

# BRIEF CASE

## THE OHIO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

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### General Session speakers confirmed for 2014 Capital Conference

Dr. Adam Sáenz, Dan Thurmon and Jeffrey Tambor will be the General Session speakers at the 2014 Capital Conference. Sáenz is a featured education writer for The Huffington Post and clinical director of the Oakwood Collaborative, a counseling and assessment clinic he founded in 2003. Thurmon is a renowned speaker and author who specializes in helping people embrace their work in productive and sustainable ways. A veteran character actor and education advocate, Tambor is well known for his roles in television's "The Larry Sanders Show" and "Arrested Development," as well as the feature films "And Justice for All" and "Meet Joe Black." The conference runs Nov. 9-12 in Columbus. For more information on the General Session speakers and the conference, visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org>.

### Study links spending increases to better outcomes for poor students

In districts that substantially increased spending due to court-ordered school-funding reform, low-income children were significantly more likely to graduate from high school, earn livable wages and avoid poverty in adulthood, according to an *Education Week* report. Citing a recent paper by the National Bureau of Economic Research, the report said graduation rates rose by 23% for low-income children who spent all 12 years of school in districts that had increased spending by at least 20%. A summary of the paper is posted at [www.nber.org/papers/w20118](http://www.nber.org/papers/w20118).

### Former Logan-Hocking board member to fill latest State BOE vacancy

Gov. John Kasich appointed Cathye Smith Flory to an at-large State Board of Education seat on June 11. She replaces Darryl D. Mehaffie, who resigned June 9, citing time constraints. The term Flory was appointed to expires Dec 31. Flory previously served as a Logan-Hocking Local (Hocking) and Tri-County Career Center board member, and was very active with OSBA. A retired southwest Ohio teacher, Mehaffie was appointed to the board by the governor in January 2014.

### OSBA Student Achievement Fair deadline is just days away

The deadline to nominate your exemplary school programs for the OSBA Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair is June 27. The fair features 100 booths of outstanding student programs from around the state. For more information and to nominate programs, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/84929>.

### New OSBA service offers customized community, staff surveys

OSBA has launched an online survey service to help districts enhance community engagement efforts, increase student achievement and show their community and

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#### Route workshop information to:

- ☐ Administrators
- ☐ Assistant treasurers
- ☐ Principals

staff that their input is important. This affordable fee-based service gives districts access to OSBA's professional staff for all phases of the survey. Board services and communication experts will work with districts to create customized questions; disseminate the survey and collect data; analyze results; provide recommendations; and deliver a final report. For details, contact OSBA's **Cheryl W. Ryan** at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or [cryan@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:cryan@ohioschoolboards.org).

### **Soybean group offers Ohio teachers STEM resources**

The Ohio Soybean Council has created a website to help Ohio teachers connect students to challenging and rewarding careers in agriculture, food science, engineering, biotechnology, chemistry and more. The site offers a STEM-based curriculum, interactive e-learning courses, career videos and the opportunity

### **Hilliard City students called heroes for helping crash victim**

Three **Hilliard City** students are being heralded as heroes after rescuing a driver from a burning car on their way to school.

Hilliard Bradley High School students **Devin Corn**, **Kyra Loughridge** and **Christopher Pfaff** were awarded certificates in June by the Norwich Township Fire Department for their brave response to a two-car crash they witnessed.

The students pulled a woman from a burning vehicle and moved her to the side of the road, where she remained unconscious as medics arrived. Officials said the woman is recovering at a local hospital and the students may have saved her life.

"I just thought of it as common sense," Corn told a local newspaper about his actions. "It's just what I was supposed to do."

Source: *ThisWeek Community News*, WBNS-TV

to network with other Ohio teachers. Learn more at [www.grownnextgen.org](http://www.grownnextgen.org).

### **Financial guide helps Hispanic students get into college**

The White House Initiative on Education Excellence for Hispanics has released the "¡Gradúate!

Financial Aid Guide to Success" in Spanish and English versions. The guide offers resources to help Hispanic students pursue postsecondary education. It includes tips on preparing college applications; completing student aid forms; choosing the right college; and finding financing. Access the guide at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/62169>.



## **Briefcase**

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### **OSBA online**

• [www.ohioschoolboards.org](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org)

OSBA has posted a variety of Common Core standards resources on its website for convenient access. These resources are designed to help districts better understand and implement the standards. Visit [www.ohioschoolboards.org/common-core](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/common-core) to learn more. In addition, the April issue of the *OSBA Journal* magazine focused on the Common Core. To view a digital version of that issue, go to <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/74768>.



# BULLETIN BOARD

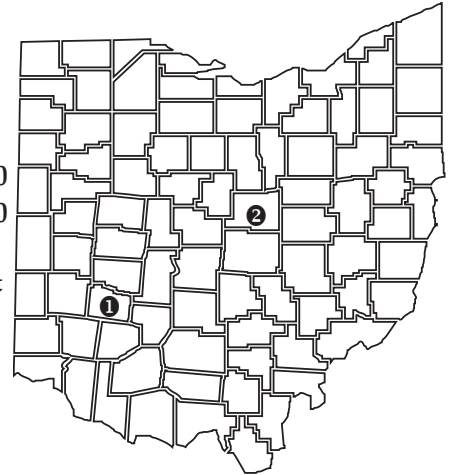
compiled by Melanie Price, administrative assistant of communication services

## OSBA executive searches

### Superintendent

District	Deadline	Contact
❶ Greene County Career Center	July 7	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
❷ Knox County Career Center	TBD	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

❶ = Superintendent



## Other searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	New Lexington City	June 30	David N. Branch, superintendent, Muskingum Valley ESC, (740) 452-4518
Secondary assistant principal	Hamilton City	July 1	Dr. Chad Knokle, assistant superintendent for human resources, <a href="http://hamiltoncityschools.com">http://hamiltoncityschools.com</a>

## Board changes

Franklin City Board of Education member **Heidi Siens** announced her resignation effective June 1. ●●● **West Geauga Local (Gauga)** appointed **Michael Douglas** to the board effective May 28. He replaced **Michael B. Kilroy**, who resigned. ●●● **Westerville City** appointed **Richard W. Bird** to the board effective June 6. He replaced **Cindy Crowe**, who resigned.

## Administrative changes

### Superintendents

Claymont City hired **John Rocchi** as superintendent effective July 1. He will replace **Ryan G. Delaney**, who has taken the superintendent position at **North Baltimore Local (Wood)**. Rocchi currently is superintendent at **Indian Creek Local (Jefferson)**. ●●● **Kettering City** Superintendent Dr. **Jim Schoenlein** announced his resignation effective June 3. ●●● **Mahoning County Career & Technical Center** Superintendent Dr. **Roan M. Craig** announced her retirement effective Aug. 1. The district hired **Ronald Iarussi** as superintendent. Iarussi will continue to serve as superintendent of the **Mahoning County ESC**. ●●● **New Boston Local (Scioto)** Superintendent **Michael B. Staggs** announced his retirement effective June 30. The district hired high school Principal **Melinda Burnside** as superintendent effective July

### Editor's note

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

1. Staggs is taking a construction management position with the South Central Ohio Computer Association. ●●● **New Lexington City** Superintendent **Tonya Sherburne** announced her resignation effective June 13. She has taken the director of human resources and operations position at **Granville EV**. ●●● **New Miami Local (Butler)** Superintendent **David Gibson** announced his resignation effective July 31. He has taken the superintendent position at **Felicity-Franklin Local (Clermont)** effective Aug. 1. Gibson will replace **Glenn A. Moore**, who retired. ●●● **Washington Court House City** hired **Matthew J. McCorkle** as superintendent effective June 2. He replaced **Keith Brown**, who retired. McCorkle was the high school principal at **Wheelersburg Local (Scioto)**.

### Treasurers

**Big Walnut Local (Delaware)** Treasurer **Felicia Drummey** announced her resignation effective July 31. ●●● **Huron City** hired **Dawn M. Jacobs** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. She will replace Interim Treasurer **Betty Schweifert**. Jacobs currently is treasurer at **Otsego Local (Wood)**. ●●● **Norwalk City** hired **Sue Lehman** as treasurer effective July 1. She replaced **Kenneth W. France**, who retired Dec. 31. ●●● **Warren County ESC** hired **Alleyn Unversaw Jr.** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Shaun Bevins**, who took the treasurer position at **Kings Local (Warren)**. Unversaw currently is treasurer at **Southern Ohio ESC**.

### Sympathies

Former **Revere Local (Summit)** Board of Education member **George Arthur Clark** died June 1. He was 81.



## NEWS

by Amanda Finney, senior marketing coordinator

### OSBA bids goodbye to one staff member, welcomes another

Longtime staff member **Susan Kazanjian** retired from OSBA in May. Kazanjian served as administrative assistant in the association's business and finance division for more than 10 years.

She said one rewarding aspect of her job was working with many different people over the years. Whether it was retirements or employees moving on to new opportunities, she always looked forward to getting to know new staff members and the fresh ideas they brought to OSBA.

Kazanjian said that among the many things she enjoyed while working at OSBA was the family-

friendly environment; celebrating staff milestones such as wedding and baby showers and birthdays; and, most importantly, working with kind and caring people.

Kazanjian has many retirement plans. Over the summer she is taking a trip to Montana with her husband, **Gary**, and also plans to travel to visit friends and family. In addition, she looks forward to spending more time with all her family, especially her grandson, **Graham**.

Kazanjian said she will miss working for OSBA, but what she will miss most is the daily support of her colleagues.

"Everyone at OSBA is very special and will not be forgotten," she said.

**Cheryl Flahive** joined the OSBA staff in early June as Kazanjian's replacement. She came to OSBA from Time Warner Inc., where she spent the last 16 years as a senior financial analyst, director of financial planning and accounts payables/property manager.

In her new role, Flahive will assist with accounting, human resources and office operations, and provide support services to the business and finance division. She also will provide general

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# *Save the date*

## Mark your calendar for these important workshops and webinars.

**July 15**

*School Districts and Booster Groups: how to keep the marriage going*  
\$35, webinar

**July 19**

*New Board Member Workshop*  
OSBA office, Columbus  
\$160, full day

**August 1**

*Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law Workshop*  
NorthPointe Hotel and Conference Center, Lewis Center  
\$150, full day

**August 6**

*Management Development Series #3*  
OSBA office, Columbus  
\$90, half day

**August 13**

*School Communication in the Digital Age Workshop*  
OSBA office, Columbus  
\$150, full day

**August 20**

*BoardDocs information for districts considering paperless board meetings*  
free webinar

**September 5**

*Treasurers Clinic*  
Northeast Ohio Medical University, Rootstown  
\$150, full day

**September 10**

*Management Development Series #4*  
OSBA office, Columbus  
\$90, half day

**September 24**

*BoardDocs policy management*  
free webinar

**September 26**

*Treasurers Clinic*  
Embassy Suites, Columbus  
\$150, full day

**September 30**

*Treasurers Clinic*  
Hilton Garden Inn, Perrysburg  
\$150, full day

**October 2**

*Treasurers Clinic*  
Hilton Garden Inn Dayton South, Miamisburg  
\$150, full day

**October 3**

*Treasurers Clinic*  
Kent State University at Tuscarawas, New Philadelphia  
\$150, full day

**October 7**

*Treasurers Clinic*  
Ohio University Inn and Conference Center, Athens  
\$150, full day

**October 17**

*School Law for Treasurers Workshop*  
Embassy Suites, Columbus  
\$150, full day

**October 22**

*Intensive Legal Workshop*  
OSBA office, Columbus  
\$150, full day

**October 23**

*BoardDocs information for districts considering paperless board meetings*  
free webinar

**November 9-12**

*OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show*  
Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus  
\$275, four days

**November 19**

*BoardDocs Online Submission*  
free webinar

**December 10**

*Management Development Series #5*  
OSBA office, Columbus  
\$90, half day

**December 11**

*BoardDocs information for districts considering paperless board meetings*  
free webinar

# New board members — Get up to speed quickly!

## Don't miss the New Board Member Workshop

Saturday, July 19  
OSBA office in Columbus

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

Serving on a school board is more complex and demanding than ever. To carry out their leadership duties effectively, new school board members must move from the role of an involved citizen to that of a responsible elected official as soon as possible. High-quality board member training, designed specifically for new board members, will 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](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops) or contact **Laurie Miller**, OSBA senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org). More information can be found at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops).



## Learn how you can save time and money with these webinars

BoardDocs is the exclusive eGovernance partner of OSBA. Join OSBA for any of the free informational webinar demonstrations on the dates and times listed below. The webinars will showcase BoardDocs's cloud-based solutions and demonstrate why it is the eGovernance leader, not only in Ohio, but across the nation. Participants will learn how to save money, time and be more effective with BoardDocs.



Want to learn more? Join OSBA and BoardDocs for these informative webinars. It's quick and easy to register — just choose the date and time you wish to view the webinars.

### Information for districts considering paperless board meetings

Wednesday, Aug. 20, 10 a.m.-11 a.m.

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/522201248>.

### Information for current users: BoardDocs policy management

Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2 p.m.-3 p.m.

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/326030592>

Once registered, you will receive an email confirming your registration with the information you need to view the webinar. For questions about these webinars, contact **Amanda Finney**, OSBA senior marketing coordinator, at (800) 589-OSBA, (614) 540-4000 or [afinney@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:afinney@ohioschoolboards.org). For more information about BoardDocs, visit [www.boarddocs.com](http://www.boarddocs.com).

# Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law Workshop

Friday, Aug. 1

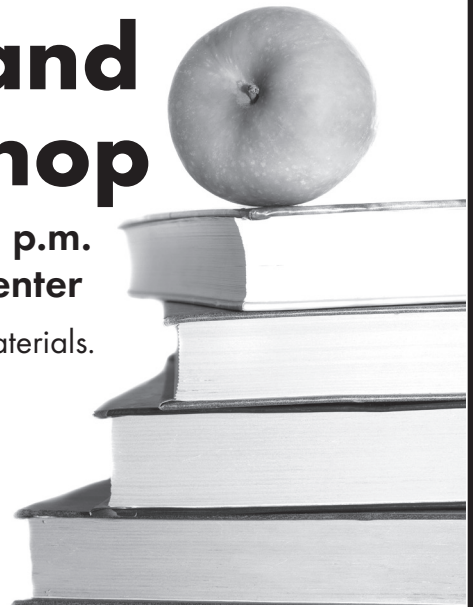
9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

NorthPointe Hotel and Conference Center, Lewis Center

**Cost: \$150**, 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.

Register online at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops) or contact **Laurie Miller**, OSBA senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org).



## School Communication in the Digital Age

*Learn the latest on social media, electronic newsletters and other new communication tools*

**Wednesday, Aug. 13**  
**OSBA office, Columbus**

**9 a.m.-3:15 p.m.**  
**Cost \$150**

Technology is rapidly transforming the way we live and communicate. Smartphones, tablets and other mobile devices put the Internet constantly at our fingertips, presenting both opportunities and challenges for school districts striving to communicate with their communities.

This comprehensive workshop sheds light on how districts — both those with and without full-time communication staff — can effectively and efficiently use new communication tools. Communication professionals with OSBA, **Hilliard City**, **New Albany-Plain Local (Franklin)** and **Shaker Heights City** will provide replicable, real-world examples, and explain how districts can use websites, blogs, social media, Web videos and electronic newsletters to engage, inform and connect school communities. Learn manageable and cost-effective ways to communicate digitally in these ever-changing times.

The cost of this workshop is \$150, which includes registration, continental breakfast, lunch and materials. Register online at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops) or by contacting **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org).



# WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

## School Districts and Booster Groups

☐ July 15, webinar, \$35

## Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law Workshop

☐ Aug. 1, Lewis Center, \$150

## School Communication in the Digital Age

☐ Aug. 13, Columbus, \$150

## New Board Member Workshop

☐ July 19, Columbus, \$160

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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.



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support services such as word processing, copying, filing and preparing correspondence.

Flahive graduated with a

bachelor's degree in accounting from Franklin University and a master's of business administration degree from Butler

University.

She can be reached at (800) 589-OSBA; (614) 540-4000; or [cflahive@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:cflahive@ohioschoolboards.org).



## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services

### A look at the midbiennium budget review's impact on education

As of this writing, the midbiennium budget review (MBR) education legislation, House Bill (HB) 487, was awaiting the governor's signature. As a result of concerns raised by public education advocates, OSBA was able to make a significant impact in the final bill approved by the conference committee.

A few measures were added to the legislation that were not discussed during legislative hearings prior to the conference committee, such as high school graduation requirements, and several items were removed and placed in other legislation.

Following are some of the major changes to the bill as reflected in the HB 487 conference committee report.

There was much debate over the College Credit Plus program "floor" issue. The final version of the bill maintains districts' ability to enter into local agreements with institutions of higher education on postsecondary options for

students. The funding arrangement within the agreements retains a floor and a ceiling for payments to institutions of higher education; however, the Ohio Board of Regents chancellor has the authority to waive the floor requirement.

The Ohio Teacher Evaluation System (OTES) reform legislation also saw a lot of debate, with many amendments and measures being shifted among separate House and Senate bills. The governor signed the final version,

HB 362, on June 12.

Following are the OTES changes in HB 362:

- Permits a school district or school to evaluate any teacher who received an "accomplished" rating on the most recent evaluation once every three years if the teacher's student academic growth measure is "average" or higher.
- Permits a school district or school to evaluate any teacher who received a "skilled" rating on the

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## OSBA webinar

Register for this webinar by visiting [www.ohioschoolboards.org/event\\_listing](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/event_listing). You also can register by contacting Laurie Miller, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org).



### School Districts and Booster Groups: how to keep the marriage going

Tuesday, July 15 • 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. • Paid webinar • \$35

Booster groups play a significant role in supporting school districts. But what happens when a good booster group goes wrong? How is a damaged relationship between a booster group and school district repaired? This webinar will review the legal basis and oversight for a booster group's relationship with a school district and include practical tips to keep the relationship strong.

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most recent evaluation once every two years if the teacher's student academic growth measure is "average" or higher.

- Provides that a teacher who is not formally evaluated in any year due to receiving a "skilled" or "accomplished" rating on the most recent evaluation must still undergo an observation and a conference.

- Authorizes, beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, a district or school to choose not to evaluate a teacher who was on leave from the district for 50% or more of the school year or has submitted a notice of retirement that was accepted not later than Dec. 1 of the school year.

- Permits a district or school, beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, to use the alternative framework prescribed in the bill for teacher evaluations.

- Requires a district or school that

uses the alternative framework for the 2014-2015 school year to calculate ratings based on the teacher performance measure (42.5% of the evaluation); the student academic growth measure (42.5% of the evaluation); and one component selected by the district or school from among student surveys, teacher self-evaluations, peer review evaluations or student portfolios (15% of the evaluation).

- Requires a district or school that uses the alternative framework for the 2015-2016 school year and each subsequent school year to calculate ratings based on the teacher performance measure (42.5% to 50% of the evaluation); the student academic growth measure (42.5% to 50% of the evaluation); and one component selected by the district or school from among student surveys, teacher self-evaluations, peer review evaluations or student

portfolios (the remaining percentage of the evaluation).

- Requires the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) to compile a list of approved instruments for districts and schools to use when evaluating student surveys, teacher self-evaluations, peer review evaluations and student portfolios.

- Requires each district or school to choose one approved instrument from ODE's list to evaluate the applicable component selected by that district or school.

Key changes to Ohio's graduation requirements, formerly debated through HB 193, which is still pending in the Senate, were inserted into HB 487 in the conference committee report. The changes would affect students graduating in the class of 2018. The bill makes no changes in course requirements, but specifies the following paths to a diploma:

- Passing seven end-of-course exams in the following subjects, with a cumulative passing score to be determined by the State Board of Education: algebra (or integrated math I); geometry (or integrated math II); English I; English II; American history; government; and physical science. Beginning with the class of 2020, the State Board of Education can substitute Algebra II for Algebra I. Advanced placement, international baccalaureate and dual enrollment students may take assessments aligned to those courses in lieu of end-of-course exams.

- Achieving a "remediation-free"

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# OSBA Student Achievement Fair

**Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2014  
Greater Columbus Convention Center**

The OSBA Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair highlights outstanding initiatives from school districts across the state. OSBA is seeking fresh, innovative programs or practices your district is willing to share with thousands of Ohio school district representatives. One hundred programs and practices will be selected based on creativity and impact on student achievement. The fair will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 11, during the OSBA Capital Conference.

OSBA is now accepting nominations for district programs. While multiple programs may be submitted for consideration, no more than two per district will be selected, so districts should prioritize their submissions.

Nominate your district at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations). The nomination deadline is June 27.



## PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Bryan Bullock, assistant editor

### Wellston City students create statewide anti-drug campaign

Wellston City students recently worked with the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) to create an anti-drug campaign.

Gov. **John Kasich**'s office asked Wellston High School (WHS) government teacher **Greg Hollback** and his students to produce a peer-to-peer anti-drug campaign, complete with T-shirts and a commercial. The students were selected after they initiated a local anti-drug Twitter and letter-writing campaign.

"The anti-drug campaign is called What's Your Reason for Not Doing Drugs? and features our students giving positive examples of their own personal reasons for not using substances," Hollback told a local newspaper.

Students took a positive approach to their campaign because they said the old "doom-and-gloom" message about drugs isn't reaching kids anymore.

In the spring, 48 WHS students visited the Ohio Statehouse as

guests of Kasich to debut their campaign video. Students developed the video concept, and ODPS shot and edited it.

The video will promote "5 Minutes for Life" and be featured on the website for the campaign, which involves Ohio National Guard members and law enforcement officials talking to student-athletes about living a drug-free lifestyle.

Source: *The Jackson County Times-Journal*

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score on nationally recognized college admission exam in 11th grade, with the state to reimburse districts for testing costs.

- Earning an industry-recognized credential or state license to practice a vocation, and achieving a score demonstrating workforce readiness and employability on a job skills assessment

In addition to HB 487, HB 483, the midbiennium budget review appropriations legislation, also was passed out of a conference committee and sent to the governor for signing.

As a result of conference committee negotiations, the feared Senate Bill (SB) 52 provisions were removed from the bill as part of

the committee's report. Those provisions would have prohibited school districts from challenging property values when assumed to be set too low for tax appraisal purposes.

The measures in the final version of HB 483 that affect schools are:

- SB 231 provisions allowing districts to use proceeds from the sale of property to pay for permanent improvements;
- a provision to allow Expedited Local Partnership (ELP) Ohio Facilities Construction Commission projects to adjust the district's state share percentage to post-tangible personal property (TPP) tax levels (ELP projects that began prior to the elimination of the TPP tax);

- a reduction of assessed value rate for tax purposes for new investment and replacement water public utility tangible personal property (PUTPP) from 88% to 25% (current water PUTPP will remain at 88%).

Because HB 483 is an appropriations bill, all provisions in the legislation are subject to veto by the governor.

For the latest information and updates on these proposals, visit OSBA's BillTracker page at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/billtracker](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/billtracker) or contact the OSBA legislative division at (800) 589-6722.

*Editor's note:* All information in this article was current as of June 13.

## June 2014

30 2013-2014 school year ends — RC 3313.62.

## July 2014

1 2014-2015 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).

7 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 School Districts and Booster Groups: how to keep the marriage going webinar

15 Last day to adopt school library district tax budget on behalf of a library district — RC 5705.28(B)(1).

19 New Board Member Workshop ..... Columbus

22 Last day to submit certification for November conversion levy to tax commissioner — RC 5705.219(B) (105 days prior to election).

25 OSBA Executive Committee Meeting ..... Columbus

26 OSBA Board of Trustees Meeting ..... Columbus

28 Last day to submit certification for November income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to the election).

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 from the last day reflected in the previous report through June 30, 2014 — RC 3517.10(A)(4).

## August 2014

1 Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law Workshop ..... Lewis Center

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; 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).

4 Southwest Region Executive Committee meeting..... Oregonia

5 Special Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after the first Monday).

6 Management Development Series #3..... Columbus

6 Northeast Region Executive Committee meeting..... Wadsworth

6 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.