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OSBA announces 2014 Capital Conference speakers

Keynote speakers for three high-profile OSBA Capital Conference sessions have been confirmed. Internationally acclaimed speaker, author and consultant **Simon T. Bailey** will lead the Nov. 9 Early Bird Workshop. The Nov. 10 Conference Luncheon will feature Dr. **Tracey Wilen**, a leading expert on how technology impacts society, careers and women's leadership. Ohio State University basketball legend, WNBA star and three-time Olympic medalist **Katie Smith** will headline the Nov. 11 Conference Luncheon. The conference runs Nov. 9-12 in Columbus. For more information, visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/2014-capital-conference.

Governor appoints another State Board of Education member

Gov. **John Kasich** has appointed **Melanie P. Bolender** to fill one of the two vacancies remaining on the State Board of Education. Bolender takes a seat formerly held by **Stanley Jackson**, whose term expired 18 months ago. She is director of development for the Ohio Eastern Star Home in Mount Vernon. Her term on the State Board of Education will end on Dec. 31, 2016.

Association seeking candidates for regional and statewide offices

OSBA encourages its members to become more involved in their association. One way to do that is to seek a seat on an OSBA committee. "Call for Nominations," recently mailed to all board members, lists available positions on regional and statewide committees, outlines the nomination procedure and includes a nomination form. For details, contact your regional manager or visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/73237>. Regional managers' contact information is posted at www.ohioschoolboards.org/region-managers. The nomination deadline is June 30.

OSBA hires veteran board member as manager of Northeast Region

Reno Contipelli, a former **Cuyahoga Heights Local (Cuyahoga)** board member, has been named regional manager for the OSBA Northeast Region. He replaces **Terri Neff**, who resigned to return to a full-time job. Contipelli, who did not run for re-election to the Cuyahoga Heights board last year after 20 years of service, has been deeply involved with OSBA. The award-winning board member served on the Board of Trustees, Executive Committee and numerous other regional and state committees.

Black Caucus awards students 2014 Leo Lucas Stipends

The OSBA Black Caucus has announced the 2014 Leo Lucas Stipend winners. The program provides African-Americans graduating from high school funds to help them attend college. It is named after **Leo Lucas**, a longtime **Dayton City** Board of

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Education member and educator who is credited with creating the OSBA Black Caucus. Lucas died in 2008 at the age of 95. The awardees were chosen from among 150 applicants. The winners and their districts are: **Taylor E. Andre, Rittman EV; Bryshaun H. Brown, North College Hill City; Michael J. Givens, Cambridge City; Michael J. Johnson, Hilliard City; Allosious K. Snodgrass, Defiance City; and Juanita Rachelle Williams, Elyria City.**

OLAC launches new blog: 'The Leading Edge'

The Ohio Leadership Advisory Council (OLAC) recently launched a new blog called "The Leading Edge: Helping School Leaders Put Research into Practice." The blog will feature posts by OLAC Project Director **Jim Gay**, guest bloggers, and educators using OLAC resources in their schools. The goal of the blog is to create a place

where educators can read about essential leadership practices, learn practical tips and strategies for using the Ohio Improvement Process and stay up-to-date on what tools are available on the OLAC website. Access the blog at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/42299>.

Former student names planet after Perry Local teacher

A **Perry Local (Stark)** graduate recently gave his former physics teacher a gift that is out of this world.

Nate Van Wey, a teacher at Perry High School for the past 42 years, had a minor planet named after him by **Steve Cullen**. Cullen, who graduated from the high school in 1983 and now lives in California, discovered the planet and named it Natevanwey in honor of his favorite teacher. The planet is registered with the International Astronomical Union's Minor Planet Center.

"It's such a nice honor," Van Wey told a local newspaper. "It's one of those things you don't expect at all to happen. I expect to hear from former students, but this is just above and beyond what you would expect to happen."

Source: *The (Canton) Repository*

New NSBA guide examines student data privacy concerns

The National School Boards Association and its Council of School Attorneys have issued a new guide designed to raise awareness of student data privacy concerns and provide a framework for comprehensive student data privacy approaches in school districts. "Data in the Cloud" introduces the legal issues associated with protecting student data and suggests best practices. The guide is posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/56792>.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

OSBA's legal team has posted a new entry to its "Legal Ledger" blog — a refresher on scheduling special board meetings. "The Legal Ledger" offers regular updates on the latest cases, legal developments and hot topics. Visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/17916> to learn more.



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BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, administrative assistant of communication services

Searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
High school assistant principal	Morgan Local (Morgan)	June 15	Susan L. Troutner, assistant for instruction, Morgan Local, PO Box 509, McConnelsville, OH 43756

Board changes

Canton Local (Stark) Board of Education member **John Martin** announced his resignation effective immediately. ●●● **Cleveland Municipal** appointed **Anne Bingham** and **Ericka Abrams** to the board effective immediately. They replaced **Eric Wobser**, who resigned last year, and **Patricia Crutchfield**, who was not reappointed. ●●● **Madison Local (Lake)** Board of Education member **Rex Reigert** announced his resignation effective June 9. ●●● **West Geauga Local (Gauga)** Board of Education member **Michael B. Kilroy** announced his resignation effective immediately.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Buckeye Central Local (Crawford) hired **Mark Robinson** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace Interim Superintendent **Todd Martin**. Robinson currently is a student growth measures specialist at the Ohio Department of Education. ●●● **Crestview Local (Richland)** Superintendent **Scott Will** announced his resignation effective July 31. ●●● **Kings Local (Warren)** hired **John Lazares** as interim superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace Dr. **Valerie M. Browning**, who has taken the superintendent position at **Pickerington Local (Fairfield)**. Lazares currently is superintendent at **Warren County ESC**. ●●● **Liberty Union-Thurston Local (Fairfield)** hired **Todd Osborn** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Paul Mathews**, who is retiring. Osborn currently is the high school principal at **Canton Local (Stark)**. ●●● **Mid-East Career and Technology Centers** Superintendent **William Bussey** announced his resignation effective Aug. 1 to become the director of career-technical education at the Ohio Department of Education. ●●● **Norwalk City** Superintendent **Dennis Doughty** announced his retirement effective July 31. ●●● **Ottawa-Glandorf Local (Putnam)** hired **Donald T. Horstman** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Kevin Brinkman**, who is retiring. Horstman currently is superintendent at **Kalida Local (Putnam)**. ●●● **West Geauga Local (Gauga)** hired **Mike Nutter** as interim superintendent effective April 29. ●●● **Canal Winchester Local (Franklin)** hired **Kiya Hunt** as assistant superintendent effective Aug. 1. She will replace **Barbara Harrison**, who is retiring effective July 1. Hunt currently is a high school principal at **Pickerington Local (Fairfield)**. ●●● **Granville EV** hired high school Principal **Ryan Bernath** as assistant superintendent effective immediately. He replaced **Thomas Fry Jr.**, who resigned. ●●● **Western Local (Pike)** hired **Brock Brewster** as assistant superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will assume the role of superintendent when Superintendent **Terry Leeth** retires in 2015. Brewster currently is the district's high school principal.

Editor's note

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

Treasurers

Akron City Treasurer Jack Pierson announced his retirement effective July 31. He will become treasurer at **Howland Local (Trumbull)** effective Aug. 1. ●●● **Beavercreek City** hired **Penelope R. Rucker** as treasurer effective June 1. She previously was treasurer at **Columbus City**. ●●● **Bellaire Local (Belmont)** hired **Darren Jenkins** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Cyndi Shaw**, who is resigning. ●●● **Grandview Heights City** hired **Beth Collier** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. She will replace **Tammy Rizzo**, who resigned April 18 to take a position with the Shared Services Center Council of Governments. Collier currently is treasurer at **Pleasant Local (Marion)**. ●●● **Jackson City Treasurer Brenda Hill** announced her retirement effective Dec. 31. ●●● **Licking Heights Local (Licking)** hired **Nick Roberts** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. He will replace Interim Treasurer **Peg Betts**. Roberts currently is treasurer at **Logan Elm Local (Pickaway)**. ●●● **Vandalia-Butler City** hired **Eric K. Beavers** as treasurer effective July 1. He will replace **Daniel Schall**, who resigned to become a contractor with the **Montgomery County ESC**. Beavers currently is treasurer at **Fairborn City**.

Sympathies

George William "Bill" Beck, a member of the former **Centerville-Washington Township Board of Education** in Montgomery County, died May 8. He was 92. ●●● **Melvin W. Lanzer**, a member of the former **Four County JVSD**, died May 12. He was 92. ●●● Former **Gibsonburg EV Board of Education** member **Walden Emerson Richard** died May 11. He was 99. ●●● **Phebe Robbins Zimmerman**, a member of the former **Hiram Board of Education** in Portage county, died May 15. She was 95. ●●● Former **Logan Elm Local (Pickaway)** Assistant Superintendent **Dow Owen West** died May 18. He was 90. ●●● **William G. "Bud" Allenbaugh**, a member of the former **Shelby County Board of Education**, died May 19. He was 88. ●●● Former **Sycamore Community City** Assistant Superintendent **Joseph B. Flege** died May 5. He was 87. ●●● **West Clermont Local (Clermont)** Board of Education member **Mark Merchant** died May 14. He was 65. ●●● Former **Wooster City Board of Education** member **Dr. Roger Clinton Moyer** died May 15. He was 82.

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*.





THE 37TH ANNUAL OHIO COUNCIL OF SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEYS

SPRING SEMINAR

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

TUITION IS \$190

NORTHPOINTE HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER, LEWIS CENTER

Agenda

- 8:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast**
- 8:50 a.m. OSBA welcome and overview**
- 9 a.m. Staff expression and academic freedom after *Freshwater v. Mt. Vernon City School Dist. Bd. of Ed.***
You have read the decision, but the district's counsel will revisit the implications of the decision and the status of the law on these perennial issues.
David Kane Smith, Esq., Britton, Smith, Peters & Kalail Co. LPA
- 10 a.m. OCR guidance update — diabetes, discipline, athletics**
Review the comprehensive guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights during the past year and implications for school districts.
Vincent Cheverine, Esq., U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights
- 11 a.m. Break**
- 11:15 a.m. Legislative and Common Core legal issues update, part 1**
Get information on the midbiennium budget review and recently enacted legislation downloaded directly to your mental inbox.
Jennifer P. Hogue, lobbyist, Ohio School Boards Association
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch (provided) and OCSBA Annual Meeting and election of officers**
- 12:45 p.m. Legislative and Common Core legal issues update, part 2**
Explore legal issues surrounding the implementation of the Common Core and third-grade reading guarantee.
Lisa Gray, project director, The Ohio Standard
- 1:15 p.m. Break**
- 1:30 p.m. Reasonable accommodations or undue burden — disability discrimination claims**
A plaintiff and district counsel collaboratively discuss the issues and interests of the parties involved with these unique yet repetitive claims.
Kathleen K. McKinley, Esq., Baasten McKinley & Co. LPA., and Erin M. Wessendorf-Wortman, Ennis, Roberts & Fischer Co. LPA
- 2:30 p.m. Professional conduct — focus on alcoholism**
Engage in a review and discussion of the causes, prevention, detection and treatment alternatives for alcoholism in the legal profession.
Michael A. Prisley, Esq., Brehm and Bowen Co. LPA
- 3:30 p.m. Adjourn**

This course has been approved by the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education for 5.00 total CLE hour(s), with 1.00 of attorney professional conduct 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; (800) 589-OSBA; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

Safe Schools Summer Camp – protecting students and staff

Wednesday, June 18 and Thursday, June 19

Thomas Worthington High School, Worthington

The Ohio School Boards Association, in cooperation with the Columbus Division of Police SWAT team and the Columbus Division of Fire Bomb Squad, presents a two-day workshop focused on protecting staff and students in your district.

During this workshop, participants will attend informative presentations, as well as witness and participate in training scenarios led by highly trained tactical officers. Learn about explosives and try your hand at engaging a shooter while another attendee plays the role of the “bad guy.”



Tentative agenda

June 18

8 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast
8:45 a.m. Welcome
9 a.m. The evolution of the single officer response
9:30 a.m. The solo officer response
10:30 a.m. Demonstration of solo officer response
Noon Lunch (provided)
1 p.m. Scenario participation, including role playing
3 p.m. Adjourn

June 19

7:30 a.m. Travel to Olentangy Local (Delaware) school (transportation provided)
8 a.m. Registration/continental breakfast
9 a.m. School emergency response through the eyes of the 911 dispatcher and responding law enforcement
Noon Lunch (provided)
1 p.m. Bomb threats and what to look for
3 p.m. Bus departs to return to Thomas Worthington High School parking lot

Come prepared to participate and learn – dress appropriately for a dirty environment and possible inclement weather. Note: All participation is purely voluntary.

The fee for the two-day workshop is \$195, and will include training, materials, and breakfast and lunch both days. Because of the interactive nature of this event, attendance is limited to 40 participants. To register, contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

OSBA webinars

Register for these webinars by visiting 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.



Winning Community Engagement Strategies: Lakota Local's (Butler) success story and lessons learned

Tuesday, June 10 • 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. • Paid webinar • \$35

Lakota Local (Butler) Superintendent Dr. **Karen L. Mantia** will share innovative strategies that helped the district pass a levy after three failed attempts. Learn how to develop a community engagement plan and hear research on predictors of levy passage in Ohio. Any district considering placing a levy on the ballot in the next two years should participate in this webinar.

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

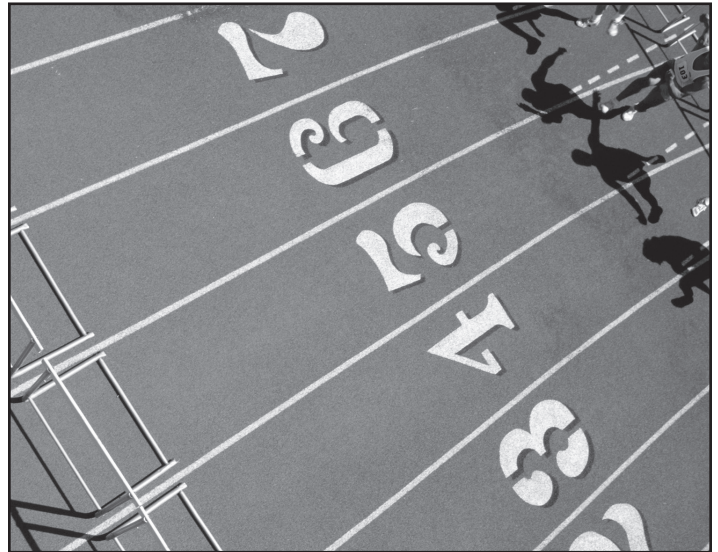
Tuesday, July 15 • 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. • Paid webinar • \$35

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.

Sports Law Workshop

Friday, June 20
9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Embassy Suites Columbus Airport
Cost is \$150



AGENDA

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

8:50 a.m. Welcome

9 a.m. Planes, trains and automobiles
Transporting student athletes may present several risks and issues. Learn what vehicles may be used and the requirements that must be followed when transporting student athletes.
Mike Miller, transportation consultant, OSBA

10 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. OHSA 2014 legal update: what's happening now
Learn the latest developments and initiatives from the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSA), including policy and bylaw changes, the competitive balance proposal and more.
Dr. Daniel B. Ross, commissioner, OHSA

11:30 a.m. Lunch (provided)

12:30 p.m. Money, money, money: compensating coaches

Bring your questions and get answers on who may provide compensation to district coaches and how the Fair Labor Standards Act comes into play.
Alexander L. Ewing, Esq., Frost Brown Todd LLC, West Chester

1:30 p.m. Break

1:45 p.m. 2014 sports case law update reloaded
Hear the latest developments in sports law litigation from liability to disciplining athletes and everything in between.
Edmund F. Brown, Esq., Buckley King, Columbus

2:30 p.m. Ban a fan: dealing with problematic parents and spectators
Fans taunting players? Parents yelling at opponents? Learn what your district can do when dealing with unruly, problematic and disruptive parents and fans at sporting events.
Mark Landes, Esq., Isaac Wiles Burkholder & Teetor LLC, Columbus

3:15 p.m. Adjourn

The workshop will be held at the Embassy Suites Columbus Airport, 2886 Airport Drive, Columbus, OH 43219. The phone number is (614) 536-0500. To register, contact **Laurie Miller**, OSBA senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

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



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Winning Community Engagement Strategies

☐ June 10, webinar, \$35

OCSBA Spring Seminar

☐ June 13, Lewis Center, \$190

Safe Schools Summer Camp — protecting students and staff

☐ June 18-19, Columbus, \$195

Sports Law Workshop

☐ June 20, Columbus, \$150

School Districts and Booster Groups

☐ July 15, webinar, \$35

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. 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.



Mail

OSBA
8050 N. High St.,
Suite 100, Columbus, OH
43235-6481



Phone
or fax

OSBA Registration Hotline,
(614) 540-4000, ext. 300;
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.



NEWS

by Amanda Finney, senior marketing coordinator

OSBA announces legislative staff changes

The OSBA Division of Legislative Services recently restructured its staff by promoting one member and hiring a new lobbyist.

Jay Smith has been promoted from lobbyist to deputy director of legislative services, while **Jennifer Hogue** joined the team as a lobbyist.

Smith has served OSBA for four years as a lobbyist. In his new role, he will continue to develop and improve working relationships with the Ohio General Assembly, State Board of

Education and other state agencies; provide testimony on important education issues; and advocate on behalf of Ohio's public schools. He also will continue to contribute to various legislative newsletters, as well as other OSBA publications.

Smith is a graduate of Ohio State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in political science.

He can be reached at (800) 589-OSBA or (614) 540-4000, ext. 232, or jaysmith@ohioschoolboards.org.

Hogue's role is to monitor and

report on state and federal education legislation; present at OSBA workshops and seminars; write for association publications, including *Facts in a Flash* and *The Link*; cultivate relationships with Ohio legislators; and advocate for public education.

She previously served as a legislative liaison for the Ohio Department of Education and an aide in the Ohio House and Ohio Senate.

Hogue earned a bachelor's degree in political science from

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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 and performing groups. 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. The nomination deadline is June 27.

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Capital University. She is a graduate of **River View Local's (Coshocton)** River View High

School in Warsaw and a member of the Granville Parent Cooperative Preschool Board.

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services

Midbiennium budget review

At the time this report was written, House Bill (HB) 483 and HB 487 of the midbiennium budget review (MBR) legislation were heading to conference committees. The committees are made up of members from both the House and Senate, including one member in each chamber from the minority caucus. The conference committees' job is to reconcile differences between the House-passed versions of the legislation and the Senate-passed versions.

Once these differences are worked out, the committees send a

report to each chamber for approval before the legislation goes to the governor for his signature. The governor has the authority to veto a bill or use a line-item veto once he receives the legislation. A line-item veto may be used only if there is an appropriation in the legislation. HB 483 contains an appropriation, while HB 487 does not.

The two most urgent issues OSBA has asked the conference committees to address in these bills are:

- The inclusion of Senate Bill (SB) 52 in HB 483. This legislation would prohibit school district

boards of education from filing appeals on appraisal values for real estate properties within their taxing district.

- The College Credit Plus proposal in HB 487 that includes a mandatory per-credit hour funding "floor" for payments from a school district to an institution of higher education. The House-passed version of the legislation pulled this proposal from the as-introduced version of the bill, however the Senate put it back into the bill. OSBA opposes this mandatory floor because school districts around the state currently

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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.





PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Bryan Bullock, assistant editor

High schoolers are first in U.S. to earn robotics certification

Tri-Rivers Career Center students are the first high schoolers in the nation to earn an industrial robotics certification known as FANUC.

Nine students were recently presented the certificates at the career center's Robotics & Advanced Manufacturing Technology Education Collaborative (RAMTEC).

"There's no one else doing what we're doing in the state of Ohio," **Mark Edington**, a career center

robotics instructor, told a local newspaper. "You can see the enthusiasm. They (the students) just love it."

Edington is one of eight FANUC certification instructors in the nation. He said students achieve FANUC certification by working on the most current robotics equipment on the market. Edington said the RAMTEC robotics program continues to grow and improve.

"Our vision is to make Marion

the robot capital of the world," Edington said.

Tri-Rivers Career Center senior **Mason Dancz** said he hopes to work in the robotics field after he graduates, with his top choices being Honda or Whirlpool.

"I'm just hoping I get a nice, stable job in the industry," he said, noting earning FANUC and other robotics certifications in high school gives him a "lot better advantage than other people."

Source: *The Marion Star*

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have negotiated agreements with institutions of higher education that are well below the mandated floor proposed in HB 487.

Handguns in school safety zones

The House Education Committee recently passed HB 454, legislation sponsored by Rep. **Anne Gonzales** (R-Westerville) seeking to clarify the authority of a concealed handgun licensee to possess a handgun in a school safety zone. Current law requires a concealed handgun licensee to leave the firearm locked in his or her vehicle while in a safety zone.

Gonzales introduced the bill following an incident in her

district where a parent was picking a child up from school while legally carrying a handgun. As the parent helped the child into the car, another parent saw the firearm and contacted police, which led to a lockdown at the school. Following the incident, the Franklin County prosecutor confirmed that the law had not been broken and no charges would be filed against the parent. The prosecutor's office also stated that the current law was poorly worded and can be confusing.

Through this legislation, Gonzales hopes to clarify the current language on school safety zones and change the focus from the exceptions that allow a permit

holder to enter the zone with a gun to one that clearly states a firearm must remain locked in the licensee's vehicle and stay there while the vehicle is in the safety zone.

The bill was voted out of the House Education Committee on May 28.

For the latest information and updates on these proposals, visit the OSBA BillTracker page at 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 May 30, 2014.

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

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- 1 Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law WorkshopLewis 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).

Southwest Region Executive Committee meeting.....Oregonia

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

Management Development Series #3.....Columbus

Northeast Region Executive Committee meeting.....Wadsworth

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.