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Capital Conference Early Bird Workshop speaker confirmed

Former Marine Corps officer, decorated Vietnam War veteran and corporate executive **Jim Bearden** will lead the Nov. 10 Early Bird Workshop at the OSBA Capital Conference. Bearden specializes in helping leaders close the gap between good ideas and what gets accomplished by addressing such questions as: Why do some step up when others won't? How can we influence our team members to make the bold move? How can we enhance employee engagement? The conference is Nov. 10-13 in Columbus. For details, visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/2013-capital-conference.

Deadline extended to apply for Student Achievement Fair

The deadline to submit nominations for the OSBA Student Achievement Fair has been moved to June 28. The fair, set for Nov. 12 during the Capital Conference in Columbus, features 100 booths filled with the most innovative programs coming out of Ohio schools, as well as talented student performing groups. For details and to submit nominations, visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations.

New ODE program names 90 Schools of Honor

Through its new Schools of Honor program, the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) has recognized 90 schools that have sustained high academic achievement and made substantial progress while serving a significant number of economically disadvantaged students. The initiative builds upon and expands ODE's Schools of Promise program. More information about this year's honorees and the award criteria are available at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/72762>.

It's time to select OSBA All-Ohio School Board nominees

Nominees are being sought for the OSBA All-Ohio School Board Award. Five board members will receive the award — OSBA's most prestigious honor — during the Capital Conference in November. Each school board can nominate one of its members as a regional Outstanding Board Member. From those nominees, a committee in each of OSBA's five regions will name one board member to the All-Ohio School Board. Regional Outstanding Board Members are recognized during each region's fall conference. Visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/69967> to download a nomination form and for details on the nomination process. Your regional manager also can provide further information. The deadline is July 5.

Nomination process under way for NSBA recognition program

Each year, the National School Boards Association (NSBA) recognizes up to 1% of

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the nation's 95,000 local school board members for demonstrating the highest commitment to public education through proven school board leadership. Those selected receive NSBA's School Board Member National Recognition Program Award. The nomination process for this distinguished honor is now under way. Nomination forms and program details are posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/47619>. Winners will be recognized at the OSBA regional spring conferences. The nomination deadline is July 5.

Ethics commission offering monthly webinars

The Ohio Ethics Commission is hosting monthly webinars focusing on the Ohio Ethics Law. You can view these one-hour sessions using your phone and computer. Dates are: July 11, 10 a.m.; Aug. 6, 1 p.m.; Sept. 3, 10 a.m.; Oct. 11, 10 a.m.; Nov. 5, 1 p.m.; and Dec. 18, 1 p.m.

Apollo Career Center prom king gives his crown to peer

An Apollo Career Center student recently made a memorable night even more special when he turned his prom king crown over to a fellow student.

After being named prom king, **Jeff Horner** called **Alex Hunter** to the stage. A local newspaper reported Horner put his arm around Hunter and said, "You deserve this more than I do," placing the crown on his head. Onlookers cheered, and Hunter and the prom queen danced together.

Hunter, a 21-year-old student who has Down syndrome, was clearly touched by the gesture, said his mother, **Stacy Crouse**, who was chaperoning the dance. "That was just really awesome because he did such a kind act for the goodness of someone else," she said.

Source: *The Lima News*

To register, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/86314>. Once registered, you will receive an email with the information you need to join the webinar.

OSBA Pocket Calendars mailed to treasurers

The 2013-2014 OSBA Pocket

Calendar has been mailed to treasurers at all member districts. The calendar contains a list of important Ohio Revised Code dates and deadlines and contact information for all OSBA staff members. Board members who don't receive a calendar should contact their treasurer.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

OSBA has the online resources you need to fill your administrator vacancies. Learn how to place your "help wanted" notice on the OSBA website by visiting www.ohioschoolboards.org/administrative-openings and clicking on the "How to submit a vacancy" link. For just \$200 for superintendents and treasurers, and \$50 for other administrators, OSBA will advertise your vacancies around the state and beyond. Call (614) 635-1917 for details or to post an opening.



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BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, administrative assistant of communication services

OSBA executive searches

Treasurer

District	Deadline	Contact
① New Lebanon Local (Montgomery)	TBD	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

① = Treasurer



Other searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Grant Career Center	June 17	Fred Heflin , board president, Grant Career Center, 718 W. Plane St., Bethel, OH 45106
Director of communications	Olentangy Local (Delaware)	Until filled	Gale S. Marsh , executive director, human resources/operations, Olentangy Local, (740) 657-4015

Board changes

Madison Local (Lake) Board of Education member **Teresa M. Ward** announced her resignation effective immediately. ●●● **Richmond Heights Local (Cuyahoga)** Board of Education member **Carmela L. Carter** announced her resignation effective immediately. ●●● **Sheffield-Sheffield Lake City** Board of Education member **Skip Scarpelli** announced his resignation effective immediately.

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

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Dale L. Dickson, superintendent for **Berne Union Local (Fairfield)** and **Walnut Township Local (Fairfield)**, announced his retirement. ●●● **Caldwell EV** hired **Darren Cook** as superintendent. He replaces Interim Superintendent **Dr. Dora Jean Bumgarner**. ●●● **Finneytown Local (Hamilton)** hired **Tyrone L. Olverson** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace Interim Superintendent **Deb Semenick**. Olverson is currently the K-12 curriculum and instruction director at **Licking Heights Local (Licking)**. ●●● **Grant Career Center** Superintendent **Ken Morrison** announced his retirement effective July 31. ●●● **Lockland Local (Hamilton)** hired **Dr. Matt M. Bishop** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He replaces Interim Superintendent **Dr. Dan Lawler**. Bishop is currently the high school

principal at **Carlisle Local (Warren)**. ●●● **Noble Local (Noble)** hired **Dan Leffingwell** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Dan Doyle**, who retires July 31. Leffingwell is currently the high school principal at **Warren Local (Washington)**. ●●● **North Olmsted City** hired Dr. **Michael E. Zalar** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace Interim Superintendent **R. Terry Krivak**. Zalar is currently the superintendent at **Oregon City**. ●●● **Painesville City Local (Lake)** hired **John T. Shepard** as superintendent effective July 1. He will replace **Michael P. Hanlon**, who has taken the superintendent position at **Chardon Local (Geauga)**. Shepard is currently the superintendent at **Northridge Schools (Licking)**. ●●● **Tri-Village Local (Darke)** Superintendent **Tony Thomas** announced his resignation effective July 31. He has taken an assistant superintendent position at **Northmont City**. ●●● **Big Walnut Local (Delaware)** hired **Angie Pollock** as assistant superintendent effective Aug. 1. She will replace **Gary Barber**, who took the superintendent position at **Marion City**. Pollock is currently director of academic achievement for the district.

Treasurers

Ashland County-West Holmes Career Center hired **Julie Smith** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. She will replace Interim Treasurer **Jack Coffman**. Smith is currently the treasurer at **Crestline EV**. ●●● **East Holmes Local (Holmes)** Treasurer **Marsha K. Clark** announced her resignation effective in early June. She will serve as interim treasurer until June 30. ●●● **Jonathan Alder Local (Madison)** Treasurer **Janis Thom** announced her resignation effective May 13. The district hired **Aaron S. Johnson** as interim treasurer. Johnson will continue in his role as treasurer at **Fairbanks Local (Union)**. ●●● **Tipp City EV** Treasurer **Joseph E. Smith** announced his retirement effective June 30.

Sympathies

Champion Local (Trumbull) Board of Education member **Larry J. Durch** died May 19. He was 72. ●●● Former **Delphos City** Board of Education member **Harold J. "Fuzz" Pohlman** died May 21. He was 86. ●●● Former **Fremont City** and **Vanguard-Sentinel Career and Technology Center** Board of Education member **Maurice La Verne Miller** died May 19. He was 97. ●●● Former **Knox County Career Center** and **Mount Vernon City** Board of Education member **George W. Edick** died May 18. He was 95. ●●● Former **North Olmsted City** Board of Education member **Jean Louise Bartoo** died May 10. ●●● **Don A. Rushing**, former superintendent at **River View Local (Coshocton)**, **Northern Local (Perry)** and the former **Glenford** School District in Perry County, died May 14. He was 88.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Michelle Francis, deputy director of legislative services

Biennial budget bill update

The Senate Finance Committee recently accepted a substitute version of the biennial budget bill, House Bill (HB) 59. Several changes were made to the bill. A comparison document from the Legislative Service Commission showing the changes is posted at www.lsc.state.oh.us/fiscal/comparedoc130/default.htm.

One of the provisions added to the bill calls for significant changes to JVSD governance and would replace board members with representatives from the business community. Although this development had been rumored, it never appeared in any substantive public conversation in the House or Senate. The provision does the following:

- replaces the current method of appointing members of a JVSD board of education with a system in which the school districts belonging to the JVSD each appoint one member;
- specifies that the appointed individuals may not be members of the appointing board;
- requires the appointing board to

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THE 36TH ANNUAL OHIO COUNCIL OF SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEYS

SPRING SEMINAR

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

TUITION IS \$185

NORTHPOINTE HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER, LEWIS CENTER

- Agenda**
- 8:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast**
- 8:50 a.m. OSBA welcome and introductions**
- 9 a.m. OTES and collective bargaining — current issues**
We will start with specific examples of policy areas that impact collective bargaining as they relate to the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System, then focus on the unilateral implementation and effects bargaining issues of OTES. *Van D. Keating, Esq., director of management services, OSBA; William M. Deters II, Esq., Ennis, Roberts & Fischer Co. LPA and John E. Britton, Esq., Britton, Smith, Peters & Kalail Co. LPA*
- 10 a.m. If it doesn't make dollars, it doesn't make sense — when to file property valuation complaints and counter-complaints**
Explore current issues on this important topic, including case law and legislative developments that may adversely affect this area, and hear lessons learned from a practitioner in this field. *Christian M. Williams, Esq., Pepple & Waggoner Ltd.*
- 11 a.m. Break**
- 11:10 a.m. Case law update — reloaded**
In a new spin on the update, three attorneys practicing in specific areas will give you a concentrated synopsis of case law developments. *Beverly A. Meyer, Esq., Cooper, Gentile, Washington & Meyer Co. LPA; Jeremy J. Neff, Esq., Ennis, Roberts & Fischer Co. LPA; and Edmund F. Brown, Ulmer & Berne LLP*
- 11:40 a.m. Lunch (provided) and OCSBA Annual Meeting and election of officers**
- 12:40 p.m. Guns in schools — legal issues**
Review the legal issues involved as clients request advice on guns in schools. Learn practical information on school safety plans, policy, training, insurance and implementation. *Lt. Dan Williams, operations bureau commander, City of Gahanna Division of Police; and Dane Gaschen, Esq., Bricker & Eckler LLP*
- 1:30 p.m. Break**
- 1:40 p.m. Forensic computer investigation and effective representation during misconduct and audit investigations**
Education Management Information System (EMIS) audits, investigations and misconduct pose legal issues. Learn about effective investigative strategies and computer forensics. *Nicholas E. Subashi, Esq., Subashi & Wildermuth LPA; and Don Wochna, Esq., Vestige Ltd.*
- 2:40 p.m. Professionalism and your practice**
In an engaging format, review the requirements of the Code of Professional Responsibility as it relates to the practice of a school attorney. *John H. Phillips, Esq., Phillips Law Firm*
- 3:40 p.m. Adjourn**

This course has been approved by the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education for 5.25 total CLE hour(s) instruction.

The workshop will be held at the NorthPointe Hotel and Conference Center, 100 Green Meadows Drive South, Lewis Center, OH 43035. The phone number is (614) 880-4300. To register, contact **Laurie Miller**, OSBA senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, ext. 284; (800) 589-OSBA; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.



Improving your school safety plans at minimal costs

Choose from the following dates for this two-day workshop:

Tuesday, June 18 and Wednesday, June 19 or Tuesday, Aug. 6 and Wednesday, Aug. 7

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cost: \$195

OSBA office, Columbus

The Ohio School Boards Association will present two-day workshops on Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). Improve your required school emergency plans by assessing and taking steps to mitigate possible safety risks in and outside school facilities. Significant improvements to school facilities can be achieved at little or no financial cost if CPTED principles are applied properly.

Workshop participants will learn how to examine structural and environmental elements in and around school buildings, including windows, doors, parking areas, landscaping and lighting. A certified CPTED trainer will facilitate the seminar.

During the first day, attendees will learn the four key elements of CPTED. These elements are:

- Natural access control – using doors, fences and gates to control access to your business or property;
- Natural surveillance – arranging the property for maximum visibility;
- Territorial reinforcement – features that define property lines and distinguish private spaces from public spaces, including signs and fences;
- Maintenance – a well-maintained area sends the message that people notice and care about what happens.

During the second day, attendees will be “in the field,” conducting an actual team assessment. Following lunch, participants will reconvene and each group will present its findings and recommendations.

The workshop will be offered twice this summer at the OSBA office in Columbus. Workshop dates are June 18-19 and August 6-7. Participants completing the two-day seminar will receive a certificate of completion validating their abilities to apply CPTED principles in their own school districts.

The fee for the two-day workshop is \$195, and will include training, materials, transportation to and from the field assessment, certificate of completion and breakfast, lunch and coffee breaks both days.

To register, contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, ext. 284; (800) 589-OSBA; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

Sports Law Workshop

Friday, June 21
9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Columbus Airport Marriott
Cost is \$150



AGENDA

8:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast (provided)

9 a.m. Concussions and head injuries: what you need to know now

Learn what districts need to know about handling concussions and head injuries that may occur during a practice or competition. Find out what your district must do to comply with the law.

Donna M. Andrew, Esq., Pepple & Waggoner Ltd., Cleveland; and Jeffrey Cassella, athletic director, Mentor EV

10 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. OHSAA 2013 legal update

Hear the latest news and developments from the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA), including policy and bylaw changes, out-of-season coaching, recruiting athletes and more.

Dr. Daniel B. Ross, commissioner, and Jeffrey M. Jordan, chief financial officer; OHSAA

11:30 a.m. Lunch (provided)

12:30 p.m. Get with the program, kid! Athletes and discipline

Get answers about disciplining student athletes, learn practical suggestions for investigating alleged misconduct that occurs on and off campus and more.

Edmund F. Brown, Esq., Ulmer & Berne LLP, Columbus

1:30 p.m. Break

1:45 p.m. Boosters and your team: the do's and don'ts

A district treasurer and a seasoned school law attorney partner to examine the steps districts should take to manage and work effectively with booster groups that support the district.

Matthew L. Stout, Esq., Bricker & Eckler LLP, Columbus; and a district treasurer

2:30 p.m. Disabled athletes and sports

Learn more about disabled students' equal access to sports and hear about the latest legal developments and the new guidance from the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights.

Chandra S. Bowling, Esq., Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education

3:15 p.m. Adjourn

The workshop will be held at the Columbus Airport Marriott, 1375 N. Cassady Ave., Columbus, OH 43219. The phone number is (614) 475-7551. To register, contact **Laurie Miller**, OSBA senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, ext. 284; (800) 589-OSBA; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

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



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

OCSBA Spring Seminar

June 14, Lewis Center, \$185

Improving your school safety plans at minimal costs

June 18 & 19, Columbus, \$195

Aug. 6 & 7, Columbus, \$195

Sports Law Workshop

June 21, Columbus, \$150

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, senior events manager, 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 website 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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select members who represent regional employers and are qualified to consider a region's workforce needs;

- limits a JVSD board to the number of member school districts;
- specifies that no more than three members of the board be affiliated with or be a member of a labor organization;
- requires two members of the board to be selected based on their experience in career development and career counseling for grades K-12, and career counseling for adult education.

OSBA issued a call to action to all JVSD board members asking them to contact their state senators and urge them to remove this provision from the budget. We provided the following talking points for members to share with their senators:

- The current governance structure works and does *not* need to be changed. This is a solution looking

for a problem.

- The proposed governance structure would replace publicly elected officials with appointed members who would not be accountable to the public.
- JVSDs are taxing districts, able to levy taxes. Publicly elected board of education members, who through their home districts sit on these boards, are held accountable for the expenditure of public taxpayer dollars.
- JVSDs are currently served by strong business advisory councils that are industry- or trade-specific.
- Many current JVSD board members have backgrounds or experience in business.

OSBA testifies for seventh time on state budget

OSBA, along with the Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA) and the Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO),

provided joint testimony in the Senate Finance Committee on May 30 on the Senate's substitute version of the budget. It was the seventh time OSBA testified on the bill. The testimony focused on the following areas of concern:

- pupil transportation (payment in lieu of transportation, the pupil transportation funding formula and the supplemental transportation component);
- voucher expansion (both income-based and K-three literacy);
- JVSD board governance restructuring;
- a provision prohibiting boards of education from challenging real property values when undervalued;
- monthly ADM counts.

The testimony provided information about key changes the Senate made to the bill and pointed out areas that have not yet been addressed. A complete copy of the testimony is available on the

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OSBA transportation consultant position available

The Ohio School Boards Association is seeking an individual to serve as a consultant to public school districts in the area of pupil transportation management services. The ideal candidate will have a minimum of 10 years of experience in all aspects of Ohio pupil transportation services, including routing, personnel management, fiscal management and transportation safety practices. Knowledge of Ohio pupil transportation law and rules is required. The individual must be familiar with Ohio public school governance and administrative procedures. The individual should have experience in training and team development, facilitation and public speaking. Strong communication, analytical, writing, computer and interpersonal skills are essential. Undergraduate degree in education or related field required. The position requires some evening work and extensive travel throughout the state. OSBA offers competitive salaries, excellent benefits and a great work environment. Please send cover letter, résumé and salary expectations by June 14, 2013, to: Van D. Keating, Director of Management Services, OSBA, 8050 N. High St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235-6481. (No email applications will be considered, and no applications will be considered without salary requirements listed.) EOE

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“HB 59” page of the OSBA BillTracker Web page: www.ohio.schoolboards.org/billtracker.

Senate releases district spreadsheets

The same day OSBA, BASA and OASBO testified on the Senate’s substitute version of the budget, Senate leadership announced its plans for changes to the school-funding proposal. Leaders discussed high-level details about the priorities they were attempting to address and distributed district-by-district spreadsheets simulating their proposal.

However, they shared no specifics about the components of the formula itself, other than the per-pupil amounts — \$5,745 in fiscal year 2014 and \$5,800 for fiscal year 2015 — and increases in the gain cap to 6.25% in the first year and 10.5% in the second. They indicated that under their proposal, 242 districts would be capped by the end of the biennium, with 176 still on a guarantee.

We are analyzing the information the Senate provided and making comparisons with the House version. We do not expect to see actual bill language until the

omnibus amendment is introduced. Therefore, we advise that you be cautious in using the projections. Also, several questions asked of the Senate members at the press conference were left unanswered, so some provisions could change.

Please continue to watch for OSBA calls to action and legislative updates on the budget in your email box.

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

Editor’s note: All information in this article was current as of May 31.



OSBA LEADERSHIP

by Bryan Bullock, assistant editor

State superintendent, charter school expert speak at OSBA Board of Trustees meeting

Presentations by the Ohio public schools chief and a charter school expert highlighted a busy May 18 meeting of the OSBA Board of Trustees. The board is OSBA’s official governing body and meets three times a year.

OSBA President **Charlie Wilson, Worthington City**, led the meeting. He started it by presenting State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. **Richard A. Ross** a plaque and resolution honoring him for his experience and statewide leadership in education. Wilson told Ross OSBA pledges to

work closely with him and the Ohio Department of Education for the betterment of public education.

Ross thanked Wilson for the kind words and expressed his appreciation for all school board members.

“Many of you may not know (this), but my father was a board of education member,” he said. “His experience gave me a great respect for what board members do — it’s not easy work.”

Ross spoke to trustees about education reforms coming to Ohio and lessons from his experience as

a school teacher, principal and superintendent. He challenged school board members to take an active leadership role in the direction of their districts. Ross reiterated his support for education reforms like the third-grade reading guarantee, saying 27,000 Ohio students could not read at a third-grade level by the end of the third grade last school year.

“The data predict that if we haven’t taught them how to read by the end of the third grade, they

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Bryan Bullock, assistant editor

Lakota students create blockbuster music video for fundraiser

Lakota Local (Butler) students are receiving national attention for an elaborate, large-scale music video they created to raise money for a good cause.

Lakota East High School released the video to the public in March and posted it on YouTube, where it has more than 81,000 views. The 12-minute “lip dub” music video combines lip synching with audio dubbing in a project designed to raise awareness and funding for spina bifida, a

congenital disorder that affects the spine, spinal cord and brain. The video links to a website where donations can be made to the Center for Spina Bifida Care at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital. Even before the video was released, the district raised more than \$10,000 for the cause.

The multi-song music video took students months to plan. More than 1,700 students, staff and community members were involved in one scene in the video, which was

filmed from a helicopter.

University of Cincinnati President Dr. **Santa J. Ono** and other community leaders participated.

“What has happened in the last few months has been nothing short of awesome, and I am so proud of our students for taking on such a meaningful cause,” said Lakota East Principal **Suzanna Davis**.

The video is available online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/24658>.

Source: Lakota Local, WCPO-TV

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will just get further and further behind,” he said, noting these students are more likely to later drop out of high school.

The trustees also heard a presentation about privately run, publicly funded charter schools by **Jennifer L. DePaoli** with Policy Matters Ohio, a nonprofit, nonpartisan policy research organization. DePaoli outlined the history and growth of community schools in the state, which started in 1997 with a pilot program in Lucas County and — without waiting for the results of the pilot — expanded to Ohio’s “Big Eight” urban districts two months later.

Unlike public school districts, charter schools have governing

boards that are appointed; individuals are allowed to serve on the boards of up to five start-up charter schools. DePaoli said charter school governing boards are known to meet infrequently and rarely meet in public, which limits accountability.

She said the evidence does not support the hype about charter schools when it comes to academic achievement.

“What you need to know is that for the most part, charter schools are not successful,” DePaoli said. “There are exceptions, but for the most part, they are not performing better than the public schools these kids are coming from.”

Ohio law requires automatic

closure of academically failing charter schools, but she said loopholes allow sponsors and charter school management organizations to keep failing schools open despite orders to close. DePaoli said greater accountability is needed for charter schools, operators and sponsors, noting even some charter school proponents are calling for reforms.

In other business, trustees:

- discussed leadership input to help the Nominating Committee identify qualities sought in the 2015 OSBA president-elect;
- heard a financial report for the first four months of 2013 and the results of the audit of OSBA’s 2012 financial statements.

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- 14 OCSBA Spring Seminar.....Lewis Center
- 18-19 Improving your school safety plans at minimal costs Columbus
- 21 OSBA Sports Law Workshop Columbus
- 30 2012-2013 school year ends — RC 3313.62.

July 2013

- 1 2013-2014 school year begins — RC 3313.62; last day for board to notify teaching and nonteaching employees of succeeding year salaries — RC 3319.082, 3319.12; board may adopt appropriation measure, which may be temporary — RC 5705.38(B); treasurer must certify available revenue in funds to county auditor — RC 5705.36(A)(1).
- 8 Last day for voter registration for August election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19 (30 days prior to the election).
- 10 Last day for termination of teaching contract by a teacher without consent of the board of education — RC 3319.15.
- 10 Central Region Executive Committee Meeting Columbus
- 15 Last day to adopt school library district tax budget on behalf of a library district — RC

- 20 5705.28(B)(1). Pre-Board Candidate 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.) (last business day of July) detailing contributions and expenditures through June 30, 2013 — RC 3517.10.

August 2013

- 1 Last day to file statistical report with Ohio Department of Education — RC 3319.33.
- 2 Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law Workshop Lewis Center
- 2 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).
- 6 Special Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after the first Monday).
- 6-7 Improving your school safety plans at minimal costs Columbus
- 7 Northeast Region Executive Committee Meeting Wadsworth
- 7 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).

- 8 Southeast Region Executive Committee Meeting Logan
- 12 Budget Analysis and Discussion Workshop Columbus
- 15 Trick or tweet — legal concerns with the use of social media webinar