

BRIEF CASE

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Legislators kill February special election despite OSBA objections

Despite strong OSBA objections, a provision in the recently passed state biennial budget, House Bill (HB) 64, eliminates the February special election. In addition, the provision requires local districts to pay 65% of the projected election costs in advance of an August special election. Gov. **John R. Kasich** signed HB 64 into law June 30. For more on the budget bill, see "Legislative Report" on page 5.

New legislation changes some Ohio election dates

Recently enacted House Bill 153 amended certain election dates. Under current law, presidential primaries are held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March, unless otherwise noted by a municipal or county charter. House Bill 153 shifts the primary to the second Tuesday after the first Monday of the month. For 2016, this means the presidential primary that was scheduled for March 8 will now take place on March 15. The move allows Ohio to take advantage of rules adopted by the Republican National Committee requiring states with primaries between March 1 and 14 to be subject to a proportional allocation of their delegates, while those with primaries on March 15 or later may award delegates on a "winner-takes-all" basis. As a result of the bill, corresponding deadlines associated with the date of the presidential primary also are delayed by one week. OSBA has updated its Ohio Revised Code dates and deadlines to reflect these changes. The updated calendar is available at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/79538>.

OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show website up and running

Looking for information about the 2015 OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show? Then visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org> for details on keynote speakers, registration, housing, special events, travel information, Student Achievement Fair nominations and more. The conference, which draws nearly 10,000 attendees to Columbus each year, features General Session speakers **Jane Pauley**, an award-winning broadcast journalist; **Leland Melvin**, former space shuttle astronaut and NASA education administrator; and leading education media expert Dr. **Milton Chen**.

Conference once again features special group rate for school districts

A special Capital Conference group rate for school districts means that the more people a district sends to Columbus, the lower the per-person cost. When more than six people from a member school district register, the cost is a flat fee of \$1,700 for an *unlimited* number of registrants. That means that no matter if you send seven, 17 or 70, the cost is still just \$1,700. The individual registration rate is \$275. For details, visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org>.

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Sales tax holiday set for clothes, school supplies, instructional materials

The state will suspend its 5.75% sales tax on Aug. 7, 8 and 9 to help parents and teachers save money while back-to-school shopping. During the sales tax holiday, the following will be exempt from sales and use tax: an item of clothing priced at \$75 or less; an item of school instructional material priced at \$20 or less; and an item of school supplies priced at \$20 or less. There is no limit on how many items consumers can buy, and mail, telephone and online purchases qualify, even if delivery is made after Aug. 9. For more information, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/78583>.

OSBA now offers direct phone access to its attorneys

Averaging 3,000 phone calls per year, OSBA's Division of Legal Services fields more calls

Librarian creates music video plea for overdue books

Worthington City's Liberty Elementary School librarian **Mary Evelyn Smith** came up with an innovative way to encourage students to return overdue books. She created a parody song and video — "All About Them Books" — based on **Meghan Trainor's** song, "All About That Bass."

Although the video didn't lead to as many books being returned as she would have liked, the video, featuring students, Smith and teachers, has logged tens of thousands of views on YouTube and more than 1 million views on other websites.

Smith took a similar approach last year when she adapted "Let It Go" from the film "Frozen" to remind kids to return books. Watch this year's video at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/18367>.

Source: *Worthington News*

than any other OSBA division. To expedite access to attorneys and provide additional membership value, the association has set up a toll-free line that bypasses the main switchboard and goes directly to the legal division. To take advantage of this new service, simply dial (855) 672-2529

or (855) OSBA-LAW. The association's attorneys do not provide legal advice, but can provide legal information and access to legal resources to school boards and their districts.

Hagan resigns from State Board of Education

State Board of Education member **Robert F. Hagan** has resigned to take an out-of-state job. He was elected to the board last year. The governor will appoint his replacement.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

OSBA has made pertinent Ohio Revised Code dates and reminders available as an electronic calendar. The calendar can be loaded into any major email or calendar program on a computer or mobile device. To access this new service, use this link in your calendar program: <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/42107>.



Briefcase

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BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, administrative assistant of communication services

Other searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Treasurer	Bellevue City	Aug. 5	Mandy Martin, personnel coordinator, North Point ESC, (419) 627-3908

Board changes

Geneva Area City Board of Education member **David W. Foote Jr.** announced his resignation effective June 24. ●●● **Medina City** appointed **Rebecca Parkhurst** to the board effective June 22. She replaced **Doug Adamczyk**, who moved out of state. ●●● **Nordonia Hills City** appointed **Nick Berchtold** to the board effective June 15. He replaced **James Virost**, who resigned. ●●● **Ontario Local (Richland)** Board of Education member **Marianne Gasiecki** announced her resignation effective June 30. ●●● **Troy City** Board of Education member **Stephen G. Lucas** announced his resignation effective June 9. He is moving out of the district.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Ayersville Local (Defiance) hired **Donald F. Diglia** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Tod A. Hug**, who has taken the superintendent position at **Liberty Center Local (Henry)**. ●●● **Bridgeport EV** hired **Zachary Shutler** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Ted C. Downing**, who took the superintendent position at **Bright Local (Highland)**. Shutler currently is an elementary school principal in Wheeling, W.Va. ●●● **Coldwater EV** hired **Jason Wood** as superintendent effective July 1. He replaced **Richard A. Seas**, who took the superintendent position at **Adams County/Ohio Valley Local (Adams)**. Wood previously was a principal at **Franklin Monroe Local (Darke)**. ●●● **Conotton Valley Union Local (Harrison)** Superintendent **Adam Pittis** announced his resignation effective July 31. He has taken the superintendent position at **East Guernsey Local (Guernsey)**. Pittis will replace **Richard A. Hall**, who took the superintendent position at **Mid-East Career and Technology Centers**. ●●● **East Holmes Local (Holmes)** hired **Tri-County ESC** Superintendent **James J. Ritchie** as interim superintendent effective immediately. He replaced **Joe Edinger**, who retired. The district also hired current Tri-County ESC Curriculum Director **Kris Pipes-Perone** as interim assistant superintendent. Both will maintain their ESC positions. ●●● **Lorain City** hired Dr. **Jeffrey M. Graham** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Thomas E. Tucker**, who is retiring. Graham currently is the superintendent at **Parma City**. ●●● **Northeastern Local (Clark)** hired Dr. **John P. Kronour** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace Dr. **Louis A. Kramer**, who took the superintendent position at **London City**. Kronour previously was the superintendent at **Tipp City EV**. ●●● **Olentangy Local (Delaware)** hired **Mark T. Raiff** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace Dr. **Wade E. Lucas**, who is retiring. Raiff currently is the district's chief academic officer. ●●● **Delaware City** hired **Heidi Kegley** as assistant superintendent effective Aug. 1. She will replace **Bradford W. Faust**, who has taken the assistant superintendent position at **South-Western City**. Kegley currently is a principal in the district. ●●● **Dover City** hired

Editor's note

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

Karie McCrate as assistant superintendent effective Aug. 1. She will replace **Carla Birney**, who was hired as the district's superintendent. McCrate currently is an elementary school principal in the district.

Treasurers

Johnstown-Munroe Local (Licking) Treasurer **Tamara A. Woods** announced her resignation effective July 31. She has taken the treasurer position at **Tolles Career & Technical Center** effective Aug. 1, replacing **Pamela Orr**, who is retiring July 31. The district hired **Zachary Niblick** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. Niblick currently is the audit manager for the central region office of the Ohio auditor of state. ●●● **Marlington Local (Stark)** hired **Leslie Pierce** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. She will replace **Derek Nottingham**, who took the treasurer position at **Louisville City**. Pierce currently is the chief financial officer at the Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities. ●●● **Orange City** hired **Todd A. Puster** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. He will replace **L. Greg Slemons**, who is retiring effective July 31. Puster currently is the treasurer at **East Liverpool City**. ●●● **Toledo City** hired **Ryan Stechschulte** as treasurer effective July 1. He replaced **Matt Cleland**, who took a position with Metroparks of the Toledo Area. Stechschulte previously was the treasurer at **Lima City**. ●●● **United Local (Columbiana)** hired **Melissa Baker** as treasurer effective Aug. 31. She will replace **Kathy L. Davies**, who took the treasurer position at **Columbiana EV**. Baker currently is the assistant treasurer at **Beaver Local (Columbiana)**.



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 for running for a seat on a local board of education. Set for Saturday, July 25, from 10 a.m. to noon at the OSBA office in Columbus, this workshop will be led by two veteran OSBA staff members and include time for questions.

This session is for people who are thinking about running for their school board and current board of education members appointed to office, who must now run for election.

Space is limited, so contact OSBA Senior 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/workshops.

Sympathies

Former Ashtabula County ESC Board of Education member **Marcena Q. Diley** died June 7. She was 88. ●●● **Emmet L. Riley**, a former **Canton City** assistant superintendent, **Dover City** superintendent and superintendent at the former **Lima Shawnee School District** in Allen County, died June 18. He was 97. ●●● Former **Carlisle Local (Warren)** Board of Education member **Billy D. Rogers** died June 19. He was 91. ●●● Former **Garaway Local (Tuscarawas)** Board of Education member **Rev. Arnold H. Klaiber** died June 10. He was 87. ●●● Former **Greenville City** Board of Education member **C. Leroy Lennen** died June 13. He was 83. ●●● Former **Middletown City** Board of Education member **Fred Sennet** died June 9. He was 81. ●●● Former **New Philadelphia City** Board of Education member **Pauline V. Wyrle** died June 14. She was 68. ●●● Former **Portsmouth City** Assistant Treasurer **Kenneth E. Waddell** died June 18. He was 68. ●●● **Richmond Heights Local (Cuyahoga)** Board of Education member **Carl Vinci** died June 5. He was 67.



Beyond Surveys and Focus Groups: Engagement as a Partnership

Lessons from three years of intensive community engagement

Friday, July 31

OSBA office, Columbus

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost is \$150

Dive deep into lessons learned from a large suburban district's community engagement initiative, then apply these lessons to your schools. Both large and small school districts can use these strategies to build small pockets of intimacy with community members to work together toward a shared purpose. Along the way, transform engagement from lip service to an essential part of whole-system change that challenges parents, staff and community members to be interdependent and collectively responsible for the future of their children's public education. This highly interactive session will include a workbook and small group dialogue so participants can learn from each other and track their own engagement experiments.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops or contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.



Budget Analysis and Discussion (BAD) Seminar

Monday, Aug. 10, Hilton Columbus/Polaris

Attend the Budget Analysis and Discussion (BAD) Seminar for the most in-depth analysis on the fiscal year 2016-17 state budget, Amended Substitute House Bill (HB) 64.

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.

Plan to attend the BAD Seminar on Aug. 10 at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris. The workshop is from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with registration beginning at 8:15 a.m. Learn from legislative experts and lawmakers on what was included and the impact this legislation will have on Ohio school districts.

This workshop is \$195 per person for OSBA, OASBO and BASA member school district representatives. The fee covers workshop registration, materials, lunch and refreshments. Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/bad-workshop for registration information and directions.

Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law Workshop

Friday, Aug. 7

9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center, Lewis Center

Cost: \$160, 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, welcome and continental breakfast (provided)

9 a.m. Making sense of court orders and custody documents

Shared parenting orders, kinship arrangements, caretaker affidavits and other custody arrangements can present issues when enrolling students and determining if individuals should have access to student records. A domestic relations magistrate and school law attorney discuss some of these important issues. Bring your questions for the Q&A portion of this session.

Rosalind C. Florez, magistrate, Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas Division of Domestic Relations; and Giselle S. Spencer, Esq., Ennis Britton Co. LPA, Cleveland

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Views from the bench and the trench: attendance challenges

A magistrate and school representatives discuss truancy and attendance issues among juvenile offenders, emancipated minors and adult students. Leave with practical tips for leveraging your local resources to address attendance challenges with these student populations.

Cynthia Morehart, magistrate, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas Juvenile Branch; and Cheryl Ward, supervisor of student & family engagement, and Kathy Burton, school social worker and court liaison, Columbus City

11:30 a.m. Lunch (provided)

12:30 p.m. The top 10 EMIS coding mistakes

The Ohio Department of Education's Education Management Information System (EMIS) team members share the most frequent EMIS coding mistakes school districts make. Bring your coding questions.

Representatives from the Ohio Department of Education

1:30 p.m. Break

1:45 p.m. Registering and placing immigrant students

As Ohio's population becomes more diverse, districts will encounter increasingly diverse student needs. Learn about the issues school districts face, including the types of documents that are acceptable for enrolling foreign-born students, registering undocumented students and age-related placement options for English-language learners.

Amy Bittner, Esq., Muchnicki & Bittner LLP, Columbus; Sarah J. Moore, Esq., Roetzel & Andress, Cleveland; and Kim Normand, principal, Columbus Global Academy, Columbus City

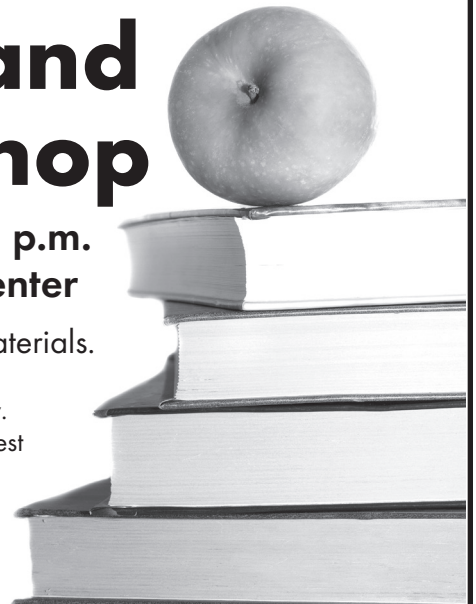
2:45 p.m. Open enrollment policies and procedures

Ohio law permits school districts to make their own decisions on whether they will permit open enrollment. A school law attorney discusses model policies and procedural issues that may arise with open enrollment, including what documentation you can request, setting capacity limits and the impact of enrollment policies on the new College Credit Plus program.

Jennifer A. Flint, Esq., Bricker & Eckler LLP, Columbus

3:30 p.m. Adjourn

The workshop will be held at Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center (formerly NorthPointe Hotel & Conference Center), 100 Green Meadows Drive South, Lewis Center, 43035. The phone number is (614) 880-4300. Register online at **www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops** or contact **Laurie Miller**, OSBA senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.



State Report Card Workshop

Perplexed by your state report card? Learn what you need to know.

Saturday, Aug. 8
OSBA office, Columbus

9 a.m. to Noon
Cost is \$90



You don't know what you don't know. We hear this all the time and when it comes to the new state report card, that statement has never been more true. Learn what you need to know to help you and your fellow board members be more effective in your board work.

- Gain an understanding of report card accountability measures and implications for anticipated changes to the system.
- Work with your district's report card and learn what you can convey to your stakeholders.
- Gain valuable tips for using the data to effectively guide local policy decisions.

Presenters will be Dr. **Judy Jackson May**, associate professor of educational administration and leadership studies at Bowling Green State University and OSBA northwest regional manager; and **Jacqueline Burke**, senior director of strategic measures, Battelle for Kids. This workshop is hosted by the Urban School District Advisory Network.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Cost for the workshop is \$90 per attendee, and includes breakfast and materials. Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops or contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

2015 Treasurers' Clinics

Choose the date and location that best fits your schedule:

Tuesday, Sept. 15	Embassy Suites, Columbus
Wednesday, Sept. 16	Northeast Ohio Medical University, Rootstown
Tuesday, Oct. 6	Ohio University Inn and Conference Center, Athens
Tuesday, Oct. 13	Hilton Garden Inn Toledo Perrysburg, Perrysburg
Thursday, Oct. 15	Hilton Garden Inn Dayton South, Miamisburg
Wednesday, Oct. 21	Kent State University at Tuscarawas, New Philadelphia

Plan now to attend the 2015 OSBA Treasurers' Clinics to be held in six locations around the state. These clinics provide the most current information on school district fiscal issues. Treasurers, business managers, board members, administrators and treasurer's office personnel are all encouraged to attend.

The Treasurers' Clinics offer timely information on a multitude of topics relevant to all members of a district's management team. Attendees also can fulfill their local and state professional development needs, including in-service, LPDC and continuing professional education credits.

Registration and continental breakfast begin at 8 a.m. The fee is \$160, which includes registration, continental breakfast, lunch and materials. You can register by contacting OSBA's **Laurie Miller** at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

OSBA Pre-Board Candidate Workshop

☐ July 25, Columbus, free

Beyond Surveys and Focus Groups: Engagement as a Partnership

☐ July 31, Columbus, \$150

Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law Workshop

☐ Aug. 7, Lewis Center, \$160

State Report Card Workshop

☐ Aug. 8, Columbus, \$90

Budget Analysis and Discussion Seminar

☐ Aug. 10, Columbus, \$195

Treasurers' Clinics

☐ Sept. 15, Columbus, \$160

☐ Sept. 16, Rootstown, \$160

☐ Oct. 6, Athens, \$160

☐ Oct. 13, Perrysburg, \$160

☐ Oct. 15, Miamisburg, \$160

☐ Oct. 21, New Philadelphia, \$160

OSBA Workshop Registration Form

Workshop name _____ Workshop date _____

Attendee name _____ Title _____

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District/firm _____ County _____

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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.

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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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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.

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.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services

State budget legislation signed into law

The Ohio General Assembly has concluded its work on House Bill (HB) 64, the biennial budget bill for fiscal years (FY) 2016-2017. A conference committee, which was tasked with working out the differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill, issued its final report in the early hours of June 26. In large part, the committee went along with the Senate version of the budget as it deals with school funding.

On June 30, Gov. **John R. Kasich** vetoed 44 provisions in the bill before signing the legislation into law.

OSBA appreciates the increased investment in public education in Ohio and is pleased that no districts will receive less money from the state-funding formula than they received in FY 2015. The association also appreciates that the legislature included language that would have protected school districts from losses due to the phaseout of tangible personal property (TPP) tax payments. However, OSBA is concerned with the governor's veto of FY 2017 TPP hold-harmless payments and looks forward to continued discussions with the legislature and the administration on this issue.

Following are some of the school-funding formula provisions

in the conference committee report that were approved by both the House and Senate.

- No changes were made to the basic aid, gifted education, special education, career-technical, economically disadvantaged and other per-pupil dollar amounts from the Senate version of the budget.
- The committee retained the

Senate's state share index for purposes of calculating the state and local contribution levels for Core Opportunity Aid and other categoricals within the formula.

- The Senate's technology supplement that was based on district density was eliminated and the money folded into the Capacity

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Aid component of targeted assistance originally proposed in the House version of the formula. Based on the amount of money districts can raise on a per-pupil/per-mill basis, the Senate version had reduced the funding level for Capacity Aid. The conference committee levels represent a compromise between the two versions for this component.

- The graduation rate bonus and third-grade reading bonus were both reduced from Senate levels.
- The transportation supplement, based on density, was increased from the Senate proposal.
- All of the changes made within the formula were to components the Senate had placed outside the gain cap, so the capped funding

amount is unchanged from the Senate version.

- Net funding for education is reduced from Senate levels by approximately \$11 million over the biennium.
- The TPP/public utility tangible personal property tax supplement first added by the House and retained by the Senate remains a part of the bill for FY 2016; however, Kasich vetoed FY 2017 hold-harmless payments.

In addition, OSBA requested that the governor veto two items in the bill. The first, a provision that would have eliminated the TPP tax on public utility generation facilities, was vetoed.

This provision appeared in the Senate version of the budget bill

through its omnibus amendment with little time for discussion and input from stakeholders. In fact, there were no public hearings with testimony from affected parties.

Given the implications for such a major shift in public policy, OSBA felt the provision deserved much more discussion. The current values were set under major electric deregulation legislation that included multiple opportunities for hearings and debate. In Kasich's veto language, he advised the legislature to work with stakeholders and draft a bill in the fall after conducting a larger and more thorough discussion.

Another item OSBA opposed in HB 64 eliminates the February special election. The association believes school districts and other local government groups need multiple opportunities to present levy requests to the public. Decisions about whether to use a February special election should be left up to local school boards.

If a school board chooses to put an issue on a special election ballot, it is because it is truly necessary for the district. In addition, the provision requires local districts to pay 65% of the projected election costs in advance of an August special election. This provision was not vetoed and was signed into law.

A provision that was included in HB 64 but later vetoed by the governor would have guaranteed that school districts receive a state school-funding minimum. In his veto letter, Kasich wrote "Funding

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OSBA strategic planning — the road map for decision making

Let OSBA put you on the path to success. OSBA can help your district create a comprehensive, long-term strategic plan to ensure you always know which road to take. OSBA consultants will help you identify critical issues, set comprehensive goals for the district and determine priorities for the future.

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Gary Motz, editorial manager

Robotics camp generates 'the perfect storm' of learning

More than 100 middle and high school students from multiple school districts recently took part in the RAMTEC Vex Robotics Camp at **Tri-Rivers Career Center** in Marion County.

Campers participated in three days of designing, building and programming robots using the Vex robotics system. The system of software and hardware is designed to introduce students and educators to the world of robotics. It features simple, entry-level

designs that can be enhanced to create more sophisticated systems.

"Robotics is the perfect storm of technology, math, engineering and science," **Marion City** teacher **Rick Lehman** told a local newspaper. "These kids ... collaborate with design and programming, but it's really all about team-building and problem-solving. The skills are transferable to all fields."

The camp is made possible by grants from area industrial

manufacturing firms. It also has support from the Ohio Department of Education through the state's Straight A Fund.

In addition to exploring various robotic platforms, students enjoyed a team competition: "Nothing But Net." In the competition, students picked up balls with the robots they designed and tossed them into a series of nets. Extra points were awarded for a robot that could lift and carry another robot.

Source: *The Marion Star*

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guarantees undermine the formula by limiting its ability to direct funds to districts that need them most."

HB 64 included many additional policy provisions that affect public education. One of these that will now become law will prohibit the use of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers exams, better known as PARCC assessments, for elementary and secondary achievement tests.

The provision also calls for the state superintendent of public instruction to find new tests to be implemented in the spring of 2016 for mathematics and English language arts. Two additional requirements are that the new tests have to be given in one round in

the second half of the school year (instead of two rounds with PARCC), and they must be shorter than this year's PARCC tests.

On July 1, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. **Richard A. Ross** announced that the Ohio Department of Education will work with the American Institutes for Research (AIR) to develop the new tests for mathematics and English language arts. The institute is the same organization that develops the state's science and social studies exams. State officials said they hope to have a time line for launching the AIR exams by the beginning of the upcoming school year.

For the most in-depth analysis of the state budget, attend the Budget

Analysis and Discussion (BAD) Seminar on Monday, Aug. 10. This comprehensive seminar, hosted by OSBA, the Ohio Association of School Business Officials and the Buckeye Association of School Administrators, will provide insights and answers on the budget process and final version of the legislation.

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July 2015

- 14 BoardDocs webinar
- 15 Last day to adopt school library district tax budget on behalf of a library district — RC 5705.28(B)(1).
- 21 Last day to submit certification for November conversion levy to tax commissioner — RC 5705.219(B) (105 days prior to election).
- 25 Pre-Board Candidate Workshop Columbus
- 27 Last day to submit certification for November income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to election).
- 31 Beyond Surveys and Focus Groups: Engagement as a Partnership workshop Columbus
- 31 Semiannual campaign finance reports must be filed by certain candidates, political action committees, caucus committees (legislative campaign funds) and political parties (by 4 p.m.) detailing contributions and expenditures through June 30, 2015 — RC 3517.10(A)(4); 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 prior to election).

August 2015

- 1 Last day to submit to the Ohio Department of Education a plan to require students to access and complete online classroom lessons ("blizzard bags") in order to make up hours for which it was necessary to close schools — RC 3313.482; last day to file statistical report with Ohio Department of Education — RC 3319.33.
- 3 Southwest Region Executive Committee meeting TBD
- 4 Special Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after the first Monday).
- 5 Northeast Region Executive Committee Meeting Wadsworth
- 5 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, conversion levy or renewal of conversion levy for November election to board of elections — RC 5748.02(C), 5705.219 (C) and (G); 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).
- 7 Attendance Tuition and Custody Law Workshop Lewis Center
- 8 State Report Card Workshop Columbus
- 10 BAD Workshop Columbus
- 16 Southeast Region Executive Committee meeting Marietta
- 24 Last day to file (by 4 p.m.) as a write-in candidate for November general election — RC 3513.041 (72 days prior to the election).
- 27 Board Candidate Workshop Rootstown

September 2015

- 1 Board Candidate Workshop Miamisburg
- 2 Board Candidate Workshop Findlay
- 9 Management Development Series #3 Workshop Columbus
- 10 Board Candidate Workshop Athens
- 12 Board Candidate Workshop .. Columbus
- 15 Treasurers Clinic Columbus