



Central News

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JONATHAN JURAVICH FALL CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Inviting a box turtle to help teach art and nature conservation is one of many novel strategies **Jonathan Juravich** employs at **Olentangy Local's (Delaware)** Liberty Tree Elementary School to get children excited about learning. *Juravich is the 2018 Ohio Teacher of the Year* and was among four finalists across the United States to be considered for the honor of National Teacher of the Year from the Council of Chief State School Officers.



Juravich coaches cross country and track at Hyatts Middle School and is an Otterbein University adjunct instructor. As the district's elementary art department chair, he develops curriculum and facilitates teacher professional development. In addition to overseeing parent-teacher organization partnerships and community service learning opportunities, he leads Liberty's building environment team, which teaches children positive behaviors such as showing respect and empathy.

To get families involved with their children's education, Juravich conducts several annual outreach programs at Olentangy Local Schools and throughout central Ohio to showcase student artwork. He develops art programs for the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium and Columbus Arts Festival and serves as a leader in the Ohio Art Education Association.

Make it a point to attend the OSBA Central Region Fall Conference on Sept. 19 (see related article) to hear what promises to be an engaging keynote presentation.

Source: Ohio Department of Education

CENTRAL REGION LEGISLATIVE OPEN HOUSE EVENT

Plan to join us on Aug. 22 for the region's third summer legislative open house. The topic of the evening will be "a legislative update for school leaders." The presentation will be delivered by **Jay Smith**, deputy director legislative services, and **Will Schwartz**, lobbyist, OSBA.

Eastland Career Center will host the open house in room 1113. The career center is located at 4465 S. Hamilton Rd., Groveport, 43125. **This is a free event** and will begin with social time at 6:30 p.m., followed by the presentation at 7 p.m. We will end by 8 p.m.

The open house is a great kickoff for the 2018-2019 school year and an opportunity to hear the latest important legislative news and network with fellow board members. We hope to see you there.

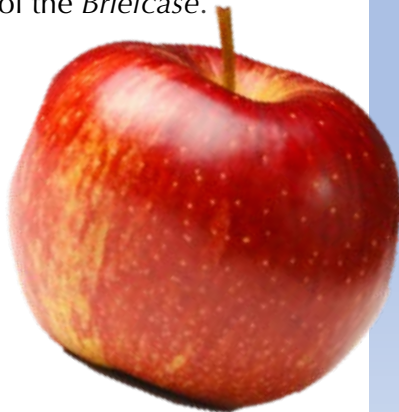
CENTRAL REGION FALL CONFERENCE 2018

Mark Sept. 19 on your calendar today! You will not want to miss the Central Region Fall Conference. Friends of Public Education, Exemplary School Employees, Outstanding Teachers, board members with more than 30 years of service and the All-Ohio School Board nominees will be honored.

The association president and chief executive officer will provide OSBA news, and important legislative updates will be shared. **Jonathan Juravich**, 2018 Ohio Teacher of the Year and art teacher from **Olentangy Local's (Delaware)** Liberty Tree Elementary School will be our keynote speaker (see related article).

The event will be held at Villa Milano, and a social hour will begin at 5 p.m. **Reservations are \$40 per person and will be taken until Sept. 12.** Register at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/crfall2018>.

Look for more information in upcoming editions of the *Briefcase*.



YOU'RE THE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT BOARD LIAISON. NOW WHAT?

Each Ohio public school board is requested to appoint one member, at the January organizational meeting, to serve as the district's student achievement liaison. Student achievement liaisons are a vital part of OSBA's Student Achievement Initiative serving as links between individual school boards and the OSBA Student Achievement Leadership Team (SALT). Each student achievement liaison has five main objectives:

1. to share, at least monthly, information about ways to improve student achievement with their fellow board members.
2. to encourage their school board colleagues to focus on improving student achievement.
3. to establish and maintain relationships with their academic booster groups.
4. to send information on successful district programs to the Student Achievement Leadership Team and nominate programs for the Student Achievement Fair.
5. to participate in SALT activities and encourage other board members to do so, as well. SALT events occur during the Capital Conference.

Each student achievement liaison and each SALT member receives a copy of *Success*, OSBA's monthly SALT newsletter. Student achievement liaisons are encouraged to lead a monthly discussion with fellow board members and administrative staff on pertinent items in *Success*.

For questions about the student achievement liaison assignment, please contact **Kim Miller-Smith**, senior student achievement consultant at (614) 540-4000, ext. 275 or kmillersmith@ohioschoolboards.org

THREE FREDERICKTOWN LOCAL BOARD MEMBERS EARN AWARD OF ACHIEVEMENT

Earning the Award of Achievement is an accomplishment, but a team of three from one board earning the award in the same year is newsworthy. **Fredericktown Local's (Knox) Candice Gallagher, Patty Miller and Todd McClay** all earned the Award of Achievement this spring. Miller is in her first year of her second term on the board of education while Gallagher and McClay are in the third year of their first term. McClay states the team of three "were interested in learning more about being board members and serving our school and community to the best of our abilities."



Todd McClay, Candice Gallagher and Patty Miller

McClay is a licensed physical therapist, Gallagher a retired teacher, and Miller is a retired principal and district office administrator. Gallagher said, "continuing education is very important to me. Once I was

elected, I wanted to learn as much about being a board member as possible, so I could govern effectively."

The group attended the National Rural Conference, OSBA Capital Conference, OSBA Board Leadership Institute (BLI), Board Officer Training and various other workshops to round out their learning. Miller noted how "incredibly impressed" all three of the board members were with the great learning opportunities provided at New Board Member Workshops and BLI.

Collectively, the Fredericktown Local board of education members continue to take advantage of workshops, conferences and various training sessions. McClay summed up the experience. "OSBA is a great resource as we continue on our journey as lifelong learners." Congratulations to the Fredericktown Local Award of Achievement winners and the rest of the board of education.

EVENTS & DATES

- July 21
New Board Member Workshop
- Aug. 22
Central Region Legislative Open House
- Aug. 23
District Financial Health Workshop
- Sept. 12
School Security and Safety Solutions Summit
- Sept. 19
Central Region Fall Conference
- Oct. 5
Transitioning Your District Through Engagement Workshop
- Oct. 12
Administrative Professionals Workshop
- Oct. 17
Student Achievement and ESSA Workshop
- Nov. 11-13
OSBA Capital Conference
- Dec. 4
Understanding HR for Board Members
- Dec. 7
Levy University

SPRING CONFERENCE 2018



Full house Spring Conference 2018

Spring Conference 2018 is in the books! Region President **Amy Eyman, Lancaster City** presided over the Central Region Spring Conference held on March 7. Two hundred sixty-five members and their guests attended the event with 43 of the region's districts being represented. Thirteen of the region's 14 counties were represented. The event was held at Villa Milano, and participants enjoyed a social hour prior to dinner. Lancaster City's High School Percussion Ensemble provided an outstanding dinner performance.



Licking Heights, Kenneth Kraemer and Amy Eyman – Outstanding Program

Attendees heard association and legislative updates from OSBA Chief Executive Officer **Richard Lewis**, OSBA President **Randy Smith, Forest Hills Local (Hamilton)**, and OSBA Deputy Director of Legislative Services **Jay Smith**. **Mike Nicholson** from Battelle for Kids spoke about board visioning for our students and community in a keynote address about the Portrait of a Graduate.



Lancaster City Jerry Rainey, Debbie Bates and Steve Wigton – Outstanding Program

The following school districts were recognized for their outstanding programs as exhibited at the 2017 Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair: **Bloom-Carroll Local (Fairfield)**, **Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technical Schools**, **Lakewood Local (Licking)**, **Lancaster City**, **Licking Heights Local (Licking)**, **Mansfield City**, **Marion City**, **Olentangy Local (Delaware)**, **Pioneer Career and Technology Center** and **Union Scioto Local (Ross)**.



Pickerington Local, Kara Jackson, Krisi Motsch and Chris Briggs - Outstanding Program – Blue Ribbon Schools

Central Region's three 2017 Blue Ribbon School recipients were honored. The Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors elementary and secondary schools in the United States that make significant progress in closing achievement gaps or whose students achieve at the highest levels in their state. We were pleased to award the outstanding school Blue Ribbon award to the boards, administration and staff of **Dublin City's** Wyandot Elementary School and **Pickerington Local's** (Fairfield) Toll Gate Elementary School and Toll Gate Middle School.

One Central Region district achieved the Ohio Department of Education *School of Promise* criteria for 2017. Mansfield City's Mansfield Spanish Immersion School was recognized for this distinction.

VETERAN BOARD MEMBERS RECOGNIZED

Board members received well-deserved recognition for their milestone years of service. Amy Eyman and Richard Lewis presented 16 milestone service recognition pins!

10-year recipients were **Ramona Reyes**, Columbus City, and **H. Lewis Stemen**, Fairfield County ESC.

15 -year recipients included **Tom Bichsel**, Jonathan Alder Local (Madison); **Rex Coleman**, Berne Union Local (Fairfield); **Richard Everman**, Pickaway County ESC; **Jeff Hartmus**, Chillicothe City; **David Hice**, Southeastern Local (Ross); **Norman Huber**, Colonel Crawford Local (Morrow); **Tom Kaelber**, Delaware Area Career Center; **Frances O'Flaherty**, Delaware City; **Todd Stevens**, Circleville City; **Christopher Valentine**, Dublin City; **Steve Votaw**, Jonathan Alder Local; **Byron Welch**, Pickaway County ESC and **Jeff Whisler**,

Northmor Local (Morrow).

Keith Rogers, Tri-Rivers Career Center, was recognized for **20 years** of service.



Keith Rogers, Tri-Rivers Career Center

Congratulations to all of our veteran board members and thank you for your service to our students and communities.

THE CENTRAL REGION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Amy Eyman
Lancaster City, president

Stu Harris
Dublin City, president-elect

Lee Schreiner
South-Western City, immediate past president

Kevin Archer, Teays Valley Local (Pickaway)

Dr. Marguerite Bennett, Mount Vernon City and
Knox County Career Center

Edward Bischoff, ESC of Central Ohio and Delaware
Area Career Center

Jennifer Buchanan, Elgin Local (Marion)

Renda M. Cline, Mansfield City

Mindy Garverick, South-Western City

W. Shawna Gibbs, Columbus City

Robert Haas, Tri-Rivers Career Center

David Harper, Jefferson Local (Madison) and Tolles
Career & Technical Center

Paul Wayne Hinkle, Highland Local (Morrow)

Dr. Paul Johnson, Bucyrus City and Pioneer Career
& Technology Center

Brian Luke, Marysville EV

Jane McGinty, Madison Local (Richland)

Ted McKinniss, Marion City and Tri-Rivers Career
Center

Richard McLarnan, Knox County ESC and Knox
County Career Center

Leslie Schneider, Marion City

Ray Storts, Union Scioto Local (Ross)

Charlie Wilson, Worthington City

Roger Zeune, Southwest Licking Local (Licking)

Kim Miller-Smith, regional manager

AWARD OF ACHIEVEMENT AND MASTER BOARD MEMBERS

The region enjoyed its largest class of Award of Achievement earners. The Award of Achievement was presented to 22 Central Region board members who participated in extensive professional development and demonstrated leadership at both the local and state level. **Amy Eyman**, OSBA President **Randy Smith** and OSBA Chief Executive Officer **Richard Lewis** presented the Award of Achievement pins. The following board members received this distinct honor: **Dr. Marguerite Bennett**, Mount Vernon City and Knox County Career Center; **Jennifer Best**, Worthington City; **Edward Bischoff**, ESC of Central Ohio and Delaware Area Career Center; **Renda M. Cline**, Mansfield City; **Sue Devine**, Marysville EV; **Mary Dixon**, Mid-Ohio ESC and Pioneer Career & Technology Center; **Cheryl Feasel**, Mount Vernon City; **Ron Rae Fowler**, Fairfield County ESC; **Candice Gallagher**, Fredericktown Local (Knox); **W. Shawna Gibbs**, Columbus City; **Pam Hallum**, Hamilton Local (Franklin); **Cathy Johnson**, South-Western City; **Melissa Lacroix**, Bexley City; **Dennis Long**, Galion City and Pioneer Career & Technology Center; **Lynn B. May**, Dublin City; **Todd McClay**, Fredericktown Local (Knox); **Patty Miller**, Fredericktown Local (Knox); **Melissa Dunlap Palmisciano**, Grandview Heights City; **Beryl Piccolantonio**, Gahanna-Jefferson and Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technical Center; **Vincent B. Popo**, Walnut Township Local (Fairfield); **Lee Schreiner**, South-Western City; and **Sheryl Weber**, Mansfield City.

The distinction of OSBA Master Board Member was conferred to Sue Devine and Renda M. Cline.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT FAIR

The OSBA Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair highlights outstanding student performance groups and innovative programs from school districts across the state. It is one of the most successful and rewarding exhibitions at the OSBA Capital Conference. We would love to see your district involved. Generally, 20 instructional programs from each region are selected to showcase their programs. **The fair is from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 12, 2018, during OSBA Capital Conference.**

Program submissions will be reviewed for acceptance until all booths have been filled. **Please note all performance groups have been selected. Submissions are open for innovative programs only.**

Nominate a district program today!
<http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/2018/saf-program-nomination/> or contact **Gwen Samet** at (800) 589-OSBA or gsamet@ohioschoolboards.org

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Student Achievement Fair 2017

REGIONAL CONFERENCE SPONSORS

Central Region is fortunate to have two region conference sponsors for 2018, Taft, Stettinius & Hollister LLP and Trane.

Why a sponsor? The reservation fee for Central Region Conference has not increased since 2009. However, conference expenses have increased, with the total per person expenses averaging approximately \$36. Our sponsors provide a cushion to keep our district costs low and allow enough profit to reinvest in other activities such as the summer legislative open house.

The information below is a short synopsis of the missions of Taft, Stettinius & Hollister and Trane and how they relate to the OSBA Central Region.

Taft, Stettinius & Hollister LLP (Taft), has numerous attorneys in their cross-disciplinary Education group who have substantial experience representing public and private schools and school boards. **Janica Pierce Tucker** of Taft writes, "Our K-12 lawyers focus on developing strong relationships with administrators and school board members to fully understand their needs and the changing landscape or developing opportunities they may be encountering. By doing so, we are able to develop effective, efficient and customized strategies and solutions for public, independent and nontraditional schools. We have and continue to provide advice to school boards across the region and are proud to support the Ohio School Boards Association and the Central Region."

For more than 50 years, Trane has provided solutions for high-performance classrooms and sustainable schools that are fiscally and environmentally responsible, and significantly improve the quality and cost-effective delivery of education. "School boards and district facility managers are under a lot of pressure these days to reduce operating costs and make sure that every dollar spent results in several dollars of benefit to taxpayers," says **Tina Canini** of Trane Heating and Cooling. "Helping school districts identify and implement classroom conditions that are essential to improving student learning" are at the heart of the Trane solutions for K-12 schools.

Please take a minute at Fall Conference to thank our sponsors.

FAYETTE, MADISON AND MORROW COUNTY: WE NEED YOU!

Nomination forms have been delivered to your mailbox. Please consider becoming a member of the Central Region Executive Committee. To represent each county in our region, we especially need members from Fayette, Madison and Morrow counties.

If you need help with the application, need a new application or want more information, call Kim Miller-Smith at (614) 540-4000.

CAPITAL CONFERENCE WE NEED YOU!

Do you have an hour to spare at the OSBA Capital Conference? Sign up to work in the Central Region booth. No experience necessary. Requirements for this one-hour commitment are a smile and willingness to meet other region members.

*Photo: Board Member **Ray Storts**, Union-Scioto Local (Ross) and Region Manager **Kim Miller-Smith** working in the region booth.*





STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT RESOURCES

Region Manager **Kim Miller-Smith** serves OSBA in two capacities – region manager and student achievement consultant. In the student achievement role, Miller-Smith helps school board members and others understand their responsibilities in closing the achievement gap and advancing the instructional needs of *all* students.

Because school board members make decisions that impact educational programs and distribute resources that improve learning opportunities, understanding student achievement is important.

OSBA's goal is to make improved student achievement an ongoing and visible part of every Ohio school board's mission.

Several workshops are available to board members and district leaders. Some sample topics are listed below. Please contact Kim Miller-Smith at (614) 540-4000 or kmillersmith@ohioschoolboards.org if you would like a customized presentation on one of these topics or would like more information about these important issues.

- Aligning Resources for Student Achievement
- The Basics of Personalized Learning
- Understanding the Local Report Card
- Community Engagement
- The Board's Role in Student Achievement
- OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal
- Helping Students Who Live in Poverty
- Cultural Competency Considerations
- Chronic Absenteeism
- Drop Out Prevention: A Systems Approach
- Unified Leadership and Student Achievement
- Visioning Student Success

NEWS and NOTES

ADDRESS CHANGE

All correspondence to regional manager, Kim Miller-Smith should be sent to 8050 N. High St., Ste. 100, Columbus, OH 43235.

Please share this information with appropriate district personnel and change your records.

CHRONIC ABSENCE

A student is chronically absent if he or she misses as few as **two days of school a month**.

2 DAYS PER MONTH x 9 MONTHS = CHRONIC ABSENCE

WILSON ELECTED NSBA SECRETARY-TREASURER

The National School Boards Association (NSBA) Delegate Assembly elected **Charlie Wilson, Worthington City**, as the association's secretary-treasurer during the recent NSBA Annual Conference & Exposition in San Antonio. It is the highest NSBA office achieved by an Ohio school board member. Wilson was elected as a Central Region representative to NSBA's Board of Directors in 2014 and served as OSBA's president in 2013. He also served on the OSBA Board of Trustees, Executive Committee and numerous other regional and state committees. While ascension to the NSBA presidency is not automatic, the selection as secretary-treasurer traditionally provides a track to that office.