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OSBA reaching out with more Levy University Program resources

OSBA is expanding its Levy University Program to include regional workshops, free monthly webinars and written materials designed to give board members, administrators and staff additional tools on understanding levies and enhancing communication with their local communities. For details, see the *Briefcase* blue pages, visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/levy-university or contact OSBA.

Capital Conference brochure, registration packets will soon be in the mail

Watch your mailbox for the 2011 OSBA Capital Conference brochure, which is being sent to all board members, superintendents, treasurers, Ohio Council of School Board Attorneys members and OSBA sustaining members. The brochure features details on speakers, special events, workshops, lodging, registration and more. Registration materials are being mailed to superintendents and treasurers, so contact your treasurer to register for the conference and special events. The conference is Nov. 13-16 in Columbus. Watch OSBA's publications and website for further details.

Second pair of Ohio local districts agrees to share superintendent

Two Fairfield County local districts, **Berne Union** and **Walnut Township**, will share a single superintendent when the new school year begins. The small rural districts, which already share a treasurer, hired **Dale L. Dickson**, currently superintendent at **Perry-Hocking ESC**. Each district will pay half of his salary. The only other Ohio school districts sharing a superintendent are **Orrville City** and **Rittman EV** in Wayne County. Those districts also share a treasurer. Two ESCs, **Hardin County** and **Madison-Champaign**, share a superintendent.

Application deadline nears for OSBA Student Achievement Fair

The deadline is Aug. 1 for districts to nominate innovative school programs for the Student Achievement Fair, set for Nov. 15 during the OSBA Capital Conference. The fair shines a spotlight on 100 of the most outstanding programs Ohio schools have to offer. For details and to apply, visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/SAF.

Group offers training solutions for teachers in rural schools

The Southeast Ohio Teacher Development Collaborative has released an Action Bulletin addressing initiatives designed for rural teachers. Among the collaborative's goals are: recruiting more educators for teacher training programs in school districts that are part of the Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools (CORAS); retaining high-quality teachers in those districts; identifying shared resources that provide field experiences for teachers in diverse geographic areas; increasing faculty

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responsiveness to the effects that poverty and cultural influences can have on student success; and working collaboratively to help districts develop expertise to advance teacher skills and knowledge. To further these goals and others, CORAS is partnering with Marietta College, Muskingum University, Ohio University, Shawnee State University and the University of Rio Grande to offer professional development that provides the support teachers need to succeed. For more information, download the Action Bulletin at www.coras.org/docs/actionbulletin.pdf. To learn more about the collaborative, visit www.coras.org/seotdc/index.html.

Cuyahoga Hts. hosting anti-terrorism training for schools

A leading U.S. Department of Homeland Security partner will present a free seminar, "Anti-Terrorism Training for School

Lawn-munching sheep saving district \$15,000 a year

A central Pennsylvania school district has come up with an environmentally friendly — and inexpensive — lawn maintenance system.

A small herd of sheep is keeping the grass and weeds trimmed around an array of solar panels at a Carlisle Area School District middle school. The move is expected to save the district \$15,000 a year, with the added benefit of cutting local air pollution.

The sheep belong to Wilson Middle School Assistant Principal **Eric Sands**. He and his wife **Tracy** own the nearby Woolly Wonders Sheep and Fiber Farm.

The animals munch on vegetation during the morning and take shelter in the shade under the solar panels in the afternoon.

Source: The Associated Press

Officials and First Responders," Aug. 10 and 11 at **Cuyahoga Heights Local's (Cuyahoga)** high school. The seminar will focus on understanding and planning for school bomb incidents. For more information and to register, contact Cuyahoga Heights board member **Reno Contipelli** at (216) 288-1704

or rcontipelli@sbcglobal.net.

This month in OSBA history

In July 2002, OSBA hosted the National School Boards Association (NSBA) Central Region meeting in Columbus. NSBA is divided into five regions: Central, Northeast, Pacific, Southern and Western. The officers and directors of each region meet annually to review state association activities and hear updates from NSBA. Since there are nine states in the Central Region, it is OSBA's turn to host the meeting this year. The 2011 event is July 22-24 in Cleveland.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

Do you have ideas on how we can better serve you? How about a question, comment, compliment or complaint? Then visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/feedback to share what's on your mind. OSBA wants to hear from you!



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BULLETIN BOARD

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OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

District

① Gallipolis City

Deadline

July 15

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OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

Treasurer

District

① Amherst EV

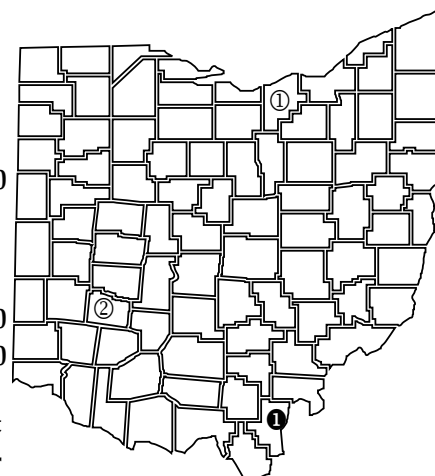
② Xenia Community City

Sept. 2

TBD

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① = Superintendent
② = Treasurer

Board changes

Columbiana EV and Columbiana County Career & Technical Center Board of Education member **Alex Heintzelman** announced his resignation effective June 15. He is moving out of the district. ●●● **Lakewood Local (Licking)** Board of Education member **Joe Bowman Jr.** announced his resignation effective immediately. ●●● **Reynoldsburg City** Board of Education member **Chip Martin** announced his resignation effective July 20. He is moving out of the district. ●●● **Vanlue Local (Hancock)** Board of Education member **Gary Brann** announced his resignation effective immediately. He is moving out of the district.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Berne Union Local (Fairfield) and **Walnut Township Local (Fairfield)** hired **Dale L. Dickson** as superintendent effective Aug. 1 and Oct. 1, respectively. He will replace **Ron Thornton**, who is currently the superintendent at Walnut Township Local and has been the interim superintendent at Berne Union Local since April 15. Dickson is currently superintendent at **Perry-Hocking ESC**. ●●● **Cuyahoga Falls City** hired Dr. **Todd M. Nichols** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace Dr. **Edwin S. Holland**, who took the superintendent position at **Cuyahoga Heights City**. Nichols is currently superintendent at **Bucyrus City**. ●●● **Hardin-Houston Local (Shelby)** hired **Larry Claypool** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **John Scheu**, who took the superintendent position at **Sidney City**. Claypool is currently superintendent at **Hardin Northern Local (Hardin)**. ●●● **Highland Local (Morrow)** Superintendent **Tim Hilborn** announced his retirement effective July 31. ●●● **Indian Creek Local (Jefferson)** Superintendent Dr. **Mark Furda** announced his resignation effective July 31. ●●● **Lakota Local (Butler)** hired Dr. **Karen L. Mantia** as superintendent

Editor's note

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

effective Aug. 1. She will replace Interim Superintendent **Ron Spurlock**. Mantia is currently superintendent at **Pickerington Local (Fairfield)**. ●●● **Massillon City** hired **Richard D. Goodright** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He replaced **Lisa A. Carmichael**, who took the superintendent position at **Ontario Local (Richland)**. Goodright previously was assistant superintendent at **Wooster City**. ●●● **Mathews Local (Trumbull)** hired **Robert Marino Jr.** as interim superintendent effective immediately. He replaced **Lee Seiple**, who retired. Marino also will continue as assistant superintendent for the **Trumbull County ESC**. ●●● **McDonald Local (Trumbull)** hired **Kenneth Halbert Jr.** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He replaces Interim Superintendent **Ronald "Barry" Morrison**. Halbert currently is the superintendent at **East Liverpool City**. ●●● **Mentor EV Superintendent Dr. Jacqueline A. Hoynes** announced her retirement effective August 2012. ●●● **North Ridgeville City** hired **Larry C. Brown** effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Dr. Craig Phillips**, who is retiring in September. Brown is currently superintendent at **Green Local (Wayne)**. ●●● **Ohio Hi-Point Career Center Superintendent Kimberly Davis** announced her resignation effective July 29. She has taken the superintendent position at **Tolles Career & Technical Center** effective Aug. 1. She will replace **Carl J. Berg**, who is resigning effective July 31. ●●● **Strasburg-Franklin Local (Tuscarawas)** hired **Curtis Clough** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Gene Feucht**, who is retiring effective July 31. Clough is currently the academic chairman at Mohave Community College's Neal Campus in Kingman, AZ. ●●● **Willoughby-Eastlake City** hired **Stephen L.**

Thompson as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Dr. Keith Miller**, who is retiring. Thompson currently is superintendent at **Chagrin Falls EV**. ●●● **Goshen Local (Clermont)** hired **Brian Bailey** as assistant superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Darrell Edwards**, who was hired as the district's superintendent. Bailey is currently the district's middle school principal. ●●● **Marlington Local (Stark)** hired **Anna Minor** as assistant superintendent effective immediately.

Treasurers

Xenia Community City Treasurer Rosalie Townsend announced her retirement effective June 30.

Sympathies

Leslie F. Sprouse, a former board member at **Benton-Carroll-Salem Local (Ottawa)** and the former **Benton Township (Ottawa) School District**, died June 15. He was 82. ●●● Former **Columbiana County Board of Education member J. Warren Bettis** died June 23. He was 86. ●●● Former **Crestview Local (Van Wert) Board of**

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OSBA Levy University webinar



As part of its expanded Levy University Program, OSBA is offering **free** webinars. Hosted by OSBA and presented by Avakian Consulting, these webinars will help you communicate more effectively with your community.

Ballot issues: hot topics and trends **Monday, July 25, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.**

What do election reform, the state budget, potential health care reform and the Senate Bill 5 referendum have in common? They all will have a big impact on future elections! You need to understand their impact and plan accordingly. Elections look different year after year, as does technology. You also need the tools to tap into the latest outreach methods, such as social media, marketing videos and more.

Join us Monday, July 25, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., to learn from the experts about current election trends and how to use this information. Don't be left behind! Sign up today to get the latest strategies and stories of success on this informative outreach and communications webinar.

Register today at www.ohioschoolboards.org in the "OSBA Events" section or by contacting OSBA's Laurie Miller at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

OSBA Pre-Board Candidate Workshop

Know someone who is thinking of running for your school board or someone who would be an asset to your board? Encourage them to attend this workshop to learn the responsibilities of boardmanship!



This free workshop describes the roles and responsibilities of school board service and requirements of running for a seat on a local board of education. Held Saturday, July 16, from 10 a.m. to noon at the OSBA office, this workshop will be led by two veteran OSBA staff members and will allow time for questions.

This session is for people who are thinking about running for their school board and those current board of education members who were appointed to office.

Space is limited, so please contact OSBA Events Manager Laurie Miller at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org to register.

For more information on running for a board of education seat, visit OSBA's board candidate Web page www.ohioschoolboards.org/candidate-for-school-boards. Learn more about this and other board candidate workshops at www.ohioschoolboards.org/event_listing.

Budget Analysis and Discussion (BAD) Seminar



**Wednesday, Aug. 17, Hyatt Regency, Columbus
9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; registration begins at 8:30 a.m.**

Attend the Budget Analysis and Discussion (BAD) Seminar for the most comprehensive information on the fiscal year 2012-13 state budget, Amended Substitute House Bill 153.

The General Assembly has faced unprecedented economic challenges in crafting a balanced budget. Hear about these challenges from some of the top policymakers and analysts in the state.

This comprehensive seminar, hosted by the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA), Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) and Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA), will provide insights and answers on the budget process and final version of the legislation.

This workshop is \$185 per person for OSBA, OASBO and BASA member school district representatives. The fee covers workshop registration, materials, lunch and refreshments. Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/25055 for registration information and directions.

OSBA Levy University presents

Fundamentals of outreach and communications — How to be successful in these challenging times



The key to successful and effective outreach is as basic as the ABCs: “Always Be Communicating.” In these days of increased scrutiny and tough economic conditions, school districts need to engage in a comprehensive communication strategy. Campaigns play a key role in levies, but to be successful year-round, it is ultimately up to school districts to share their stories and provide information to their constituents about financial needs.

Whether your school district has a ballot issue in November 2011 or beyond, constant and consistent communications and outreach with parents and residents is critical to building trust and connecting with your community.

Join OSBA and Avakian Consulting, veteran consultants in the school district communications field, on how to engage your parents, non-parents and the community at-large in the most effective and efficient manner.

Key topics include:

- Building your communications base — how to communicate with the public
- The importance of surveying the public
- Developing solid messaging and talking points
- Efforts to solidify your parents (voter registration drives, vote-by-mail initiatives)
- District communications
- How to use newsletters, emails and letters to get your message heard
- Using social media effectively

This workshop will be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the following locations:

- Aug. 1, OSBA office, Columbus
- Aug. 3, Miami Valley Career Technology Center, Clayton
- Aug. 8, Polaris Career Center, Middleburg Heights
- Aug. 9, Apollo Career Center, Lima
- Aug. 10, Tri-County Career Center, Nelsonville

The cost to attend is \$25, which covers handouts and registration fees. Contact Laurie Miller, OSBA events manager, at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org to register. More information is available at www.ohioschoolboards.com/event_listing.

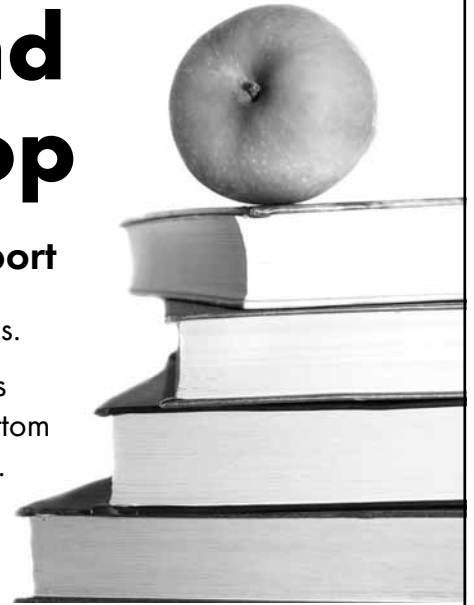
Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law Workshop

Friday, Aug. 5

Embassy Suites Columbus Airport

Cost: \$140, includes registration, continental breakfast, lunch and materials.

The law addressing attendance and tuition matters is complex and changes frequently. How your district handles these matters affects your district's bottom line. Learn the latest legal developments at this information-packed seminar.



AGENDA

8:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast

9 a.m. Attendance and enrollment policy refresher

Start the day with a review of the board policies and district administrative guidelines governing attendance options, enrollment procedures and tuition issues.

Jessica L. Spears, staff attorney, OSBA

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. They're back ...

Columbus City School's in-house counsel will focus on the issues districts face when students return to their "home" school from community schools, home schooling, the Ohio Department of Youth Services or foster care.

Wanda T. Lillis, Esq., Columbus City Schools

11:30 a.m. Lunch (provided)

12:30 p.m. High-need/high-risk student issues – working with outside resources

District administrators routinely face complex situations with students and their families. This diverse panel will share best practices and highlight the resources available to assist administrators with complex issues regarding at-risk students and their families.

1:30 p.m. Break

1:40 p.m. Deciphering divorce decrees and other court orders

Court orders may determine which parent is entitled to enroll a student in school and who has the right and responsibility to sign important school documents and consent to school services. Get a primer on reading, understanding and modifying court orders.

Julie C. Martin, Esq., Scott, Scriven & Wahoff LLP, Columbus

2:25 p.m. When the attendance officer comes knocking ...

Have issues relating to student absences and truancy? Confused about when a doctor's note may be required? What can you do with 18-year-olds who have stopped coming to class? OSBA's chief legal counsel will address your questions on student absences and truancy.

Hollie F. Reedy, chief legal counsel, OSBA

3 p.m. Adjourn

Unauthorized audio recording or videotaping of any session is strictly prohibited.

Location: Embassy Suites Columbus Airport, 2886 Airport Drive, Columbus, OH 43219 • (614) 536-0500



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Pre-Board Candidate Workshop

July 16, Columbus, free

Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law Workshop

Aug. 5, Columbus, \$140

Levy University: Fundamentals of outreach and communications

Aug. 1, Columbus, \$25

Aug. 3, Clayton, \$25

Aug. 8, Middleburg Heights, \$25

Aug. 9, Lima, \$25

Aug. 10, Nelsonville, \$25

Budget Analysis and Discussion Seminar

Aug. 17, Columbus, \$185

OSBA Workshop Registration Form

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

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ or P.O.# _____ to cover _____ registration(s). Make checks payable to OSBA and mail to 8050 N. High St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235-6481; fax to (614) 540-4100; or email Laurie Miller at Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. Include a purchase order number with fax or email.



_____ Please check here if you require special accommodations. Contact us or attach a written description of needs.

Please photocopy this form for each person

OSBA workshop registration procedures

OSBA sends email confirmation of registration if an email address is provided. Registration is open to all boards and staff of OSBA members. "Walk-in" registrations are welcome on a space-available basis only. Please call OSBA to check the status of registration before you arrive at the workshop. To register, you must have a purchase order number or a check payable to OSBA and a completed registration form. You may register with a purchase order number by phone, fax, email or Web page 24 hours a day.

Award of Achievement/LPDC

Most workshops entitle members to Award of Achievement credits. Local Professional Development Committee certificates of attendance will be issued to all workshop attendees.



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Phone or fax

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toll free (800) 589-OSBA,
ext. 300; or fax us at
(614) 540-4100.



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.

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.

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Education member **Floyd W. Jones** died June 24. He was 88. ●●● **Robert Helberg Sr.**, a former board member at **Holgate Local (Henry)** and the former **Henry County** Board of Education, died June 19. He was 87. ●●● Former **Ledgemont Local (Geauga)** Board of Education member **Albert Michael Stanley** died June 18. He was 89. ●●● Former **Maysville Local (Muskingum)** Board of Education member **Ronald Earl James** died June 13. He was 63. ●●● Former **Newcomerstown EV** Board of Education member **Roger W. George** died June 22. He was 88. ●●● Former **Painesville City Local (Lake)** Board of Education member **David Mio** died June 14. He was 68. ●●● Former **Walnut Township Local (Fairfield)** Board of Education member **Robert Worthington Slater** died June 25. He was 76. ●●● Former **Youngstown City** Board of Education member **A. Winifred "Winnie" Smeltzer** died June 17. She was 88.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Michelle Francis, lobbyist

General Assembly passes state budget

The Ohio Legislature has put its final touches on the \$55.8 billion biennial budget bill, House Bill (HB) 153. The House voted 59-40 along party lines, while the Senate voted 22-11 to approve the final conference committee report. Sen. **Scott Oelslager** (R-Canton) was the only Republican joining Senate Democrats in opposition to the bill.

Some of the final education-related differences between the House and Senate versions that had to be worked out by the conference committee were issues related to the expansion of school choice and merit pay/teacher evaluations. The final result meant compromises in both areas.

Some of the final merit pay/teacher evaluation provisions include:

- Requires the State Board of Education to develop a "standards-based" framework for evaluating teachers and principals

by Dec. 31, 2011.

- Requires districts to adopt a teacher evaluation policy that conforms to the framework by July 1, 2013; the policy takes effect after current bargaining contracts expire.

- Criteria must be developed for these evaluation categories: "accomplished," "proficient," "developing" and "ineffective."

- Requires the framework for evaluations to:

- ◆ use multiple factors, including student academic growth as 50% of each evaluation;
- ◆ be aligned with the Educator Standards Board's standards for teachers;
- ◆ require classroom walk-throughs and teacher observations on at least two occasions for 30 minutes each;
- ◆ require the teacher to be provided with a written report of the evaluation results;
- ◆ implement a classroom-level,

value-added program;

- ◆ provide for professional development to accelerate teacher growth and provide for the allocation of financial resources to support it.

- Requires districts to evaluate each teacher annually, except that teachers rated "accomplished" may be evaluated every two years.

- Prohibits using seniority for reductions in force or rehiring, except when evaluations are comparable.

- School districts receiving federal Race to the Top (RttT) funds must use pay-for-performance criteria under a schedule based on license and evaluations.

- School districts *not* receiving RttT funds must use either a performance-based salary schedule or current law.

The final version of the bill includes significant expansion of

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school choice through charter schools, the EdChoice Voucher program and the new Jon Peterson Special Education Scholarship (Voucher) Program. It's important that schools and members of their local communities understand that the district-by-district funding spreadsheets that have been circulating throughout the budget process do not take into consideration or reflect the additional reductions in funding to school districts as a result of the expansion of these types of program.

As for overall funding, the final bill retains about the same level of funding for education as proposed by the governor, with the exception of approximately \$200 million added through the changes made by the House and Senate. On the whole, reductions in state and federal aid, Tangible Personal Property (TPP) tax replacement payments, and Federal Title I and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act funding mean approximately \$2.9 billion less for schools over the biennium as compared to fiscal year 2011 levels. Many school districts will lose all TPP tax replacement payments in this biennium.

Some of the other changes included in the final version of the budget affecting education include:

- Health care pooling option for local government employees' coverage — optional, self-insurance and other pools could still exist as long as they meet best practices and benchmarks. This provision includes the elimination of the

School Employees Health Care Board.

- Principals or other employees also can serve as a school district's gifted education coordinator, if qualified.
- Removes the provision allowing home-schooled students to participate in extracurricular activities.
- Directs the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) to develop a plan and legislative recommendations for allowing students over age 22 to be enrolled tuition-free in school district and charter school dropout recovery and prevention programs.
- Removes the provision prohibiting the selling of services to a charter school by a sponsor.
- Reinstates the moratorium on new e-schools until 2013, then allows up to five new schools each year thereafter.
- Allows charter schools that do not have a sponsor to apply to ODE for approval to operate.

It is important to note that one provision not included in the legislature's final version of the bill was the governor's proposal for a 2% swap in employer and employee retirement contribution rates.

OSBA, along with the Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA) and the Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) sent a joint letter to the governor asking him to line-item veto the following provisions not included in his original proposal:

- Jon Peterson Special Education

Scholarship (Voucher) Program.

- The provision directing ODE to develop a plan for allowing students over the age of 22 to attend district and charter dropout/recovery programs tuition-free.
- The provision that would allow charter schools without sponsors to apply to ODE for approval to operate.

A copy of the veto letter and other budget-related documents can be found on the OSBA BillTracker page. Go to www.ohioschoolboards.org/129th-general-assembly and search "HB 153."

OSBA, BASA and OASBO will host six regional half-day seminars in July to cover the highlights of the budget bill and to share information about the closeout of federal ARRA and EdJobs funds. Visit the OASBO website at www.oasbo-ohio.org to register.

Also, our traditional in-depth review of the biennial budget at the Budget Analysis & Discussion (BAD) seminar is scheduled for Aug. 17 in Columbus. Contact OSBA's **Laurie Miller** at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org to register. You also can register on the OSBA website at www.ohioschoolboards.org/25055.

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

Editor's Note: All information in this article was current as of June 30, 2011.



PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Gary Motz, managing editor

Fort Frye kids give disabled classmate gift that keeps on giving

A Fort Frye Local (Washington) student recently celebrated a new way of getting around school, thanks to the efforts of his classmates.

Fort Frye High School freshman **Patrick Arnold-McKinney**, who has cerebral palsy, was presented with a new battery-powered mobility scooter right before the end of the school year. The school's Cadets for Care club raised the \$1,300 needed to buy the scooter with bake sales and raffles,

and by soliciting donations from local businesses.

Prior to receiving the scooter, Arnold-McKinney walked with braces or used a wheelchair.

"I wear braces, but I still don't do well over long distances," the teen told a local newspaper. "I can walk OK on a good day, but this is going to change my life at school — and everywhere else."

"We wanted to help someone ... and although there were so many kids in the district we wanted to

help, we made a unanimous decision to help Patrick," junior **Justin Moody** told the paper. Moody is president of Cadets for Care.

Arnold-McKinney said the scooter will be a big help when he goes to summer Boy Scout camp. He currently is working on his Eagle Scout project, which includes building a handicapped-accessible swing for children at a park along the Muskingum River in Lowell.

Source: *Marietta Times*



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

by Angela Penquite, communication design manager

NEA funds for the arts

The National Education Association Foundation Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth program funds projects that teach students about the arts. Projects must engage students with skilled artists, teachers and excellent art, and ensure the application of education standards.

Maximum awards: \$100,000

Eligibility: school- or community-based projects

Deadline: Aug. 11

Contact: www.nea.gov/grants/

[apply/artsted.html](http://www.nea.gov/grants/apply/artsted.html)

Grants for special needs children's programs

The Innovating Worthy Projects Foundation makes grants to organizations dedicated to developing innovative programs, disseminating ideas or providing direct care or services for children with special needs, acute illnesses or chronic disabilities.

Maximum awards: \$5,000

Eligibility: 501(c)(3) organizations

Deadline: Aug. 31

Contact: <http://iwpcf.org/application/index.html>

Funds for classroom gardens

The Herb Society of America will select four classrooms to receive a grant to establish an outdoor herb garden. **Maximum awards:** \$200

Eligibility: teachers of grades three to six who have at least 15 students in their class

Deadline: Sept. 1

Contact: herbsociety.org/resources/samull-grant.html

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- 1 OSBA Levy University: Fundamentals of outreach and communications..... Columbus
- 1 *Last day to file statistical report with Ohio Department of Education – RC 3319.33;*

- 2 OSBA Southwest Region Executive Committee Meeting College Corner
- 2 *Special Election Day – RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after the first Monday).*
- 3 OSBA Levy University: Fundamentals of outreach and communications.. Clayton
- 3 OSBA Northeast Region Executive Committee Meeting TBD
- 5 OSBA Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law Workshop Columbus
- 5 *Last day to submit November emergency, current operating expenses or conversion levy to county auditor for November general election – RC 5705.194, 5705.195, 5705.213, 5705.219 (95 days before election).*
- 8 OSBA Levy University: Fundamentals of outreach and communications..... Middleburg Heights
- 9 OSBA Levy University: Fundamentals of outreach and communications..... Lima
- 1 OSBA Levy University: Fundamentals of outreach and communications..... Nelsonville
- 10 *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 November election –*

- RC 133.18(D); last day for county auditor to certify school district bond levy terms for November election – RC 133.18(C); last day to submit continuing replacement, permanent improvement or operating levy for November election to board of elections – RC 5705.192, 5705.21, 5705.25; last day to certify resolution for school district income tax levy or conversion levy for November election to board of elections – RC 5705.195, 5705.219(G), 5748.02(C); last day to submit emergency levy for November election to board of elections – RC 5705.195; last day to submit phased-in levy or current operating expenses levy for November election to board of elections – RC 5705.251(A); last day to file (by 4 p.m.) nominating petitions for board of education and ESC governing board with board of elections – RC 3513.254, 3513.255 (90 days prior to the election).
- 13 OSBA Legislative Platform Committee Meeting Columbus
- 14 OSBA Southeast Region Executive Committee Meeting Logan
- 17 OSBA Budget Analysis & Discussion (BAD) Seminar Columbus