

BRIEF CASE

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Study: Feds gave \$30 million in grants to failed Ohio charter schools

A study by the Ohio Charter School Accountability Project, a group critical of charter schools, said federal grants totaling nearly \$30 million have gone to 108 Ohio charters that never opened or have closed. The report was a joint effort of Innovation Ohio, Progress Ohio and the Ohio Education Association. The study was based on an analysis of the 292 charter schools that have received \$99.6 million in federal funding since the 2006-2007 school year. The report, which was announced at a May 26 news conference, is available at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/16330>.

OSBA Black Caucus speaker confirmed for Capital Conference

This year's OSBA Black Caucus dinner speaker will be Dr. **Rodney D. Coates**, director of the Black World Studies Program at Miami University and a professor in the university's Department of Sociology and Gerontology. Coates, a nationally renowned author and lecturer, specializes in the study of race and ethnic relations, inequality, critical race theory and social justice. His work focuses on using sociological insights to identify, research and pose solutions to real-life problems. The dinner is set for Nov. 13 at the OSBA Capital Conference, which runs Nov. 13-16 in Columbus. Registration details will be sent to districts in mid-July.

National publication calls ECOT one of the new dropout factories

The New York Times, citing federal data, reported May 18 that Ohio's Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow (ECOT) has more students failing to finish high school in four years or dropping out than any other school in the country. The report also stated that even as the national on-time graduation rate has hit a record high of 82%, publicly funded online schools like ECOT have become the new dropout factories. The full article is posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/36841>.

Legal division summarizes new federal transgender student guidelines

The Legal Ledger, OSBA's legal blog, recently published an article summarizing the new federal guidelines for supporting transgender students under Title IX. In late May, the U.S. Departments of Education and Justice released joint guidance stating their position that schools must treat students consistent with their gender identity. For details, visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/node/4912.

Newly required ODE database increases charter school transparency

As mandated by last year's charter school reform legislation, House Bill 2, the Ohio Department of Education has posted a charter school operator database. The database contains a charter school and sponsor directory; sponsor ratings, contracts, documents

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and funding information; new sponsor applications since the 2010-2011 school year; and charter school annual reports and report cards. It also lists sponsors prohibited from opening new schools, sponsors with closed schools and charter schools that have closed. The database is available at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/97450>.

Deadline nears for Student Achievement Fair nominations

The deadline for submitting Student Achievement Fair nominations is June 29. The fair offers districts the opportunity to showcase their innovative student programs and outstanding performance groups. The event, a highlight of OSBA Capital Conference held each November in Columbus, features 100 displays of exemplary student programs and five performing groups. For details and to submit nominations, visit

<http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations>.

More OSBA legal workshops qualify for CLE credit

The Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education (CLE) has approved more OSBA legal workshops for

Therapy dog lifts morale during final exam week

Emotions typically run high during the last few days of final exams. But students at **Worthington City's** Worthington Kilbourne High School had something to help them decompress.

Lexington, a 1-year-old miniature goldendoodle, is a therapy dog. She roams Kilbourne's Counseling Center, looking for anyone who's down or willing to play fetch.

Lexington's owner, school counselor **Brianna Abbott**, said students come to her fretting about grades, college admissions, relationship troubles and family problems.

Lexington is a comforting presence.

"School is a little more comfortable and a little more fun," sophomore **Jason Bowen** said.

Source: The Columbus Dispatch

CLE credit. The newly approved sessions are: Ohio Council of School Board Attorneys School Attorneys Workshop, June 17, 5.50 total CLE hours, with 1.00 hour of attorney professional conduct instruction; Sports Law Workshop, June 24, 5.00 total CLE hours; and Diversity and Inclusion in the Law Workshop, Sept. 14, 3.00 total CLE hours. OSBA also is seeking CLE credits for other 2016 sessions. Contact the OSBA legal division for more information.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

OSBA has launched the 2016 OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show website at <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org>. The site includes information on keynote speakers, the Student Achievement Fair, the trade show and more. Districts also can submit nominations for the Student Achievement Fair on the site. The deadline for nominations is June 29.



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BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, administrative assistant of communication services

National searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	St. Augustine, Fla.	July 15	Dr. Bill Vogel , consultant, Florida School Boards Association, (321) 299-2452

Board changes

Bowling Green City appointed **William G. Clifford** to the board effective May 11. He replaced Dr. **Edward G. Whipple**, who resigned. ●●● **Fairfield Union Local (Fairfield)** Board of Education member **Eric Mahler** announced his resignation effective May 10. ●●● **Gahanna-Jefferson City** Board of Education member **Jill Schuler** announced her resignation effective May 24.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Clyde-Green Springs EV hired **Dennis M. Haft** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He replaced **David W. Stubblebine**, who resigned. Haft currently is an elementary school principal at **Brunswick City**. ●●● **Medina City** hired **Aaron J. Sable** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Dave Knight**, who is retiring. Sable currently is the assistant superintendent at **Copley-Fairlawn City**. ●●● **Milford EV** hired Assistant Superintendent **Nancy Catherine House** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. She will replace Dr. **Robert B. Farrell**, who is retiring. ●●● **Wayne Trace Local (Paulding)** hired **Ben Winans** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Stephen E. Arnold**, who has taken the superintendent position at **Allen County ESC**. Winans currently is a high school director / facilities director at **Vantage Career Center**. ●●● **West Branch Local (Mahoning)** hired **Tim Saxton** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace Interim Superintendent Dr. **Scott Weingart**. Saxton currently is the superintendent at **Brookfield Local (Trumbull)**. ●●● **Wolf Creek Local (Washington)** Superintendent **Robert Caldwell** announced his retirement effective July 31.

Treasurers

Benjamin Logan Local (Logan) hired **Mandy France** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. She will replace Interim Treasurer **Eric Adelsberger**. ●●● **Buckeye Local (Ashtabula)** hired **Jamie Davis** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. She will replace **Michele Tullai**, who is retiring. Davis currently works for the Ashtabula County Board of Developmental Disabilities. ●●● **Champion Local (Trumbull)** hired **Laurena Rouan** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. She replaced **Brian Gillespie**, who retired last year. Rouan currently is the treasurer at **Weathersfield Local (Trumbull)**. ●●● **North Baltimore Local (Wood)** Treasurer **Eve M. Baldwin** announced her retirement effective Dec. 30. ●●● **Perkins Local (Erie)** hired **Daniel B. Bowman** as treasurer effective May 1. He replaced Interim Treasurer **Betty Schwiefert**. Bowman previously was the treasurer at

Editor's note

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

Parma City. ●●● **Princeton City** hired **Christine Cook Poetter** as treasurer effective June 1. She replaced Interim Treasurer **James M. Rowan**. Poetter previously was the treasurer at **Three Rivers Local (Hamilton)**.

Sympathies

Former **Canfield Local (Mahoning)** Board of Education member **Martha Mert Christine Zarlenga** died May 13. ●●● Former **Clark-Shawnee Local (Clark)** Board of Education member **Dorothy Jane Butts** died May 8. She was 80. ●●● Former **Garaway Local (Tuscarawas)** Board of Education member **Doran Eugene Immel** died May 14. He was 87. ●●● Former **Lakeview Local (Trumbull)** Assistant Superintendent Dr. **Delores Ann Uber** died May 7. She was 77. ●●● Former **Mathews Local (Trumbull)** Board of Education member **Howard C. Edwards Sr.** died April 4. He was 84. ●●● **Roger Stauffer**, former superintendent of the former **Mendon-Union** School District in Mercer County and **New Bremen Local (Auglaize)**, died May 9. He was 76. ●●● Former **South-Western City** Board of Education member **Leslie L. Chesnut** died May 9. He was 82. ●●● Former **Southeastern Local (Clark)** Treasurer **D. Jean Rice** died May 9. She was 91. ●●● Former **Worthington City** Board of Education member **Dolores E. White** died May 13. She was 80.

Correction

The May 23 Briefcase incorrectly reported on page 3 that **Crestview Local (Columbiana)** hired **Beth Lykins** as treasurer, replacing **Charlene Mercure**, who was retiring. It should have stated that **Crestview Local (Richland)** hired **Beth Lykins** as treasurer, replacing Interim Treasurer **Christina Bennett**. The Briefcase apologizes for the error.

New board members — Get up to speed quickly! Don't miss the New Board Member Workshop

Saturday, July 16
OSBA office in Columbus

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Cost \$160

School board service is more complex and demanding than ever. To carry out their leadership duties effectively, new school board members must move as soon as possible from the role of involved citizen to that of responsible elected official. High-quality board member education, designed specifically for newly elected board members, can help you become a more effective educational leader in your community.

This intensive workshop will focus on the world of boardmanship, board policy, Ohio public school funding, operational issues, the Sunshine Law and appropriate uses for executive sessions. Cost for this workshop is \$160 per board member. Four books are included with workshop tuition: “Boardmanship”, “Board-Treasurer Partnership”, “Board-Superintendent Partnership” and “Board-Legislature Partnership”.

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.





THE 39TH ANNUAL OHIO COUNCIL OF SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEYS

SCHOOL ATTORNEY WORKSHOP

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

TUITION IS \$200

NATIONWIDE HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER, LEWIS CENTER

8:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast

9 a.m. Federal regulation update

Get updates on key federal regulations, including new and proposed language in the Every Student Succeeds Act, Fair Labor Standards Act and Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

Sara C. Clark, director of legal services, OSBA; and Tom Ash, director of governmental relations, Buckeye Association of School Administrators

10 a.m. ODE misconduct investigations

Hear about the process, resolution options and hearing procedures the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) Office of Professional Conduct uses upon receiving allegations involving criminal convictions or conduct unbecoming to the teaching profession.

Cory Haydocy and Samuel Dunsky, staff attorneys, ODE Office of Professional Conduct

10:45 a.m. Break

11 a.m. Settlement and separation agreements

This presentation will highlight some of the key provisions and typical stumbling blocks in finalizing settlement and separation agreements with a view toward reaching a compromise between plaintiff and defense interests.

William A. Nolan, Esq., Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Columbus

Noon OCSBA Annual Business Meeting

12:15 p.m. Lunch (provided)

1:15 p.m. Correctional education in juvenile justice facilities

Providing high-quality education in juvenile justice settings presents unique challenges for administrators, teachers and staff. This experienced panel will review federal and state laws and initiatives and key considerations for ensuring all students receive an appropriate education.

Christina Henagen Peer, Esq., Walter Haverfield LLP, Cleveland; Jessica Dawso, associate director, ODE Office for Exceptional Children; and Karl Koenig, assistant director, ODE Office of Federal Programs

2 p.m. Break

2:30 p.m. Title IX: not just athletics

The Office for Civil Rights has increased its focus on school obligations under Title IX in cases involving sexual assault. Walk away with practical guidance on common challenges, including working with law enforcement while completing your own concurrent investigation and handling allegations of off-campus assault.

Melissa M. Carleton, Esq., Bricker & Eckler LLP, Columbus

3:30 p.m. Professional conduct: more Atticus Finch and less Lincoln lawyer

Bring your popcorn! This session will feature examples of lawyers and legal ethics from film and popular culture to illustrate lawyers' obligations under the code of professional responsibility.

Robert H. Eddy, Esq., Gallagher Sharp LLP, Toledo

4:30 p.m. Adjourn

This workshop is open to OCSBA members, and school board members and in-house counsel of school districts that are members of OSBA. Unauthorized audio recording or videotaping of any session is strictly prohibited.

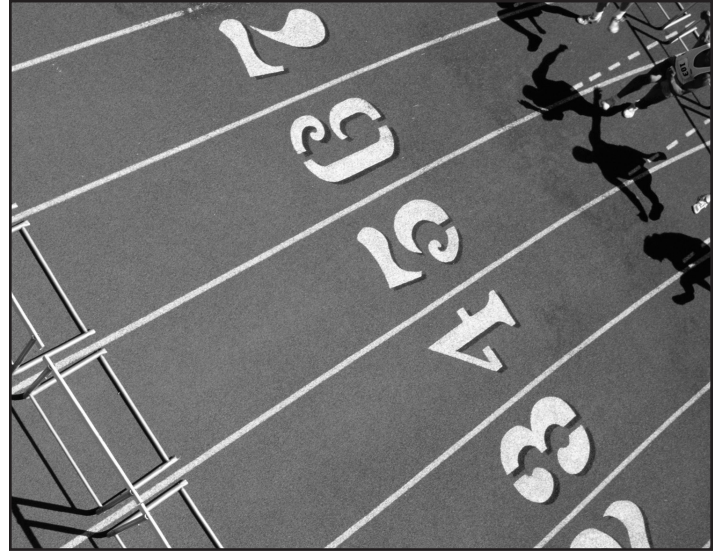
This course has been approved by the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education for 5.50 total CLE hour(s).

The workshop will be held at the Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center, 100 Green Meadows Drive South, Lewis Center, OH 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.

Sports Law Workshop

Friday, June 24
9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

OSBA office, Columbus
Cost is \$150



AGENDA

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

9 a.m. Coaching contracts Q&A
What's the difference between pupil activity permits and supplemental contracts? Should coaches have background checks? Should they be evaluated, paid overtime or nonrenewed? Start your day off with answers to some of the most frequently asked coaching questions.
Paul J. Deegan, Esq., Smith Peters Kalail Co. LPA, Columbus

9:45 a.m. Athletic department audits
Review the Ohio auditor of state's guidelines and best practices for accounting and managing student activity funds and other athletic finances. Identify potential issues to avoid in your district.
Ryan Fortney, assistant auditor, Ohio auditor of state's office

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Accommodating transgender student athletes
Review the latest developments in accommodating transgender athletes, including the Ohio High School Athletic Association's transgender policy and providing access to restrooms and locker rooms.
Sara C. Clark, director of legal services, OSBA

11:30 a.m. Lunch

This workshop is open to school board members, administrators, athletic directors and staff of districts that are members of OSBA. Unauthorized audio recording or videotaping of any session is strictly prohibited.

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.

12:15 p.m. Managing boosters and other outside groups

Identify legal requirements and best practices for managing booster groups and parent organizations in your district. Walk away with practical guidance on board policy language, liability coverage, potential tax issues and more.
Peter T. Zawadski, Esq., Walter Haverfield LLP, Cleveland

1:15 p.m. Break

1:30 p.m. Sports case law update
Learn the latest developments in sports law litigation, including liability, transportation, employment, discipline and everything in between.
Edmund F. Brown, Esq., FisherBroyles, LLP, Columbus

2:15 p.m. Tackling technology in high school athletics
Review the legalities of using technology in high school athletic programs, including the use of social media by coaches and players, the ability of districts to live broadcast their games, the use of drones and more.
Erin M. Wessendorf-Wortman, Esq., Ennis Britton Co. LPA, Cincinnati

3:15 p.m. Adjourn

This course has been approved by the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education for 5.0 total CLE hour(s).



New Board Member Workshop: How's it going so far?

Thursday, July 21
OSBA office, Columbus

6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Cost is \$90

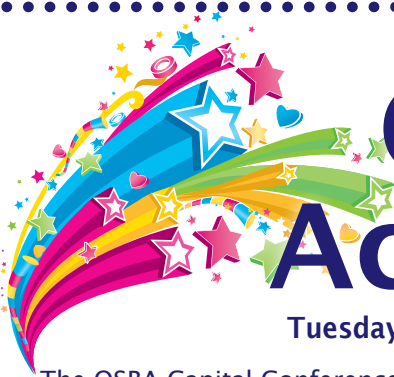
In all likelihood, you've now attended several board meetings. You and perhaps another colleague or two are the new kids on the block. How's it going? Many new school board members attended one of four regional OSBA New Board Member Academies in January and have had time to put some of that new knowledge into action. The OSBA Division of School Board Services would like to learn about your experience so far, assist with ongoing issues or help smooth out some of the bumps you've come across along the way.

This workshop will offer an overview of board member best practices and several interactive scenarios for discussion. It also will provide you with an opportunity to work through your question on parliamentary procedure, public records and the Sunshine Law. There will be time to ask questions and share how OSBA can be of better service to you and your district. Now that you have actually been on the job, check in to reinforce your learning.

Agenda

6 p.m.	Welcome and dinner
6:15 p.m.	Board member best practices and interactive scenarios
7:30 p.m.	Break
7:45 p.m.	Parliamentary procedure, public records and the Sunshine Law
8:45 p.m.	You tell us and Q&A

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.



Celebrate the stars in your district at the OSBA Student Achievement Fair

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2016 • 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. • Greater Columbus Convention Center

The OSBA Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair highlights outstanding student performance groups and fresh, innovative initiatives from school districts across the state. The fair will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2016, during the OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show.

OSBA will choose one school district performing group from each of the association's five regions to perform during the Student Achievement Fair. Each group will perform for 20 minutes. To nominate a performing group, submit a nomination at <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations> and email a video audition or YouTube link to Teri Morgan, deputy director of school board services, at tmorgan@ohioschoolboards.org. Only electronic recordings will be accepted.

OSBA also is accepting nominations for district programs that improve student achievement. For more ideas, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/60021> to view the list of 2015 Student Achievement Fair district programs. One hundred programs highlighting student achievement will be selected. Nominate your program at <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations>.

The nomination deadline is Friday, June 29. Nominate a student performing group or district program today!



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

OCSBA School Attorney Workshop
☐ June 17, Columbus, \$200

Sports Law Workshop
☐ June 24, Columbus, \$150

New Board Member Workshop
☐ July 16, Columbus, \$160

**New Board Member Workshop:
How's it going so far?**
☐ July 21, Columbus, \$90

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.

You may register on our website at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops. You will need a username and password.



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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.

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.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

compiled by Angela Penquite, managing editor

Environmental education grants available

The Ohio Environmental Education Fund supports projects that increase public awareness and knowledge about environmental issues and provide the skills to make informed decisions and take responsible actions. The projects must target three audiences: the regulated community, the general public and preschool through university students and teachers. Applicants must submit a letter of intent by July 8.

Maximum awards: \$50,000

Eligibility: public schools

Deadline: July 15

Contact: www.epa.ohio.gov/oeef/oeefoverview.aspx

Grants for scientific education

The American Honda Foundation engages in grant-making that reflects the basic tenets, beliefs and philosophies of

Honda companies, which are characterized by the following qualities: imaginative, creative, youthful, forward-thinking, scientific, humanistic and innovative. It supports youth education, with a specific focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects, in addition to the environment.

Maximum award: \$60,000

Eligibility: public schools with two years of audited financial statements examined by an independent CPA for the purpose of expressing an opinion

Deadline: Aug. 1

Contact: <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/50214>

Grants for science engagement

The Toshiba America Foundation makes grants for projects in science designed to improve student instruction.

Funded projects in grades six-12 provide students with the opportunity to “do science” in new ways that promise to increase their engagement with the subject matter and improve their learning.

Maximum award: over \$5,000

Eligibility: secondary teachers

Deadline: Aug. 1

Contact: www.toshiba.com/taf

Recognizing information science teachers

The Thomson Reuters Outstanding Information Science Teacher Award recognizes the unique teaching contribution of information science teachers.

Maximum award: \$1,000

Eligibility: must be directly engaged in teaching some aspect of information science on a continuing basis

Deadline: Aug. 1

Contact: <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/17124>

You really can make a difference because kids count!

Children are our future, and there is no greater investment than a child's education. By joining OSBA's political action committee, *Kids PAC*, you are helping to ensure all children in Ohio receive the quality education they deserve!

You can donate online at www.kidspac.org. To learn more about *Kids PAC*, contact **Marcella Gonzalez** at mgonzalez@ohioschoolboards.org or call (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.





LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services

Ohio General Assembly breaks for summer recess

Following a flurry of activity in the past several weeks, the Ohio General Assembly is now in recess. The Senate recently announced it would reconvene in late September, and the House announced it plans to return after the November election.

Since this is the second year of the two-year General Assembly, the period following November's general election is known as a lame-duck session — a last-ditch opportunity for legislators to get bills passed before adjourning in December.

In what may be a preview of the upcoming lame-duck session, both chambers took action on a variety of legislation prior to the summer break. Following is a brief analysis of some of the bills that saw activity in the final week.

House Bill (HB) 113 requires public schools in grades nine through 12 to incorporate “hands-on” instruction in CPR and the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED) in the 2017-2018 school year. The bill also requires AED training for school district staff by July 1, 2018, and once every five years thereafter.

Prior to HB 113's passage in the Senate, the House agreed to several amendments. One requires

the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) to approve at least two nationally recognized high school equivalency tests as alternatives to GED tests. The bill requires ODE, rather than the State Board of Education, to award “certificates of high school equivalence” to persons who achieve the equivalent of a high school education. Provisions also remove eligibility requirements for a person who is at least 16 years old but not yet 18.

Another amendment made several modifications to the Joint Education Oversight Committee (JEOC). The committee must authorize a work plan, which includes “research, review, study and analysis of current or emerging education policy issues important to the state, the available policy options to address such issues and the available data and research to support such analysis and options.”

The bill authorizes the JEOC chairperson to request any state agency or political subdivision to provide data, statistics and other information determined to aid the committee's statutory purpose.

HB 113 also was amended to permit JVSD boards with more than 30 members to submit an

application to the superintendent of public instruction for approval to stagger its members' terms of office. Each board eligible to submit such an application may do so only once.

Lastly, HB 113 included an amendment to permit school districts, community schools and STEM schools to use economically disadvantaged funds to employ principals and assistant principals who completed the Bright New Leaders for Ohio Schools program in addition to initiatives already in law. As of the time of this publication, this legislation had been sent to the governor for his signature.

HB 441 permits a student enrolled in a nonpublic school to participate in interscholastic activities in the school district where the student's nonpublic school is located — even if it is not the student's district of residence — as long as certain criteria are met. This includes a mutual agreement between superintendents of the student's resident district and the district where the nonpublic school is located. In addition, the resident district superintendent must certify that the student has not participated in any interscholastic

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

Daughter, mother collect caps, gowns for graduates in need

When **Samantha Stapleton**, a freshman at **Hamilton City's** Hamilton High School, discovered some seniors didn't have the money for graduation caps and gowns, she feared the worst.

She worried some seniors might not be able to walk with classmates on graduation day.

Stapleton went straight to her mom and asked how they could help.

"My mom knows so many people all over the country, and

they all were able to donate, whether it was caps and gowns or money, too," Stapleton told a local TV station.

Her mother, **Melissa Fietsam**, didn't think twice about buying a cap and gown for her son who was graduating. But she knows everyone isn't that lucky.

"You know, we've been in that spot before — we're not now — but we've been there, and I know how it is, so it was heartbreaking to think that somebody couldn't

come up with that money," Fietsam said.

Mom and daughter put the word out on social media. In less than two days, they collected more than 40 gowns and \$1,500 for the school to purchase gowns.

School administrators say faculty and staff usually make certain every graduate has a cap and gown. This year, they got some help and have funds available for next year.

Source: WKRC-TV

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activity in that district during the school year. If the student has participated in an activity in the resident district, he or she would be ineligible to participate in the nonresident district.

The bill also prohibits a student who is participating in College Credit Plus (CCP) from being denied the opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletics offered by the student's school. HB 441 passed the House and is headed to the Senate for further consideration.

HB 474 is the higher education midbiennium budget review legislation. The bill makes a couple of changes to CCP that OSBA opposes.

First, it effectively eliminates the ability for school districts and institutions of higher education to obtain local agreements that allow school districts to negotiate below the "floor" amount mandated by the Ohio Department of Higher Education. Currently, these entities can jointly request a waiver from the chancellor, allowing payments to go below this "floor" amount. HB 474 eliminates the chancellor's ability to grant the waiver.

Second, HB 474 would expand CCP and include pilot programs to permit remedial college courses to qualify for CCP. OSBA believes this provision is counter to the original stated purpose of CCP. We oppose this expansion of the

program.

HB 474 is currently on hold after several hearings in the House Finance Subcommittee on Higher Education. Chairman **Mike Duffey** (R-Worthington) is encouraging stakeholders to meet this summer and propose possible changes prior to fall. OSBA will continue to meet with school districts and work jointly with other education associations to make positive improvements to the CCP provisions in HB 474.

For the latest updates, contact the OSBA Division of Legislative Services.

Editor's note: Information in this article was current as of June 3, 2016.

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3317.03(A).

July 2016

- 1 2016-2017 school year begins — RC
3313.62; last day for board to notify teaching
and nonteaching employees of succeeding
year salaries — RC 3319.12, 3319.082;
board may begin to 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).
- 5 Last day for voter registration for August
election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (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.
- 15 Last day to adopt school library district tax
budget on behalf of a library district — RC
5705.28(B)(1).
- 16 New Board Member
Workshop Columbus

- 21 New Board Member Series Workshop:
How's it going so far?..... Columbus
- 26 Last day to submit certification for
November conversion levy to tax
commissioner — RC 5705.219(B) (105 days
prior to election).
- 29 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, 2016 — RC
3517.10(A)(4).

August 2016

- 1 Southwest Region Executive Committee
meeting.....Riverside
- 1 Last day to submit certification for
November income tax levy to Ohio
Department of Taxation — RC 5748.02(A)
(100 days prior to election); 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 is necessary to close schools — RC
3313.482; last day to file statistical report
with Ohio Department of Education — RC
3319.33.
- 2 Special Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first
Tuesday after the first Monday).

- 5 Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law
Workshop Lewis Center
- 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 prior to
election).
- 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, 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) (90 days prior to the election).