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#### Report: Nearly 45% of Ohio students receiving subsidized meals

Poverty among Ohio's schoolchildren is not abating, with the percentage of kids receiving subsidized school meals this school year the same as it was in the 2010-11 school year, *The Columbus Dispatch* recently reported. Citing figures from the Ohio Department of Education, the paper said that more than 800,000 children, or 44% of Ohio students, are currently participating in the federal free and reduced-price lunch program. Ten years ago, 33% of Ohio students were enrolled in the program. According to the Children's Hunger Alliance, childhood hunger impairs learning, increases school absences and causes health, behavioral and emotional problems.

#### National on-time public high school graduation rate hits record high

Data just released by the National Center for Education Statistics show the U.S. public high school on-time graduation rate for the class of 2011 reached 80%, an all-time high. The increase was fueled by substantial gains achieved by minority students, according to the Center for Public Education. From 2008 to 2011, the rate for Hispanic students increased from 64% to 75%; for black students, the rate rose from 61% to 67%. Visit http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/46880 for further information.

#### Auditor: Cleveland charter school owes state nearly \$1.3 million

The Lion of Judah Academy, a now-closed Cleveland charter school, owes Ohio taxpayers \$1.29 million, Auditor of State **Dave Yost** said in financial audits released Feb. 13. The auditor's findings cited school leaders for accepting kickbacks, having unlawful interests in public contracts and making unsupported and unallowable expenditures and unsupported bank withdrawals. Five administrators were indicted last year in connection with the audits, including former treasurer **Carl Shye**, who is in federal prison after being convicted of stealing federal funds from other Ohio charter schools. The Lion of Judah case against Shye is still pending.

#### Charter school enrollment still increasing across the nation

The National Education Policy Center reports that enrollment in charter schools managed by for-profit firms, as well as nonprofit education management groups, continues to rise, despite little evidence showing positive results. Students across 35 states and the District of Columbia attend schools managed by these entities. The full report is available at http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/85278.

#### **OSBA** announces Board Leadership Institute keynote speaker

Dr. **Mike Thomson** will be the General Session speaker at OSBA's 2014 Board Leadership Institute, May 2-3 in Columbus. Thomson has spoken on leadership and



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## Route workshop information to:

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- Assistant treasurers
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- □ Principals
- □ Transportation
- supervisors

problem-solving strategies before millions of educators and business leaders around the world. The institute also features 18 breakout sessions, two luncheons and plenty of opportunities to network with other board members from around the state, as well as OSBA staff. For details, visit http://links.ohio schoolboards.org/33166.

#### Moderators sought for Capital Conference workshops

OSBA is recruiting moderators for breakout sessions at the 2014 Capital Conference, scheduled for Nov. 9-12 in Columbus. Moderators introduce workshop presenters, act as liaisons between the audience and speakers and collect evaluation forms. Board members serving as moderators will earn five OSBA Award of Achievement credits. Contact Judy Morgan at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or jmorgan@ ohioschoolboards.org for details.

#### Ohio student, cancer survivor skates with the Blue Jackets

A Licking Valley Local (Licking) student was recently honored by the Columbus Blue Jackets for his battle with cancer and given the unique opportunity to skate with the hockey team.

**Griffin Hayden**, an eighth-grade student at Licking Valley Middle School, was one of 11 young cancer patients selected to be honored at the annual Black Tie Blue Jackets Style Show. After learning Hayden played hockey, the Columbus Blue Jackets Foundation invited him to skate with the team following a morning practice.

"It was definitely cool to get to hang out with the pros and see what that's like," Griffin told a local newspaper.

His mother, **Carrie Hayden**, said Griffin was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia last year and he is now in remission. Source: *Zanesville Times Recorder* 

#### Two Ohio public schools earn U.S. 'Green Ribbon' status

Two Ohio public schools have been selected as honorees for the 2014 U.S. Green Ribbon Schools award. They are being honored for their work to produce energyefficient, sustainable and healthy school environments for their



#### Briefcase

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#### **OSBA** online

#### • www.ohioschoolboards.org

OSBA's "Five fast facts" page offers succinct talking points on a number of public education issues. Topics range from board member compensation, rehiring retirees and Ohio's Sunshine Law to tips on running successful board meetings, school transportation regulations and more. Education leaders can use these tip sheets to communicate with the media, the community and others. Access this convenient resource at http://links. ohioschoolboards.org/62412.



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#### **OSBA** executive searches

#### ก **Superintendent** District Deadline Contact • North Baltimore Local March 13 OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000 (Wood) **2** Fairview Park City March 24 OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000 • Washington Court House City April 18 OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000 6 $\mathbf{0} =$ Superintendent Other searches Deadline Position District Contact March 18 Liberty Union-Thurston Fairfield County ESC, superintendent Superintendent search secretary, Liberty Union-Local (Fairfield) Thurston Local, 955 Liberty Drive, Lancaster, OH 43130 **Crooksville EV** March 20 Superintendent David Branch, superintendent, Muskingum Valley ESC, (740) 452-4518 Superintendent **Pickerington Local (Fairfield)** March 26 Chris Mohr, (614) 580-8544 or Dennis Leone, (740) 649-2173, K-12 Business Consulting **Grandview Heights City** Dr. Bill Reimer, client services Superintendent April 7 representative, ESC of Central Ohio, (614) 542-4121 Treasurer **Huron City** April 4 Mandy Martin, personnel and licensure, North Point ESC, (419) 627-3908

#### **Board changes**

**Columbus City** appointed **Mary Jo Hudson** to the board effective immediately. She replaced **Carol L. Perkins**, who resigned. **●●● Tallmadge City** Board of Education member **Valorie K. Prulhiere** announced her resignation effective March 20. She is moving out of state.

#### Editor's note

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

#### Administrative changes

#### Superintendents

East Liverpool City Superintendent James Herring announced his resignation effective July 31. ••• Findlay City hired Edward P. Kurt as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace Dr. Dean Wittwer, who is retiring effective July 31. Kurt currently is superintendent at Margaretta Local (Erie). ••• Liberty Union-Thurston Local (Fairfield) Superintendent Paul Mathews announced his retirement effective July 31. ••• Old Fort Local (Seneca) hired Stephen J. Anway as superintendent effective March 17. He will replace Interim Superintendent Larry Hodge. Anway previously was the assistant superintendent at Marion City. ••• Pickerington Local (Fairfield) Superintendent Rob L. Walker announced his retirement effective Aug. 1. ••• Salem City Superintendent Thomas P. Bratten announced his resignation effective July 31. ••• Southington Local (Trumbull) Superintendent John McMahan announced his resignation effective July 31. ••• Union-Scioto Local (Ross) Superintendent Dwight Garrett announced his retirement effective June 30. ••• Valley View Local (Montgomery) Superintendent William E. Kirby announced his retirement effective June 30. ••• Xenia Community City hired Denny Morrison as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He replaced Deborah A. Piotrowski, who resigned. Morrison is currently an assistant middle school principal at Fairborn City. ••• Orrville City Assistant Superintendent Shawna DeVoe announced her resignation effective June 30. ••• Twinsburg City Assistant Superintendent Mike Lenzo announced his retirement effective Aug. 1.

#### Treasurers

**Bellaire Local (Belmont)** Treasurer **Cyndi Shaw** announced her resignation effective July 1. **●●● Bettsville Local (Seneca)** hired **Jaime Pearson** as interim treasurer effective immediately. Pearson will continue to serve as treasurer for **Old Fort Local (Seneca)**. **●●● Manchester Local (Summit)** Treasurer **David L. Osborne** announced his retirement effective April 30. The district hired current Assistant Treasurer **Jennifer Rucker** as treasurer. **●●● Norwayne Local (Wayne)** Treasurer **Robert Rinehart** announced his resignation effective Feb. 28. He has taken the assistant treasurer position at **Cleveland Heights-University Heights City**.

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## Call for conference breakout session proposals!

The hallmark of the OSBA Capital Conference is the educational programming. Breakout sessions feature practical advice that attendees can take back to their districts. The conference offers sessions on innovative programs, cost-saving strategies, key legislation and other timely and important topics.

OSBA is now accepting proposals for breakout sessions for the 2014 Capital Conference. Proposals will be selected based on strong interest, relevance, creativity, innovation, proven success and practical, how-to information.

The deadline for proposals is 5 p.m. on March 17. We encourage online nominations, but paper submissions will be accepted. Download a nomination form at the website below.

#### Visit **www.ohioschoolboards.org/nominate-a-session** to submit your proposal today!

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#### **Sympathies**

Former Bay Village City Board of Education member Carol Ruth Pancoast died Feb. 12. She was 71. ••• Former Canton City Board of Education member Martha Lottman died Feb. 14. She was 82. ••• Former Cardinal Local (Geauga) Board of Education member Thomas J. Petronio died Feb. 8. He was 61. ••• Former Carlisle Local (Warren) Board of Education member Richard "Dick" Allen Bruckman died Feb. 4. He was 79. ••• Former Columbus City Board of Education member Donald E. Calhoun Jr. died Feb. 8. He was 87. ••• Former Crestview Local (Richland) Superintendent Paul "Jim" Midlam died Feb. 8. He was 89. ••• Former Fairport Harbor EV Board of Education member John A. Popely died Feb. 15. He was 74. ••• Former Hillsboro City and Great Oaks ITCD Board of Education member John Blair Dennison died Feb. 11. He was 92. ••• Former Mount Vernon City Board of Education member Wilfred G. "Glyn" Thomas died Feb. 9. He was 68. ••• Former North Baltimore Local (Wood) Board of Education member Harold "Fuzz" Wright Crouse died in early February. He was 89. ••• Former Trotwood-Madison City Superintendent James Henry Wooldridge died Feb. 5. He was 95. ••• Former Upper Arlington City Board of Education member Elizabeth "Betsy" (Vaught) Bhasker died Feb. 12. She was 54.



## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

## Promoting creativity in the classroom

Elmer's Products provides teachers the means to replicate projects found in the Elmer's Teacher Tool Kit catalog in their own classrooms. These projects make creative use of common teaching aids, approach curriculum from an imaginative angle or tie nontraditional concepts together to illustrate commonalities.

Maximum awards: \$500 Eligibility: K-12 teachers Deadline: April 30 Contact: kinf.org/elmers/2014\_ application.php

#### Fostering a healthy lifestyle

The ING Run For Something Better National School awards program provides grants to schools that wish to establish a school-based running program or expand an existing one. Through activity plans created by the National Association for Sport and Physical Education, the awards program offers children a healthy start to life and fosters their desire to exercise before obesity begins. Maximum awards: \$3,500 Eligibility: schools must design a before-, during- and/or afterschool program which will be offered to the best of the school's ability to all students in eligible grades (K-eight) Deadline: May 15 Contact: www.orangelaces.com/ get-school-grant

#### Captain Planet Foundation grants

The Captain Planet Foundation

compiled by Angela Penquite, assistant editor

and the Ray C. Anderson Foundation will award grants to engage children in inquiry-based projects in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields that use innovation, biomimicry/nature-based design or include new uses for technology to address environmental problems in their communities. Ideal projects integrate environmental education with opportunities for children to solve real-world problems by using science practices and technology to help care for the environment.

Maximum awards: \$2,500 Eligibility: 501(c)(3) organizations, including schools Deadline: no later than May 31 Contact: http://captainplanet foundation.org/2014/01/ecotech



# Mark your calendar for these important workshops and webinars.

#### March 10

SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop Ohio University Inn and Conference Center, Athens Free, mini workshop

March 13 State Legislative Conference Ohio Statehouse Atrium \$130, half day

March 14 Management Development Series #1 OSBA office, Columbus \$90, half day

March 20 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop Wyndham Garden Dayton South, Miamisburg Free, mini workshop

March 21 Special Education Law Workshop Embassy Suites, Columbus \$150, full day

March 28 *Cyberlaw Seminar* OSBA office, Columbus \$150, full day

March 31 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop OSBA office, Columbus Free, mini workshop

#### April 2

*OSBA Book Club:* How Children Succeed *webinar #3* Free, webinar

#### April 9

*Pupil Transportation Administrator Training Program #4: Emergency planning* OSBA office, Columbus \$90, half day

#### April 15

What board members need to know about value-added information in practice in Obio Southern Ohio ESC, Wilmington \$50, mini workshop

#### April 17

What board members need to know about value-added information in practice in Obio Tri-County Career Center, Nelsonville \$50, mini workshop

April 22

What board members need to know about value-added information in practice in Ohio Portage County ESC, Ravenna \$50, mini workshop

#### April 24

*Management Development Series #2* OSBA office, Columbus \$90, half day

April 24 What board members need to know about value-added information in practice in Ohio Wood County ESC, Bowling Green \$50, mini workshop May 2-3 Board Leadership Institute Hilton Polaris, Columbus \$240, two days

May 7 *Pupil Transportation Administrator Training Program #5: Fleet compliance* OSBA office, Columbus \$90, half day

May 27 *BoardDocs library, packet and goal tracking* free webinar

June 13 OCSBA Spring Seminar NorthPointe Hotel and Conference Center, Lewis Center \$190, full day

June 20 Sports Law Workshop Embassy Suites Airport, Columbus \$150, full day

July 19 *New Board Member Workshop* OSBA office, Columbus \$150, 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

## Questions about workers' comp rates?

## Get answers at the 2014 Spring SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshops



Hear the latest on the SchoolComp program, Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) changes and experience review. These sessions meet BWC's two-hour safety training requirement.

The workshops will be held at sites around Ohio, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. While there is no fee, registration is requested to accommodate those attending. You can register on the Ohio Association of School Business Officials website at **www.oasbo-ohio.org** or by calling (614) 431-9116.

#### **Dates and locations:**

Program members should mark their calendars now to attend one of the following workshops:

**Monday, March 10** Ohio University Inn and Conference Center, Athens **Thursday, March 20** Wyndham Garden Dayton South, Miamisburg Monday, March 31 OSBA office, Columbus

## Management Development Series #1: Negotiations 101

Friday, March 14 OSBA office, Columbus

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$90

Why do schools bargain with employee unions? How do negotiations work? What are the differences between traditional bargaining and interest-based bargaining? What happens at impasse? If any or all of these questions are on your mind, this workshop is intended for you. Negotiations 101 is designed for anyone unfamiliar with collective bargaining in Ohio's public schools. We will cover negotiations from beginning to end. Our focus will be on the entire context of negotiations, from Ohio law and the State Employment Relations Board through team selection, proposal/counterproposal development, at-the-table negotiations, impasse procedures and different bargaining methods. There will be ample time for questions and answers.



Whether you are an administrator or board member, if collective bargaining is new to you or you don't understand all parts of the process, this workshop will improve your knowledge and skills in this complex area. Presenters will be **Van D. Keating**, director of management services, and **Renee L. Fambro**, deputy director of labor relations, OSBA.

#### Agenda

9:30 a.m.Registration10 a.m.Why bargain11 a.m.Break11:15 a.m.How to bargainNoonLunch (provided)

12:30 p.m. What to bargain
1:15 p.m. Break
1:30 p.m. To settle or not
2 p.m. Final questions and adjourn

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. 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.



## State Legislative Conference

Thursday, March 13 9:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ohio Statehouse Atrium, Columbus Cost is \$130

The 2014 State Legislative Conference provides school board members, administrators and treasurers the opportunity to meet with their state legislators and discuss issues impacting public education. It is your opportunity to get the message out on the importance of a strong public school system.

Agenda	
8:45 a.m.	Registration
9:15 a.m.	Lobbyists' update/talking points/call to action
10:15 a.m.	Perspectives from the House
11 a.m.	Perspectives from the Senate
11:45 a.m.	Lunch with your legislators
1 p.m.	Meetings with your legislators — Contact your legislators to schedule an appointment prior to the conference. Contact the OSBA legislative division if you need assistance.

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.

Visit http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/28276 for driving directions and links to parking information.

Friday, March 21 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Embassy Suites, Columbus Cost is \$150

## Special Education Law Workshop

8:30 a.m.	Registration and continental breakfast	Noon	Lunch (provided)
8:50 a.m.	Welcome	1 p.m.	Hot topics in special education The author of OSBA's Special Education Law in
9 a.m.	<b>ODE update: 2014 outlook</b> Hear about recent changes and initiatives at the Ohio Department of Education's (ODE) Office of Exceptional Children, including what's ahead for special education in 2014 and beyond. Jessica Dawso, assistant legal counsel; Monica Drvota,		Ohio provides an overview of up-and-coming legal and legislative changes, including EpiPens, diabetes management and more. Susan E. Geary, Esq., Bricker and Eckler, LLP, Columbus
	assistant director (Procedural Safeguards); Olivia Schmidt, assistant director (Monitoring Supports and Services); and Wendy Stoica, assistant director (Diverse Learners); ODE Office of Exceptional Children	1:45 p.m.	From achoo to Zyrtec: guidelines for managing food allergies in schools Review the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's voluntary guidelines, which include practical information, planning steps and strategies for reducing allergic reactions and responding to
10 a.m.	In it to win it: managing special education cases for the long haul Hear tips for managing long-term special education cases, including suggestions for documenting and ensuring that procedural safeguards are met;		life-threatening reactions. Improve your existing food allergy management plans and practices. Megan Bair Zidian, Esq., Britton, Smith, Peters & Kalail Co. LLP, Cleveland
	anticipating and preparing for due process hearings; assigning a case manager; and more.	2:15 p.m.	Break
	Christina Henagen Peer, Esq., Walter Haverfield LLP, Cleveland	2:30 p.m.	The nuts and bolts of IEEs Understand your district's legal obligation to consider independent educational evaluations (IEE), determine
10:45 a.m.	Break		when to permit payment for IEE costs and learn to avoid IEE-related actions that may lead to litigation.
11 a.m.	Responding to bullying of students with disabilities		Jeremy J. Neff, Esq., Ennis, Roberts & Fischer Co. LPA, Cincinnati

Through case law examples and recent guidance from the Office of Civil Rights, this session will review the different requirements and standards applied and provide guidance for proactively preventing reoccurrences of similar behavior. Daniel A. Jaffe, Esq., Squire Sanders (US) LLP, Cleveland

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3:15 p.m.

Adjourn

The Embassy Suites Columbus is located in north Columbus at 2700 Corporate Exchange Drive, Columbus, 43231. Visit **http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/embassy-columbus** for directions.



Cyberlaw Seminar

Friday, March 28, 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. OSBA office, Columbus Cost is \$150

8:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast

11:45 a.m. Lunch (provided)

- 8:50 a.m. Welcome
- 9 a.m. To surf and protect: a district's duties under CIPA Review a district's obligations under the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), including if the district must filter privately

and district-owned devices used off campus. Pamela A. Leist, Esq., Ennis, Roberts & Fischer Co. LPA, Cincinnati

9:45 a.m. Better than "acceptable": how to upgrade your district's AUP Ensure your district has a comprehensive and current acceptable use policy (AUP), and learn how to set policies and monitor network use to effectively enforce it. Donna M. Andrew, Esq., Pepple & Waggoner Ltd., Cleveland

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Data privacy: how safe is your cloud data? Sending your data "to the cloud" may have legal repercussions for your district. Identify legal and technical issues you should consider and resolve before making the jump to online storage applications. Lindsay F. Gingo, Esq., Britton, Smith, Peters & Kalail Co. LPA, Cleveland 12:30 p.m. Negotiating school software contracts Review some of the key clauses found in many school software contracts and learn best practices to ensure the district's interests are protected when it enters into these contracts. *Gregory Krabacher, Esq., Bricker & Eckler LLP, Columbus; and Wayne M. Serra, Esq., Bricker & Eckler LLP, Cleveland* 

1:15 p.m. Making schools safer through technology Schools should consider technology when developing and implementing their school safety and crisis management plans. Discover how technology can help in a crisis, particularly in the areas of prevention, preparedness, response and recovery. Nicholas E. Subashi, Esq., Subashi & Wildermuth, Dayton; and Thom Jones, director of sales and marketing, Lauren Innovations

2:15 p.m. Break

2:30 p.m. What's trending now? Close your day of learning on the "bleeding edge" with the latest court decisions affecting schools and technology. Leave with practical tips and potential effects on your district. *Candice L. Christon, staff attorney, OSBA* 

3:15 p.m. Adjourn

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## PUPIL TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING PROGRAM

This new series of workshops will help those involved in student transportation better understand and perform day-to-day operations.

These half-day workshops will include a working lunch and time for questions. 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.



#### Pupil Transportation Administrator Training Program #4 Emergency planning

#### Wednesday, April 9 • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. • \$90 • OSBA office, Columbus

A transportation department must have a viable emergency plan in place. These plans should be documented and include not only the routine crisis incidents that occur in this industry (breakdowns, sick children, minor accidents), but also the major events we hope will never happen. Learn how to identify what should be included in an emergency plan, how to develop the action plans and how to make a plan that anyone can follow, even in your absence.

#### Pupil Transportation Administrator Training Program #5 Fleet compliance

#### Wednesday, May 7 • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. • \$90 • OSBA office, Columbus

This class will focus on bus maintenance and safety checks, compliance with Ohio State Highway Patrol inspections and how to make the best use of the driver pre-trip inspection. We also will delve into the value of a preventive maintenance plan, bus purchasing and using alternative fuels.

## **OSBA Contract Analysis Service**



OSBA provides a cost-effective professional analysis of both certified and classified collective bargaining agreements. These written reviews serve as a critique of current contract provisions, suggest potential pitfalls regarding legal compliance and provide specific recommendations as you go into your next round of collective bargaining.

Contact **Renee L. Fambro**, deputy director of labor relations, at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA for more information.

## What board members need to know about value-added information in practice in Ohio



Value-added information was first introduced in Ohio in 2002, but are you aware of its significance for your district, teachers and students? If your answer is "No," or "I am not sure," you are not alone.

These two-hour regional seminars will shed some light on value-added information and help inform local policy decisions that impact student learning. Learn how your district can use value-added information to its benefit.

Choose from the following dates and locations: Tuesday, April 15 Tuesday, April 22 Southern Ohio ESC, Wilmington Portage County ESC, Ravenna

Thursday, April 17 Tri-County Career Center, Nelsonville Thursday, April 24

Wood County ESC, Bowling Green

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7:15 p.m. Break 7:30 p.m. data 8 p.m. Adjourn

Panel discussion: how districts are using value-added

Cost for these workshops is \$50. 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.

## **Management Development Series #2:** Student welfare — suicide prevention, key policies and more

Thursday, April 24 **OSBA** office, Columbus 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$90

Student welfare encompasses a variety of topics, including suicide prevention. In-service training in youth suicide awareness and prevention is now required for nurses, teachers, counselors, school psychologists and administrators. In this workshop, the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation will lay the groundwork for this training and highlight resources to use in your schools. OSBA policy experts will discuss hot topics in student welfare policies, including an update on restraint and seclusion and an overview of district obligations regarding bullying. Attendees will leave this session with a much better understanding of hot topics in student welfare, as well as a wealth of resources to support their efforts in their districts.



Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. 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.

Agenda 9:30 a.m.	Registration	Noon	Lunch (provided)
10 a.m.	Welcome and overview	12:45 p.m.	Hot topics in student welfare policies
10:15 a.m.	Youth suicide prevention training Learn about the warning signs of suicide and steps to decrease risk. Also, gain an understanding of resources to help train your staff and reach your students. Carolyn Givens, executive director, Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation	2 p.m.	Get updates on restraint and seclusion, including an overview of resources and policy implications. Other topics include bullying policy requirements and student tobacco use. Megan Greulich and Kenna S. Haycox, policy consultants, OSBA Questions and final thoughts



# Board Leadership Institute of the second stress of the second sec

May 2-3, 2014 • Hilton Columbus/Polaris

#### The Board Leadership Institute enables board members to:

Attend a seminar designed for and by board members Board members plan BLI breakout sessions during the Capital Conference

**Receive superb professional development** Experience a comprehensive two-day training event

#### Network with other board members

Meet with colleagues to share success stories and learn from each other

Strengthen board governance skills Choose from 18 breakout sessions

Review information on sessions you missed Receive all of the handouts from this board member-only event

#### Earn Award of Achievement points

Attendees receive 20 points toward the OSBA Award of Achievement

#### Keynote speakers set the tone for BLI

BLI will kick off on Friday, May 2, with Dr. **Mike Thomson**. Thomson fills his high-energy talks with real-life examples and practical applications for board members. He will share strategies for saving your sanity in today's world.

OSBA has invited Ohio Sen. **Randy Gardner** (R-Bowling Green) to close BLI on Saturday, May 3. Hear an update on the General Assembly's work and how it affects local school boards.



Thomson

Gardner

#### Registration and hotel details

Cost for the institute is \$240, and includes breakfast and lunch on both days and materials. 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 Hilton Columbus/Polaris is the site of the 2014 Board Leadership Institute. The Hilton is in north Columbus, is easily accessible from I-71, offers free parking and is close to many shopping and dining opportunities. OSBA secured a reduced hotel rate for BLI attendees: just \$125 per night if the room is booked by April 11. To reserve your hotel room, contact the Hilton Columbus/Polaris at (614) 885-1600 and mention you are with OSBA.

For more details, visit **www.ohioschoolboards.org/ board-leadership-institute**.



## **WORKSHOP REGISTRATION**

**State Legislative Conference** □ March 13, Columbus, \$130

**Management Development** Series #1: Negotiations 101 □ March 14, Čolumbus, \$90

**Special Education Law** Ŵorkshop □ March 21, Columbus, \$150

**Cyberlaw Seminar** □ March 28, Columbus, \$150

**Pupil Transportation** Administrator Training Program **#4: Emergency planning** □ April 9, Columbus, \$90

What board members need to know about value-added information in practice in Ohio April 15, Wilmington, \$50 □ April 17, Nelsonville, \$50

April 22, Ravenna, \$50

□ April 24, Bowling Green, \$50

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## NEWS

#### by Jay Smith, lobbyist

### OSBA contingent visits Washington to lobby for Ohio schools

OSBA's Federal Relations Network (FRN) members joined more than 750 school board and state school boards association leaders in Washington, D.C., Feb. 2-4 to advocate for Ohio's view on federal education initiatives.

Joining the Ohio FRN delegation to help lobby on Capitol Hill were OSBA staff members **Richard Lewis**, executive director; **Damon Asbury**, director of legislative services; **Michelle Francis**, then-deputy director of legislative services; and **Jay Smith**, lobbyist. Council of Urban Boards of Education (CUBE) members are eligible to attend the conference, and three Ohio CUBE members participated this year. They were **Veronica Sims, Akron City**;

#### Alexander Poccia Kuhns, Cincinnati City; and Adil T. Baguirov, Dayton City.

The National School Boards Association's (NSBA) Federal Relations Network is a national grassroots advocacy network to which Ohio members are appointed by OSBA to serve as education advocates at the national level. OSBA appoints two FRN members from each of Ohio's 16 congressional districts.

This year, NSBA's FRN conference was reconstituted as the NSBA Advocacy Institute with a focus on building year-round advocates for public education and local school governance in public, legal and legislative arenas.

Participants focused on

encouraging investments in public education that support local efforts to continue to raise student achievement, as well as appropriate funding for mandates such as the Individuals with **Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)** and Title I. Members also advocated for the Local School Board Governance and Flexibility Act, House Resolution 1386, which recognizes the benefits of local school district governance and ensures that maximum local flexibility and decision making are not eroded through actions taken by the U.S. Department of Education. In addition, members urged congress to reauthorize the **Elementary and Secondary** 

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# Black Caucus seeking scholarship applications

The OSBA Black Caucus is accepting applications for the 2014 Leo Lucas Stipend, a program that provides graduating African-American seniors funds for college. The program is named for the late Leo Lucas, a **Dayton City** school board member and educator who founded the caucus. Forms are posted at **www.ohioschoolboards.org/ohio-black-caucus**. The application deadline is March 14. For more information, contact **Candice L. Christon** at (614) 540-4000 or cchriston@ohioschoolboards.org.

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#### Education Act (ESEA).

The conference opened with remarks from NSBA President **David A. Pickler**, who serves on the Shelby County Board of Education in Collierville, Tenn., and NSBA Executive Director **Thomas J. Gentzel**.

Pickler and Gentzel told attendees they came to Washington at an opportune time to influence members on Capitol Hill. They shared their vision on how to champion major policy issues confronting local school districts. Under a new NSBA campaign termed "Army of Advocates," Gentzel asked school boards to stand up to "those who abandon student achievement and sell off public schools and end local school board governance for their own profit." He went on to detail some of NSBA's new advocacy initiatives.

Pickler and Gentzel were followed by two separate panel discussions. The first was made up of representatives from the Cato Institute, American Federation for Children and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The speakers, representing organizations with differing points of view, discussed their visions of public education and how public forums impact advocacy for public education.

The second panel focused on information and insight obtained from the annual Phi Delta Kappa/ Gallup Poll, the Public's Attitudes Toward the Public Schools. The poll surveyed parents' positive attitudes toward local public schools and negative views surrounding public education. A *Washington Post* education reporter also discussed how silence empowers critics of public schools, enabling them to define the education debate. The panel included **Lisa Bushey**, NSBA

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# OSBA Student Achievement Fair

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.

Five performing groups from around Ohio will be selected to entertain attendees during the Student Achievement Fair. To be considered, you must submit an audio or video recording of the performing group. DVDs or CDs can be mailed to OSBA or a video or MP3 can be submitted with the online application.

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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associate executive director; **Brandon Busteed**, Gallup Education executive director; and **Valerie Strauss**, education correspondent with *The Washington Post*.

Keynote speaker **Bob Woodward**, legendary Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author and associate editor of *The Washington Post*, closed out the first General Session. Woodward spoke about his latest book on presidential leadership, *The Price of Politics*.

The second day of the conference began with remarks from **Reginald M. Felton**, NSBA interim associate executive director. Following his remarks, NSBA's lobbying team of Felton; **Deborah Rigsby**, director of federal legislation; and **Lucy Gettman**, director of federal programs, highlighted NSBA's message to Congress.

After members heard from the lobbyists, **Francisco Negron Jr.**, NSBA associate executive director and general counsel, discussed how the U.S. Department of Education is using its administrative discretion to drive the education agenda, as well as the potential impact of recent court decisions on school districts.

FRN members also attended in-depth sessions covering the following issues:

- social media;
- building relationships with legislators;
- NSBA legal advocacy;
- essential media training for board members;
- the NSBA public advocacy

#### campaign;

• developments in education reform related to the Common Core and teacher evaluations;

• IDEA reauthorization.

The second day of the conference concluded with keynote speaker Dr. **Bernice King**, inspirational orator, author and a daughter of Dr. **Martin Luther King Jr.** 

After intense preparation, it was off to Capitol Hill on the third day, where FRN members met with their members of Congress and congressional aides to press the point that the federal education agenda must reflect the needs of public schoolchildren in school districts across Ohio and the nation.

In addition to individual meetings with congressional offices, Ohio's FRN delegation met with Ohio Sens. **Sherrod Brown** (D) and **Rob Portman** (R). They shared personal stories from their school districts about the impact of federal mandates, including the lack of funding for IDEA and Title I, and the need for ESEA reauthorization.

Thanks to the hard work of our Ohio delegation, the inaugural NSBA Advocacy Institute was a successful one. The following Ohio FRN members participated in the conference:

• OSBA President and FRN chair Susie Lawson, Tri-County ESC and Wayne County Schools Career Center;

 OSBA President-elect Ed Penrod, Logan-Hocking Local (Hocking) and Tri-County Career Center;
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Sharon E. Manson, Waverly City and Pike County Career Technology Center;

• Bruce Alexander, Akron City;

• Walter S. Armes, Whitehall City;

• Denise Baba, Streetsboro City;

• Gary L. Baker II, Columbus City;

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

• Larry L. Besecker, Darke County ESC and Miami Valley Career Technology Center;

• Robert L. Faulkner Sr., Warren City and Trumbull Career & Technical Center;

• Eric Germann, Lincolnview Local (Van Wert);

• Terry Groden, North Olmsted City;

• Albert Haberstroh, Trumbull County ESC;

• John W. Halkias, Plain Local (Stark);

• Linda Haycock, Shawnee Local (Allen);

• Robert M. Heard Sr., Cleveland Municipal;

• Katie McNeil, Middletown City and Butler Tech;

• Ken Morlock, Madison-Plains Local (Madison);

- Martha Murray, Sandusky City;
- Ruth M. Nau, Noble Local (Noble);

• John Pennycuff, Winton Woods City;

• Randall E. Smith, Forest Hills Local (Hamilton);

Warren Stevens, Urbana City and Ohio Hi-Point Career Center;
Bob Vasquez, Toledo City.

## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Jay Smith, lobbyist

### Calamity days legislation heads to conference committee

With differing opinions on what should be contained in legislation addressing additional school calamity days, the legislative process continues without a consensus between the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate. That means a conference committee must work out the differences.

By a vote of 56-39, the Ohio House on Feb. 26 refused to concur with the Senate version of Amended Substitute House Bill 416, which would have provided schools additional excused calamity days.

Earlier that same day, the Senate

Education Committee adopted a substitute version of House Bill 416. The Senate version would have required the Ohio Department of Education to waive up to four additional days due to a calamity, such as hazardous weather conditions, for the 2013-2014 school year, provided that the district follow its own contingency plan for making up five unwaived calamity days. The board of education, by resolution, must signal its intent to request the additional waived days. The House had previously approved two additional calamity days and two permissive professional days

for all staff, but did not require the use of the contingency plan.

During consideration on the Senate floor, an additional amendment was added to change the four calamity days to three plus one professional development day and require schools to use four of their contingency days before being able to use the additional calamity days. The substitute bill passed the Senate unanimously.

As passed by the Senate, the bill also contains the following provisions (all apply to the 2013-14 school year):

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## **PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!**

compiled by Bryan Bullock, assistant editor

#### Springfield City plans to bolster problem-based learning

**Springfield City** plans to expand its curriculum to offer more real-world, problem-based learning opportunities for high school students.

Superintendent Dr. **David C. Estrop** said the district will roll out a problem-based learning curriculum at Springfield High School's Health and Human Services Academy, and possibly its STEM Academy as well. The high school is home to five learning academies. "The problems they'll have to solve will require them to use skills from all the fields they are studying, but in a very hands-on way, a very applied way," Estrop told a local newspaper.

He said the education will be modeled after the curriculum format used at the Global Impact STEM Academy at Clark State Community College; the school district is an academy partner.

**Mike Skavaril**, principal of the Health and Human Services

Academy, said problem-based learning will benefit Springfield City students.

"We kind of tie the words '21st century learners' to it, using technology more and collaborating in teams," he told a local newspaper. "We'll focus on making them more effective communicators and improving their critical-thinking skills. They will talk to experts in the field and get used to working with them." Source: Springfield News-Sun

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• Authorization for schools to make up unwaived calamity days by lengthening one or more other school days in half-hour increments. This provision also was in the House-passed version. • Permission for school districts to update their contingency plans at any time during the current school year and include in their plans online lessons or paper lesson "blizzard bags" as a means to make up time the school was closed due to a public calamity. • A requirement for the Ohio Department of Education to accept and consider applications for making up unwaived calamity days using online lessons and paper lesson blizzard bags at any

time after Aug. 1, 2013.

• Permission for a school district to excuse graduating 12th-grade students from attending school for any time the students' schools are open for instruction after the scheduled graduation ceremony or culminating event as a result of that time being added to the school calendar to make up for missed days.

• Extension of the deadlines to return elementary achievement assessment scores to June 16 for third-grade assessments and June 30 for all other assessments. This provision also was in the Housepassed version with an earlier deadline for returning scores on all other assessments. Conference committee members were named on Feb 26. While it is anticipated the committee will meet soon, full voting sessions of the House and Senate are not scheduled until March 12.

Until the governor has signed the legislation into law, school leaders should continue to follow their district's current policies on calamity days.

If you have questions about changes to the calamity days legislation or any other legislative issues, please contact the OSBA Division of Legislative Services at (800) 589-OSBA.

*Editor's note*: All information in this article was current as of Feb. 27.

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#### March 2014

- 10 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop ...... Athens
- Southwest Region Spring 11
- Conference...... Cincinnati State Legislative Conference.. Columbus 13
- Northwest Region Spring 13
- Conference...... Fremont Management Development Series #1 14 Workshop ...... Columbus
- Central Region Spring 19 Conference......Columbus
- 20 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation
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- Southwest Region Executive Committee meeting......TBD OSBA Book Club How Children Succeed 2
- webinar #3 5-7 NSBA Annual

days prior to the election).

Conference..... New Orleans Last day for voter registration for May 7 election - RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30

- 9 Pupil Transportation Administrator Training Program #4..... Columbus 15 What board members need to know
  - about value-added information in practice in Ohio..... Wilmington
- 15 Last day for certain board members and administrators to file financial disclosure forms with the Ohio Ethics Commission – RC 102.02.
- 17 What board members need to know about value-added information in practice in Ohio..... Nelsonville
- 22 What board members need to know about value-added information in practice in Ohio..... Ravenna
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- Workshop ...... Columbus What board members need to know 24 about value-added information in practice in Ohio.....Bowling Green
- Southeast Region Executive Committee 27
- meeting......Zanesville 28 Last day to submit certification for August income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation - RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to the election).
- 30 Last day to take action on and give written notice of intent not to re-employ nonteaching employees. Note: This requirement does not apply to municipal school district employees as defined in RC

#### 3311.71 - RC 4141.29(I)(1)(e).

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- Last day to submit August emergency or current operating expenses levy to county auditor for August election RC 5705.194, 5705.213 (95 days prior to the election).
- 2-3 Board Leadership Institute .... Columbus Special Election Day; Primary Election Day 6 – RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after the first
- Monday). 7 Pupil Transportation Administrator
  - Training Program #5.....Columbus Northeast Region Executive Committee
  - meeting......TBD 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 August election – RC 133.18(D); last day for county auditor to certify school district bond levy terms for August election - RC 133.18(C); last day to submit continuing replacement, permanent improvement or operating levy for August election to board of elections RC 5705.192, 5705.21, 5705.25; last day to certify resolution for school district income tax levy for August election to board of elections - RC 5748.02(C).