Greg Buddelmeyer, treasurer, Shawnee Local, (419) 998-8044
Treasurer	Midview Local (Lorain)	Feb. 10	John E. Kuhn, superintendent, Midview Local, (440) 926-3737
Treasurer	Pike-Delta-York Local (Fulton)	Feb. 10	Kenneth L. Jones, superintendent, Pike-Delta-York Local, (419) 822-3391

Editor's note

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

National searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Amity, Ore.	Feb. 15	Donna Herren , executive search consultant, Oregon School Boards Association, (503) 485-4810
Superintendent	Banks, Ore.	Feb. 24	Donna Herren , executive search consultant, Oregon School Boards Association, (503) 485-4810

Board changes

Clear Fork Valley Local (Richland) Board of Education member **Kenneth Kinley** announced his resignation effective Jan. 5. ●●● **Clearview Local (Lorain)** Board of Education member **Harry Guerrieri** announced his resignation effective Dec. 8, 2011. He is moving out of state. ●●● **Liberty Local (Trumbull)** appointed **James Jones** to the board effective Jan. 3. He replaced **Gloria Lang**, who resigned in September. ●●● **Monroe Local (Butler)** Board of Education member **John MacDonald** announced his resignation effective Jan. 9 due to health reasons.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Garaway Local (Tuscarawas) hired **Teresa Alberts** as superintendent effective July 1. She will replace **Darryl Jones**, who is retiring. Alberts is currently the district's high school principal. ●●● **Lorain County JVSD** Superintendent **John P. Nolan** announced his retirement effective June 30. ●●● **Marysville EV** hired Dr. **Bill Reimer** as interim superintendent effective Feb. 6. He replaces **Larry Zimmerman**, who will retire in February. Reimer will continue in his current position at the **ESC of Central Ohio**. ●●● **Mount Gilead EV** hired **Ed Swartz** as interim superintendent effective Feb. 1. He will replace retiring Superintendent **Robert Alexander**. ●●● **Northwest Local (Stark)** Superintendent **William Stetler** announced his resignation effective July 31.

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OSBA webinars

Learning delivered to your computer

Learn about issues relevant to public education through OSBA's webinars. These sessions offer an informal, convenient way to learn in your office or home. All you need is a telephone and computer to participate.

To register for these webinars, contact Laurie Miller at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. You also can register by visiting www.ohioschoolboards.org/event_listing.

Involving the public in facilities planning

Friday, March 2, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Cost is \$35

Working with Lorenz Williams Clinton and Fanning/Howey Associates Inc., **Huber Heights City** involved the community in the construction process for all new schools through the development of a district master plan in 2008. The transparency of decision making remains constant throughout the life of the project. Learn how important it is to listen and act on what the community wants. The webinar will be led by **William E. Kirby**, superintendent, Huber Heights City.



Become a better board leader

Attend the Board Presidents Workshop

Two dates and four locations to choose from:

- **Saturday, Jan. 28** at the OSBA office in Columbus or the Findlay Inn & Conference Center, Findlay
- **Saturday, Feb. 4** at the Dayton Marriott, Dayton, or the Northeast Ohio Medical University, Rootstown

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 that is needed to responsibly lead the board. It is to your advantage and a benefit to your school district to be well-informed and skillful enough to perform your leadership duties effectively. Bring your questions about your leadership 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 \$155 per board member, and includes a copy of the *Board Presidents' Handbook*. To register, contact Laurie Miller, events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. You can register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/event_listing.





School finance 101: What board members *should* know

Friday, Feb. 24 at the OSBA office in Columbus

School finance is a complicated subject! As board members, it is important to know the basics. Learn from the experts about state and local funding, levies and details on the future of school funding. Become your district's expert and find out where we have been, where we are and where we are going!

- 8:45 a.m.** Registration and continental breakfast
9 a.m. Welcome and setting the foundation
Michelle Francis, deputy director of legislative services, OSBA
9:15 a.m. Education finance overview
 Learn about the current state funding model and the history of school funding in Ohio.
Kelly Weir, director of Budget and Planning, Ohio Department of Education
11 a.m. Break
11:15 a.m. Five-year forecasts and other local issues
 Hear from a seasoned treasurer on the importance

- of the five-year forecast and other local issues every board member needs to know.
Jeff McCuen, treasurer, Worthington City
12:30 p.m. Lunch
1:30 p.m. Levies, levies, levies!
 Everything you ever wanted to know about levies and more, including a historical perspective on levies and what it means to schools.
Dr. Howard Fleeter, consultant, Education Tax Policy Institute; and *Mike Sobul*, treasurer, Granville EV
3:15 p.m. Wrap-up and adjourn

Cost is \$145, which includes materials, lunch and refreshments. For registration, contact Laurie Miller at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

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.

Dates and locations:

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

➤ Friday, March 9

Ohio University Inn and Conference Center, Athens

➤ Wednesday, March 14

Owens Community College, Findlay

➤ Thursday, March 15

Northeast Ohio Medical University, Rootstown

➤ Thursday, March 22

Holiday Inn I-275 North, Cincinnati

➤ Tuesday, March 27

OSBA office, Columbus



Southeast Region Spring Conferences

Tuesday, March 6 — Ironton High School

1701 S. 7th St., Ironton, 45638, (740) 532-3911

5:30 p.m. Registration and social hour

6:15 p.m. Presiding

Terry A. Halley, Southeast Region president; board member, Gallia County Local (Gallia) and Gallia-Jackson-Vinton JVSD

Dinner

Entertainment — *Ironton City High School Varsity Singers, under the direction of Kathryn Price*

Greetings and update from OSBA

Sharon E. Manson, OSBA president; board member, Waverly City and Pike County Career Technology Center; and Richard Lewis, executive director, OSBA

Recognition of Student Achievement Fair participants

Presentation of OSBA Awards of Achievement

Recognition of veteran board members

Program — legislative update

Michelle Francis, deputy director of legislative services, OSBA

Adjourn

Thursday, March 8 — Crooksville High School

4075 Ceramic Way, Crooksville, 43731, (740) 982-7015

5:30 p.m. Registration and social hour

6:15 p.m. Presiding

Terry A. Halley, Southeast Region president; board member, Gallia County Local (Gallia) and Gallia-Jackson-Vinton JVSD

Dinner

Entertainment — *Crooksville EV High School Varsity Singers, under the direction of Tony Thorngate*

Greetings and update from OSBA

Sharon E. Manson, OSBA president; board member, Waverly City and Pike County Career Technology Center; and Richard Lewis, executive director, OSBA

NSBA School Board Member National Recognition Program

Recognition of Student Achievement Fair participants

Presentation of OSBA Awards of Achievement

Recognition of veteran board members

Past president's recognition

Program — legislative update

Damon Asbury, director of legislative services, OSBA

Adjourn

Directions

Visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/SEconference> for directions.

Award of Achievement

This conference entitles board members to five Award of Achievement credits.

Authority for reimbursement

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

Registration

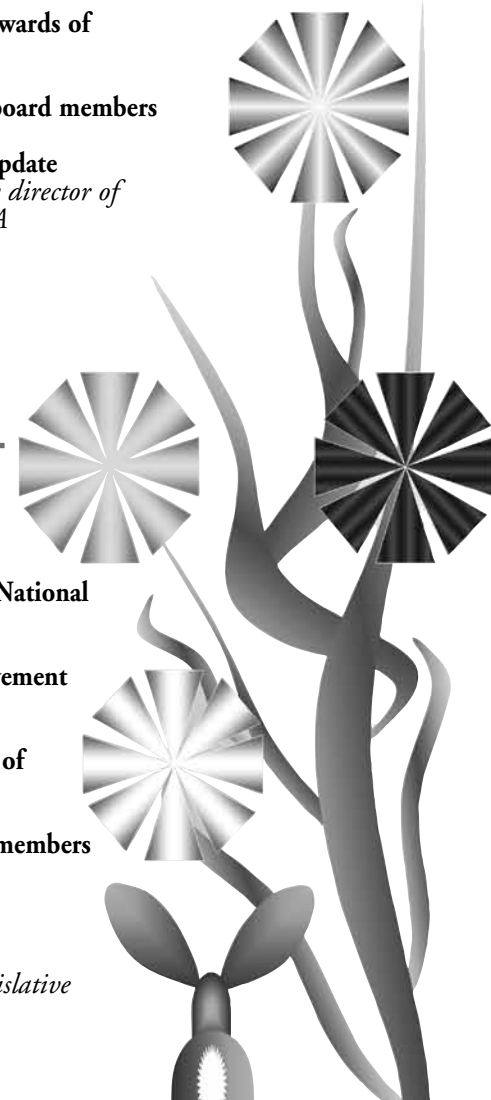
Please check which conference you will attend: ☐ March 6, Ironton ☐ March 8, Crooksville

Registration and dinner fee is \$35 each for OSBA members, guests and spouses. Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ to cover _____ registrations for the OSBA Southeast Region Spring Conference. Please make checks payable to OSBA Southeast Region Spring Conference and mail to **Paul D. Mock, regional manager, 685 E. Main St., Logan, OH 43138-1737.** Phone (740) 385-5240; fax: (740) 380-2487; email: pmock@ohioschoolboards.org. **Deadline for registration is Friday, Feb. 24. Please include payment with reservation.** Registrants who cancel at least three workdays before the day of the meeting may request a full refund. All others will be charged the full registration fee.

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Northeast Region Spring Conference

Wednesday, March 7

Rittman High School/Middle School, 50 Saurer St., Rittman, 44270

Phone: (330) 927-7140

Program

6 p.m. Registration and socializing
6:30 p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. Program

Welcome and introductions

Doug Stuart, Northeast Region president; board member, Rittman EV and Wayne County Schools Career Center

Pledge of Allegiance

Rittman United Methodist Church preschool, under the direction of K. Berg

Greetings and OSBA update

Sharon E. Manson, OSBA president; board member, Waverly City and Pike County Career Technology Center; and Richard Lewis, OSBA executive director

Legislative update

Jay Smith, lobbyist, OSBA

Student entertainment

Entertainment provided by Rittman Music Department, directed by Ed Sims

Presentation of Awards of Achievement

Sharon E. Manson and Richard Lewis

Board member recognition for years of service

● Honoring those with 10, 15 and 20 years of service as board of education members (25-year veterans are recognized by OSBA at the Capital Conference)

Adjourn

Directions

Visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/NEconference> for directions.

Award of Achievement

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Authority for reimbursement

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Registration

Registration and dinner fee is \$35 each for OSBA members, guests and spouses. For reservations, please call Terri Neff at (440) 546-9344 or email tneff@ohioschoolboards.org. Please send enclosed check for \$ _____ and/or P.O. # _____ to cover _____ registrations for the Northeast Region Spring Conference. Make checks payable to **OSBA Northeast Region and send reservations to Terri Neff, regional manager, 1225 Candlewick Lane; Broadview Heights, OH 44147. Deadline for registration is Tuesday, Feb. 28.** Please include payment with reservation. Registrants who cancel at least three workdays before the day of the meeting may request a full refund. All others will be charged the full registration fee.

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Central Region Spring Conference

Wednesday, March 21
Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Road, Columbus, 43229

Central Region conferences are a great place to build board rapport and grow positive relationships between your administrative team and the board. Reserve a table or two and bring your board and leadership staff.

Note: Districts are encouraged to reserve a table for \$320. Tables seat eight people, providing more

room for attendees. At past conferences, some districts have reserved more than one table. If your district has programs, teachers or board members being recognized, you will want to bring a large group and reserve multiple tables. Payment by check is preferred, but purchase orders will be accepted for districts reserving full tables.

5 p.m. Social hour (Complimentary appetizers and a cash bar will be available)

5:50 p.m. Student performance

6 p.m. Dinner

7 p.m. Greetings from OSBA
Sharon E. Manson, OSBA president; board member, Waverly City and Pike County Career Technology Center; W. Shawna Gibbs, Central Region president; board member, Columbus City; and Richard Lewis, executive director, OSBA

7:20 p.m. Legislative update

Michelle Francis, deputy director of legislative services, OSBA

7:35 p.m. Recognitions

- Recognition of board members celebrating service milestones
- Recognition of Master Board Members
- Recognition of Award of Achievement recipients
- NSBA School Board Member National Recognition Program

8:30 p.m. Adjourn

Directions

Visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/CRconference> for directions.

Award of Achievement

This conference entitles board members to five Award of Achievement credits.

Authority for reimbursement

Ohio Revised Code Section 3315.15 authorizes the establishment of a service fund for board members. This fund can be used for expenses incurred at a meeting such as this.

Registration

Registration for dinner and the program is \$40 per person or \$320 per table (seats up to eight) for OSBA members, guests and spouses. Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ to cover _____ tables or _____ individual registrations. **Please make checks payable to OSBA Central Region and mail to Dr. Michael G. Grote, regional manager, PO Box 3323, Dublin, OH 43016.** If you have questions or need to cancel your manager, please email Grote at mgrote@ohioschoolboards.org or call (614) 527-4915. **The last day we can accept changes or provide refunds is Friday, March 9.** Please include payment with reservation. Registrants who cancel at least three workdays before the day of the meeting may request a full refund. All others will be charged the full registration fee. Payment by check is preferred, but purchase orders can be accepted for districts purchasing tables.

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Please enter an email address for immediate confirmation of your reservation: _____



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Southwest Region Spring Conference

Tuesday, March 13

Great Oaks ITCD, Scarlet Oaks Campus, 3254 Kemper Road, Cincinnati, 45241

Phone: (513) 771-8810

5:15 p.m. **Registration and social period**

6 p.m. **Welcome**

*Randall E. Smith, Southwest Region president;
board member, Forest Hills Local (Hamilton)*

Entertainment

*Students from Forest Hills Local's Anderson High
School Chamber Choir*

6:20 p.m. **Presentation of colors**

*Great Oaks ITCD Scarlet Oaks Naval Junior
ROTC cadets*

National Anthem

*Performed by Forest Hills Local's Anderson High
School Chamber Choir*

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence

*James Sommer, Southwest Region president-elect;
board member, Greenville City*

6:30 p.m. **Buffet dinner**

7:10 p.m. **General Session**

Introductions by Randall E. Smith

Special introduction and comments

Debe Terhar, president, State Board of Education

Recognition of veteran board members

*Sharon E. Manson, OSBA president, board member,
Waverly City and Pike County Career Technology
Center; and Richard Lewis, executive director, OSBA*

Greetings and OSBA update

Sharon E. Manson and Richard Lewis

Legislative update

Damon Asbury, director of legislative services, OSBA

Recognition of 2011 effective school boards

*Randall E. Smith and JoAnn W. Feltner, Southwest
Region immediate past president; board member,
Franklin City*

Presentation of fourth annual NSBA School Board Member National Recognition Program

Sharon E. Manson

2012 President's Award

*Recipient: Jim Betts, consultant, Alliance for High
Quality Education*

Presentation of Awards of Achievement and Master Board Member awards

*JoAnn W. Feltner and Rob Delane, OSBA deputy
executive director*

Adjourn

Directions

Visit [http://links.](http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/SWconference)

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Award of Achievement

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Authority for reimbursement

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Registration

Registration and dinner fee is \$37 each for OSBA members, guests and spouses. Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ to cover _____ registrations for the OSBA Southwest Region Spring Conference. **Please make checks payable to OSBA Southwest Region and send reservations to Ronald J. Diver, regional manager, 8797 Meadowlark Drive, Franklin, OH 45005.** Phone is (937) 746-7641; email is rdiver@ohioschoolboards.org. **Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, March 7. Please include payment with reservation.** Registrants who cancel at least three workdays before the day of the meeting may request a full refund. All others will be charged the full registration fee.

District/county _____

Name, title _____

Name, title _____

Name, title _____



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Northwest Region 65th Annual Spring Conference

Thursday, March 15



EHOVE Career Center

316 Mason Road West, Milan, OH 44846

(419) 499-4663

5:30 p.m. Registration, socializing and appetizers

Welcome and introductions

David Spridgeon, Northwest Region president; board member, Arcadia Local (Hancock)

6 p.m. Dinner

Provided by EHOVE Career Center's Culinary Arts program, led by instructor Mike Edwards

Entertainment

Provided by students from Sandusky City

OSBA welcome and legislative updates

Sharon E. Manson OSBA president, board member, Waverly City and Pike County Career Technology Center; and Richard Lewis, executive director, and Damon Asbury, director of legislative services, OSBA

7:45 p.m. Awards and recognitions

● **Recognition of Award of Achievement recipients**

Presenters: Sharon E. Manson and Richard Lewis

● **Recognition of past Northwest Region Executive Committee members**

Presenter: David Spridgeon and Eric Germann, Northwest Region president-elect; board member, Lincolnview Local (Van Wert)

● **Presentation of the Northwest Region Excellence in Community Service Award**

Presenters: David Spridgeon and Dr. Angela Zimmann, Northwest Region immediate past president; board member, ESC of Lake Erie West (formerly Lucas County ESC)

● **Recognition of 2011 National Board Certified Teachers**

Presenters: Lisa Sobecki, Toledo City; and Timothy McKinney, Bath Local (Allen)

● **Presentation of the Northwest Region Excellence Award for Outstanding Leadership: Who's Who in the Northwest Region**

Presenters: J David Spridgeon and aimie L. Beamer, Seneca East Local (Seneca) and Vanguard-Sentinel Career & Technology Centers

● **Recognition of Northwest Region Humanitarian Award**

David Spridgeon and Diana Gadus, Oregon City

● **Presentation of Outstanding Board Participation Award**

Presenter: Dr. Paul R. Lockwood II, North Point ESC and EHOVE Career Center

8:30 p.m. Adjourn

Directions

Visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/NWconference> for directions.

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Authority for reimbursement

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Registration

Registration and dinner fee is \$30 per person or \$160 per table (seats six) for OSBA members, guests and spouses. Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ to cover _____ registrations or _____ tables. Please include a list of attendees and titles with your registration. **Please make checks payable to OSBA Northwest Region and mail to Dr. Judy Jackson May, regional manager, 505 Education Building, Bowling Green, OH 43403.** Phone (419) 372-7373. Email address is jjacksonmay@ohioschoolboards.org. **Deadline for registration is Thursday, March 8. Please include payment with reservation.** Registrants who cancel at least three workdays before the day of the meeting may request a full refund. All others will be charged the full registration fee. While checks are preferred, we can accept purchase orders for districts reserving one or more tables.

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Name, Title _____

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WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Board Presidents Workshop

- ☐ Jan. 28, Columbus, \$155
- ☐ Jan. 28, Findlay, \$155
- ☐ Feb. 4, Dayton, \$155
- ☐ Feb. 4, Rootstown, \$155

School Finance 101: What board members *should* know Workshop

- ☐ Feb. 24, Columbus, \$145

Involving the public in facilities planning webinar

- ☐ March 2, \$35

SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop

- ☐ March 9, Athens, free
- ☐ March 14, Findlay, free
- ☐ March 15, Rootstown, free
- ☐ March 22, Cincinnati, free
- ☐ March 27, Columbus, free

OSBA Workshop Registration Form

Workshop name _____ Workshop date _____
Attendee name _____ Title _____
Daytime phone _____ Email _____
District/firm _____ County _____

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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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Email 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. 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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Treasurers

Hudson City hired **Kathryn L. Sines** as treasurer effective Jan. 15. She replaced interim treasurer **Lowell Davis**. Sines previously was the treasurer at **Cuyahoga Falls City**. ●●● **Lakewood City** hired **Timothy J. Penton** as treasurer effective Oct. 1, 2012. He will replace **Richard Berdine**, who is resigning effective Dec. 31, 2012. Penton is currently treasurer at **Whitehall City**. ●●● **Dayton City** hired **Hiwot Abraha** as assistant treasurer effective Dec. 21. Abraha replaces **Janice D. Allen**, who took the treasurer position at **Trotwood-Madison City**.

Sympathies

Former **Findlay City** Superintendent **Cherie "Jan" Patton** died Nov. 26. She was 71. ●●● **Howard W. Jordan**, a member of the former **Huntington School District Board of Education** in Lorain County, died Dec. 27. He was 95. ●●● **John H. Phillips**, a member of the former **Johnsville School District Board of Education** in Morrow County, died Jan. 6. He was 94. ●●● Former **Liberty Union-Thurston Local (Fairfield) Board of Education** member **Kevin P. Byers** died Dec. 24. He was 54. ●●● Former **Middletown City Board of Education** member **Joan M. Compton** died Dec. 14. She was 80. ●●● Former **Mogadore Local (Summit) Board of Education** member **Robert M. Glunt** died Dec. 30. He was 84. ●●● Former **Old Fort Local (Seneca) Board of Education** member **Donald "Shorty" R. Pence** died Jan. 6. He was 87. ●●● Former **Rocky River City Board of Education** member **Dr. James D. Schieda** died Dec. 23. He was 73. ●●● Former **Streetsboro City Board of Education** member **Dr. Kenneth Francis Rupp** died Dec. 21. He was 80. ●●● Former **Warren City Board of Education** member **Thomas W. Klingeman** died Jan. 2. He was 68.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

compiled by Angela Penquite, communication design manager

Reward your favorite teacher

The Barnes & Noble My Favorite Teacher Contest asks students to write an essay, poem or thank-you letter that describes how a teacher has influenced their life. Winning teachers will be recognized at a special event at their local Barnes & Noble store, and the winner of the Barnes & Noble Teacher of the Year Award and his or her school will be honored.

Maximum awards: \$5,000 for the Teacher of the Year winner and his or her school

Eligibility: students in grades first-12th

Deadline: March 1

Contact: <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/49937>

ODOT provides funds for bike routes to schools

The Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

program provides funds for safety projects that encourage or enable children in grades K-eight, including

those with disabilities, to walk or ride their bikes to school. The funds can be used for infrastructure or non-infrastructure projects in five categories: engineering, education,

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

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!

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encouragement, enforcement or evaluation.

Maximum awards: \$500,000

Eligibility: all applicants must have an Ohio Department of Transportation-approved school travel plan

Deadline: March 2

Contact: www.dot.state.ohio.us/saferoutes

Promoting innovative teaching

The Ecology/Environmental Teaching Award will be given to a teacher who has successfully developed and demonstrated an innovative approach in the

teaching of ecology/environmental science and has carried his or her commitment to the environment into the community.

Maximum awards: \$500 of Vernier equipment

Eligibility: secondary teachers

Deadline: March 15

Contact: <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/68104>

Scholarships available for summer lab classes

High school students can take science courses at Stone Lab, The Ohio State University's island campus on Lake Erie, for college credit. Tuition assistance is

available for the 2012 summer program based on need and academic record. To apply for aid, students must complete the Stone Laboratory application and a typed one- to two-page statement describing their academic achievements, financial needs and career goals.

Maximum awards: \$2,500

Eligibility: students at least 15 years old who have completed their sophomore year by summer 2012 and have completed one course of high school biology by summer 2012

Deadline: March 19

Contact: stonelab.osu.edu/aid



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Michelle Francis, deputy director of legislative services

Anti-bullying bill moving through legislative process

The General Assembly is slowly getting back to work following its holiday recess. The Senate Education Committee began the year by amending and passing House Bill (HB) 116, sponsored by Rep. **John Barnes** (D-Cleveland). The legislation makes several changes regarding public schools' anti-bullying policies. Under current law, school districts are required to have a policy prohibiting student harassment, intimidation or bullying on school property or at a school-sponsored activity.

Specifically, HB 116 makes the

following changes:

- Expands the definition of bullying to include cyberbullying.
- Requires school districts to expand their existing student anti-bullying policies to cover incidences of bullying that occur on school buses.
- Requires anti-bullying policies to include: a statement providing for possible suspension of students who engage in cyberbullying; a means for making anonymous reports of bullying; and disciplinary procedures for students who make false reports.

- Requires anti-bullying policies and an explanation of the seriousness of cyberbullying to be made available to students and parents.
- Requires that a written statement describing the board's anti-bullying policy and the consequences for violating the policy be sent to parents once a year. This can be sent electronically or with report cards.
- Requires age-appropriate instruction to all students on the board's bullying policy if state or

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Gary Motz, editorial manager

Kids rally their resources for the red, white and blue

Instead of participating in their traditional holiday gift exchange, a group of **Fort Frye Local (Washington)** students pitched in to help the local American Legion. Beverly-Center Elementary School students pooled their money to buy the post 10 new American flags. The gift was a complete surprise, the legion's post commander said.

"We've had a project to put a flag on every light pole in town and had more than 60 flags up,"

Commander **Steve Wainwright** told a local newspaper. "But some of the kids noticed several flags were getting pretty weathered. ... It was a really nice gesture from the kids."

Fifth-grader **Lucas Pittman** said he and his classmates didn't mind forgoing presents to support their community.

"... We heard the legion wasn't getting enough money and the flags were getting pretty torn up," Pittman said. "So everybody in the

fourth, fifth and sixth grades donated \$2 each. We decided the flags were more important than just getting presents for Christmas."

Wainwright said the legion often presents educational programs at the local schools, especially around holidays such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day. The flags, which cost about \$22 each, will be put up to replace the worn ones in the spring.

Source: *The Marietta Times*

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federal funds are appropriated for this purpose.

- Requires school districts and educational service centers to provide training on their anti-bullying policies as a part of the in-service training required for all teachers, administrators, counselors, nurses and school psychologists.

It is important to note that while the bill expands the definition of bullying to cyberbullying, it does *not* expressly expand the definition to include bullying that occurs off school property. In addition, many of the proposed changes to anti-bullying policies included in HB 116 are already included in the sample policies provided by

OSBA.

OSBA has worked with both the House and Senate Education committees throughout the legislative process to achieve a bill that will protect students and be reasonable for school districts. HB

116 now goes to the full Senate for approval.

For the latest legislative updates, please contact the OSBA legislative services division at (800) 589-6722.

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

OSBA Contract Analysis Service

OSBA provides a cost-effective professional analysis of certified and classified collective bargaining agreements. These written reviews serve as a critique of current contract provisions, suggest potential pitfalls regarding legal compliance and provide recommendations as you go into your next round of bargaining.

Contact Renee L. Fambro, deputy director of labor relations, at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA, for more information.



January 2012

- 28 Board Presidents
Workshop Columbus
- 28 Board Presidents
Workshop Findlay
- 31 *Annual campaign finance reports due (by 4 p.m.) detailing contributions and expenditures through Dec. 31, 2011 — 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 2012

- 4 OSBA Board Presidents
Workshop Dayton
- 4 OSBA Board Presidents
Workshop Rootstown
- 4-5 NSBA Leadership
Conference Washington, D.C.
- 5-7 NSBA Federal Relations Network
Conference Washington, D.C.
- 6 *Last day for voter registration for March election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30 days prior to the election).*
- 8 OSBA Central Region Executive
Committee Meeting Columbus
- 12 OSBA Southeast Region Executive

- 24 Committee Meeting Logan
- 24 School Finance 101: What board
members *should* know
- 26 Workshop Columbus
- 26 OSBA Northwest Region Executive
Committee Meeting Bowling Green

March 2012

- 1 *Last day to take action and deliver written notice of nonrenewal of superintendent's contract — RC 3319.01; last day to take action on and deliver written notice of nonrenewal of treasurer's contract (contracts entered into after March 30, 2007) — RC 3313.22.*
- 2 Involving the public in facilities
planning webinar
- 6 *Primary/special election day — RC 3501.01*
- 6 Southeast Region Spring
Conference Ironton
- 7 Northeast Region Spring
Conference Rittman
- 8 Southeast Region Spring
Conference Crooksville
- 9 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation
Workshop Athens
- 13 Southwest Region Spring
Conference Cincinnati
- 14 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation

- 15 Workshop Findlay
- 15 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation
Workshop Rootstown
- 15 OSBA Northwest Region Spring
Conference Milan
- 21 Central Region Spring
Conference Columbus
- 22 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation
Workshop Cincinnati
- 23 OSBA Special Education Law
Workshop Worthington
- 27 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation
Workshop Columbus
- 28 OSBA State Legislative
Conference Columbus
- 31 *Last day to take action to nonrenew contracts of administrators other than superintendent and treasurer — RC 3319.02.*

April 2012

- 12 OSBA Southwest Region Executive
Committee Meeting TBD
- 12 OSBA Student Achievement Leadership
Team meeting Columbus
- 13-14 OSBA Board Leadership
Institute Columbus