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OSBA announces 2016 Board Leadership Institute keynote speakers

The keynote speakers at the OSBA Board Leadership Institute (BLI) are **C. Ed Massey** and state Rep. **John Patterson** (D-Jefferson). Massey, a former National School Boards Association president and a Kentucky school board member, will address the Opening General Session April 29. Patterson, who serves on the Ohio House of Representatives Education Committee and Finance Subcommittee on Primary and Secondary Education, will speak at the April 30 Closing Luncheon. BLI, April 29-30 in Columbus, is the only training event in Ohio designed exclusively for board members. It features 18 workshops and plenty of time to network. For details and to register, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/33166>.

Former OSBA executive director dies at 92

David B. Martin, who served as OSBA's third executive director from 1972 to 1984, died March 1 at the age of 92. He joined OSBA in 1970 as the association's first full-time lobbyist. Prior to that, he served as superintendent of the **Eastland Joint Vocational School** in Franklin County (now **Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technical Schools**) and **Oak Harbor School District** in Ottawa County (now **Benton-Carroll-Salem Local**).

Time growing short to submit Business Honor Roll selections

The deadline for districts to send their 2016 OSBA Business Honor Roll selections to the association is March 25. The program gives districts a way to thank businesses in their communities that support their schools. For details and to submit selections, go to <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/69577>. For more information, contact **Amanda Finney** at (614) 540-4000 or afinney@ohioschoolboards.org.

Battelle for Kids director stepping down to assume emeritus role

Battelle for Kids (BFK) Executive Director Dr. **Jim Mahoney** has announced he will shift to the role of executive director emeritus by the summer. Battelle collaborates with state education departments, schools and other education organizations in over 30 states on innovative initiatives to move education forward. OSBA is one of the groups that works closely with BFK. Mahoney, who has led BFK since its founding in 2001, said he will continue to serve the organization in a number of ways, particularly in rural areas. A lifelong educator, he has served as a superintendent, principal and teacher in several Ohio school districts. A search for his replacement is underway.

Columbus one of 10 cities targeted in federal absenteeism campaign

The White House and U.S. Department of Education have launched two new campaigns to address and eliminate chronic student absenteeism: My Brother's

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- ☐ Administrators
- ☐ New board members
- ☐ Technology directors
- ☐ Transportation supervisors

Keeper (MBK) Success Mentors Initiative — with 10 participating cities, including Columbus — and a multimillion dollar Ad Council campaign to engage parents on this issue. Chronic absenteeism has devastating consequences for 5 to 7 million students, with the impact especially prevalent in low-income communities. These efforts are part of the national Every Student, Every Day Campaign, and in response to the MBK Task Force's recommendation that federal agencies launch a national absenteeism initiative. For details, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/89106>.

Moderators sought for Capital Conference sessions

Would you like to make your Capital Conference experience even more valuable? Then sign up to serve as a learning session moderator. The moderator's role is to introduce presenters, collect

evaluation forms and act as a liaison between the audience and speakers. School board members who serve as a moderator will earn five OSBA Award of Achievement credits. If interested, contact **Judy Morgan** at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or jmorgan@ohioschoolboards.org.

Competition inspires overly complicated inventions

Opening an umbrella sounds like a simple task, but **Columbus City** students were challenged to create the world's wackiest way to do it.

That's the idea behind the Rube Goldberg Machine Contests, named for a cartoonist who drew silly, overly complicated inventions.

The sounds of hair dryers, vacuum cleaners and falling bowling balls could be heard at Columbus City's Centennial High School, whose team will defend last year's national championship at Waukesha County Technical College near Milwaukee in April.

Centennial's entry has a "Mary Poppins" theme with model penguins and a chimney.

Source: The Columbus Dispatch

Leadership academy seeks high school seniors

The Central Ohio Leadership Academy (COLA), created by the New Albany Community Foundation and led by the **ESC of Central Ohio**, is seeking high school seniors to participate in the 2016 academy. COLA offers a six-day leadership development experience for rising high school seniors in central Ohio. For details, visit <http://coleadershipacademy.org/2016-2>. The application deadline is March 25.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

New to the school board? Then check out OSBA's For New Board Members Web page at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/81308>. There you'll find resources to help you learn more about board service and OSBA. The association also offers a New Board Member Series of free webinars at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/19770>.



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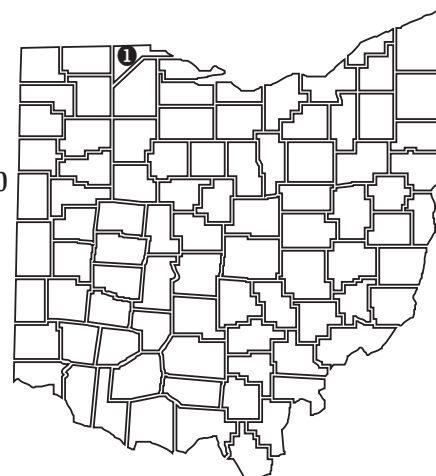
BULLETIN BOARD

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OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

District	Deadline	Contact
① Washington Local (Lucas)	April 21	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



Other searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Director of elementary programs	Hamilton City	April 1	www.hamiltoncityschools.com
Director of secondary programs	Hamilton City	April 1	www.hamiltoncityschools.com

Board changes

Bay Village City appointed Lisa Priemer to the board effective Feb. 15. She replaced Michael G. Caputo, who resigned. ●●● Belpre City appointed Cathy O'Donnell to the board effective Feb. 15. ●●● Clearview Local (Lorain) appointed Deana Sutton to the board effective Feb. 8. She replaced Melissa A. Newsome, who resigned. ●●● Clyde-Green Springs EV Board of Education member Zachary J. Selvey announced his resignation effective Feb. 4. He has taken a part-time prosecutor position in Sandusky County. ●●● Deer Park Community City appointed Paul Godwin to the board effective immediately. He replaced Tom M. Griswold, who died in January. ●●● Nelsonville-York City appointed Justin Booth to the board effective Feb. 10. He replaced Steve Berry, who resigned. ●●● Olmsted Falls City Board of Education member Brian Weisbarth announced his resignation effective Feb. 17. ●●● South Central ESC appointed Lowell Howard to the board effective Feb. 4. He replaced G. Raymond Belcher, who died in January.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Ashland County-West Holmes Career Center Superintendent Michael K. McDaniel announced his retirement effective July 31. ●●● Butler Tech hired Jon Graft as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace Interim Superintendent Laura Sage. Graft currently is the superintendent at Butler County ESC and interim superintendent at New Miami Local

Editor's note

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

(Butler). ●●● **Finneytown Local (Hamilton)** Superintendent **Tyrone L. Olverson** announced his resignation effective July 31. ●●● **Hopewell-Loudon Local (Seneca)** hired **David Alvarado** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace Interim Superintendent **Rodney D. Russell**. Alvarado currently is a middle school principal at **Findlay City**. ●●● **Logan-Hocking Local (Hocking)** hired **Monte Bainter** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Steve Stirn**, who is retiring. Bainter currently is the superintendent at **Maysville Local (Muskingum)**. ●●● **Maumee City** Superintendent **Dr. Gregory Smith** announced his retirement effective July 31. The district hired Assistant Superintendent **Dr. Todd Carmer** as superintendent and Teacher Evaluator/Staff Inservice Coordinator/Special Education Supervisor/Summer School Principal **Steven Lee** as assistant superintendent effective Aug. 1. ●●● **Meigs Local (Meigs)** Superintendent **Rusty D. Bookman** announced his retirement effective March 4. ●●● **Milton-Union EV** Superintendent **Dr. Virginia Rammel** announced her retirement effective July 31. ●●● **North Canton City** Superintendent **Michael Hartenstein** announced his resignation effective July 31. The district hired **Jim Nicodemo** as interim superintendent effective Feb. 8. Nicodemo will continue to serve as assistant superintendent at **Stark County ESC**. ●●● **Westlake City** hired **Scott E. Goggin** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace Interim Superintendent **Geoffrey G. Palmer**. Goggin currently is the superintendent at **Midview Local (Lorain)**. ●●● **Wolf Creek Local (Washington)** hired **Doug A. Baldwin** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Robert Caldwell**, who is retiring. Baldwin currently is the district's elementary school principal.

Treasurers

Bridgeport EV hired **Dana Garrison** as treasurer effective immediately. She replaced **Cheryl Pritts**, who took the treasurer position at **Buckeye Career Center**. Garrison previously was the treasurer at **Buckeye Local (Jefferson)**. ●●● **Edison Local (Jefferson)** Treasurer **Dennis G. Menoski** announced his resignation effective Feb. 29. The board hired **Lisa Bruzzese** as interim treasurer effective March 1. ●●● **Elyria City** hired **Joy Clickenger** as treasurer effective March 17. She will replace Interim Treasurer **John W. Scott**. Clickenger previously was the treasurer at **Cuyahoga Heights Local (Cuyahoga)**. ●●● **Norwalk City** hired **Joyce Dupont** as treasurer effective July 1. She will replace Interim Treasurer **Larry Hanneman**. Dupont currently is the treasurer at **Clyde-Green Springs EV**. ●●● **Perrysburg EV** hired **Laura K. Sauber** as deputy treasurer effective Feb. 8. She replaced Treasurer **Matt A. Feasel**, who is resigned effective Feb. 12. Sauber will continue to serve as treasurer at **Sylvania City**.

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Leo Lucas scholarship deadline is March 16

OSBA is accepting applications for the 2016 OSBA Black Caucus Leo Lucas Scholarship, a program that provides graduating African-American high school 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.

Visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/73957> to download an application. The application deadline is March 16.

For more information, contact **Van D. Keating** or **Damon Asbury** at (614) 540-4000 or vkeating@ohioschoolboards.org or dasbury@ohioschoolboards.org.



Questions about workers' comp rates?

Get answers at the 2016 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:

Tuesday, March 15

Owens Community College, Findlay

Wednesday, March 16

Northeast Ohio Medical University, Rootstown

Monday, April 4

OSBA office, Columbus

Management Development Series #2: Collective bargaining in schools: theory and practice

Tuesday, April 19
OSBA office, Columbus

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

Developed especially for board members, this workshop will review the basics of Ohio's collective bargaining laws, negotiated agreements and types of bargaining processes. Once the groundwork is laid, **Eric J. Johnson**, Esq. a partner at Walter Haverfield LLP, Cleveland, and OSBA Director of Management Services **Van D. Keating** will focus on the real-life experiences of school negotiations: nuances of contract language, do's and don'ts of proposals, bargaining techniques, team composition and negotiation strategy. Attend this session to increase your overall understanding of the negotiations process and help your district be more effective at the bargaining table.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Cost for the workshop is \$90 and includes lunch 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.





Photo courtesy of the Ohio Statehouse Photo Archive

State Legislative Conference

Wednesday, March 16

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Renaissance Columbus Downtown

Cost is \$130

The State Legislative Conference provides school board members, administrators and treasurers a great venue to meet with their state legislators and discuss issues impacting public education. It is a golden opportunity to get the message out on the importance of investing in a strong public school system and putting a local face on these issues.

During the morning session, school district leaders will hear briefings on proposed legislation that can be used in discussions with their legislators during lunch and in office visits later that day. Attendees also will hear from legislative leaders about their views on public education and other priorities.

Attendees are urged to schedule office appointments between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to meet individually with their legislators and their aides following the luncheon. We also encourage you to extend a personal invitation to them to attend the luncheon.

Don't miss this annual event and a chance to have your voice heard at the Statehouse. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

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.

Agenda

8:30 a.m.

Registration

9 a.m.

Lobbyists' briefing on key issues

Damon Asbury, director of legislative services; Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services; and Jennifer Hogue, lobbyist, Ohio School Boards Association; Tom Ash, director of governmental relations, Buckeye Association of School Administrators; and Barbara Shaner, associate executive director, Ohio Association of School Business Officials

10 a.m.

Legislative leadership perspectives

Sen. Keith Faber, Senate president; Rep. Cliff Rosenberger, speaker of the House; and Rep. Fred Strahorn, House minority leader

11 a.m.

Education leadership perspectives

Rep. Andrew Brenner, House Education Committee chair; and Sen. Peggy Lehner, Senate Education Committee chair

11:45 a.m.

Lunch with your legislators

1 p.m.

Personal meetings with your legislators

Contact your legislators to schedule an appointment prior to the conference.

OSBA Cyberlaw 2016



Technology and the law seminar

Friday, March 18, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
OSBA office, Columbus
Cost is \$150

8:30 a.m.	Registration and continental breakfast	Noon	Lunch (provided)
8:50 a.m.	Welcome	1 p.m.	Student data privacy Review the guidance and best practices at the federal and state levels designed to address and protect the collection, use, storage and handling of student data by school districts and third parties. <i>Melissa Kern, Esq., and Jane Shea, Esq., Frost Brown Todd LLC</i>
9 a.m.	Board members' use of technology A comprehensive review of legal issues associated with board members' electronic communications, including email, text messages, Facebook posts and GoogleDocs. <i>Shadya Y. Yazback, deputy director of legal services, OSBA</i>	1:45 p.m.	Break
9:45 a.m.	Dangerous apps you need to know about If you think kids are still using Facebook, think again. Two education lawyers describe the 10 most dangerous apps that students are using today, many of which can make them easy targets for sexual predators and bullies. Learn how these apps work and how to protect students. <i>Rhonda Porter, Esq., Akron City; and Christina H. Peer, Esq., Walter Haverfield LLP</i>	2 p.m.	Go-go-gadget: legal issues relating to today's hottest tech toys Review some of the legal issues involved in district and student use of some of today's hottest tech toys, including drones, body cameras, smart watches, surveillance cameras and more. <i>Gary T. Stedronsky, Esq., Ennis Britton Co. LPA</i>
10:45 a.m.	Break	3 p.m.	Adjourn
11 a.m.	Legal issues relating to using and creating digital curriculum Teachers are transforming their instructional practices through digital curriculum. Learn about the legal issues relating to the use and ownership of teacher- and student-created content. <i>Gregory J. Krabacher, Esq., Bricker & Eckler LLP</i>	This program has been approved by the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education for 4.5 hours of CLE Credit.	

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



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

Thursday, March 31
OSBA office, Columbus

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

In all likelihood, you've now attended several board meetings. You and perhaps another colleague or two are the new kids on the block. How's it going?

Many new school board members attended one of four regional OSBA New Board Member Academies in January and have had time to put some of that new knowledge into action. The OSBA Division of School Board Services would like to learn about your experience so far, assist with ongoing issues or help smooth out some of the bumps you've come across along the way.

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

Agenda

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

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

Learn how you can save time and money with BoardDocs

As the pioneer of eGovernance, BoardDocs has helped more than 1,800 organizations dramatically lower costs, increase transparency and reduce the time spent producing board packets by up to 75%.

Going beyond simply distributing PDF files, BoardDocs' cloud-based solutions are so easy to use, your organization will operate more effectively from day one. BoardDocs' next-generation, paperless services allow organizations to significantly improve the way they create and manage board packets, access information and conduct meetings.

Want to learn more? OSBA and BoardDocs are hosting a free, informational webinar April 26, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. to share how nearly 100 governing bodies in Ohio are saving money and time with BoardDocs. Visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/15533> to register. Once registered, you will receive an email confirming your registration with the information you need to view the webinar. For questions about this webinar, contact **Laurie Miller**, OSBA senior events manager, at (800) 589-OSBA, (614) 540-4000 or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. For more information about BoardDocs, visit www.boarddocs.com.



OSBA MASTER OF TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION (MTA) PROGRAM

Don't miss the upcoming 2016 sessions of the OSBA MTA program. This series of workshops will help those involved in student transportation better understand and perform day-to-day operations.

These half-day workshops — offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — include a working lunch and time for questions. All classes are scheduled twice; participants may sign up for either session. All workshops will be at the OSBA office, 8050 N. High St., Columbus, 43235. Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/transportation-training-programs to learn about the MTA certification program. Tuition is \$90.



Upcoming 2016 session dates and descriptions

April 6 or 12 — Laws, rules and policy

What is the difference between revised code, administrative code and department policy? Where does local board policy fit in? Are they all mandates or just best practices? Review the process through which ideas become a rule or regulation and how to influence this process.

May 4 or 10 — Hot topics, safety, trends and statistics

Review hot topics in student transportation, including seat belts in school buses. Learn about National Transportation Safety Board accident studies, Ohio school bus accident statistics and any topics that attendees bring from their local districts.

Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops. You also can purchase a subscription plan for all the workshops in this series. For questions about the program or to register, contact **Diana Paulins**, OSBA senior administrative assistant of policy services, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or mta@ohioschoolboards.org.



OSBA has exclusive rights to the Achiever, a candidate assessment tool used during the executive search process. The Achiever measures six cognitive learning skills with 10 personality dimensions to create a comprehensive candidate profile.

Coupled with OSBA's extensive experience in executive searches and track record for success, the Achiever can help you determine the right candidate for your district. OSBA's experienced consultants can help you through this process to ensure your executive search is very successful.

"As one component of the search package offered by OSBA, I appreciated the feedback from the Achiever report. By reflecting on the candidates' answers, we were able to get a read on personality, interests, strengths and weaknesses. When taken in context of the entire process, the Achiever report yielded meaningful information and guided us in choosing the preferred candidate for the position."

— Rebekah Wright Kulis, board member, Kent City

To learn how the Achiever assessment can help you hire the right candidate for your district, contact **Cheryl W. Ryan** at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA. Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/administrative-searches to learn more.

New Board Member webinars: the path to success in your first year

These webinars cover timely topics to help you get up to speed during your first year on the board. Six webinars will be held in 2016:

- April 20 — transportation
- May 17 — legal issues
- Sept. 28 — policy
- Oct. 19 — security and safety

The cost for each webinar is \$35. Register by visiting www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops. You also can register by contacting **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (800) 589-OSBA, (614) 540-4000 or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. You can purchase the webinar to watch at a later date; contact Laurie Miller to learn more.

Please note: If you signed up for the New Board Member Series or New Board Member Series Plus, you are registered for these webinars. You will receive information about the webinars, including the link to view it, a week prior to each webinar.

Take advantage of additional savings on professional development with the New Board Member Series and New Board Member Series Plus. These two discounted training packages feature an array of professional development events designed to help you learn, network and grow. Learn more at www.ohioschoolboards.org/new-board-member-series or www.ohioschoolboards.org/new-board-member-master-series.



Get on board with OSBA School Transportation SERVICES

OSBA can help districts assess their transportation needs and offer personal assistance with transportation rules interpretations, policy questions and technical advice. It also provides the following services:

- transportation operation cost analysis and benchmarking studies;
- routing analysis;
- fleet management assistance;
- general operations evaluation;
- regional coordination studies;
- in-service presentations for drivers and administrators;
- evaluation of specific transportation services,
- including payment in lieu of transportation;
- bus purchasing and specification development;
- driver qualifications compliance review;
- transportation emergency plan development;
- development of local student transportation handbooks.

To learn more, contact **Pete Japikse** at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or schoolbus@ohioschoolboards.org.



Ohio School Boards Association

Board Leadership Institute

Professional development designed by board members for board members

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The Board Leadership Institute enables board members to:

Attend a seminar designed by and for 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 every handout 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, April 29, with **C. Ed Massey**. A Kentucky school board member, Massey is a former president of the National School Boards Association. He is an avid NASCAR fan and will explain what NASCAR, leadership and school boards have in common.

Ohio Rep. **John Patterson** (D-Jefferson) will close BLI on Saturday, April 30. Join Patterson for an update on state legislation impacting public education and implications for local school boards.



Massey



Patterson

Registration and hotel details

Cost for the institute is \$245, which includes breakfast and lunch on both days and materials. Register online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/33166> 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 2016 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 \$129 per night if the room is booked by April 8. To reserve your hotel room, contact the Hilton Columbus/Polaris at (614) 885-1600 and mention you are with OSBA.

For more details, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/33166>.



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

State Legislative Conference

☐ March 16, Columbus, \$130

OSBA Cyberlaw 2016: Technology and the law seminar

☐ March 18, Columbus, \$150

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

☐ March 31, Columbus, \$90

Every Student Succeeds Act — What you need to know

☐ April 4, webinar, free

OSBA MTA program

☐ April 6, Columbus, \$90

☐ April 12, Columbus, \$90

☐ May 4, Columbus, \$90

☐ May 10, Columbus, \$90

Management Development Series

#2: Collective bargaining in schools: theory and practice

☐ April 19, Columbus, \$90

New Board Member Webinar: Transportation

☐ April 20, \$35

Board Leadership Institute

☐ April 29-30, Columbus, \$245

New Board Member Webinar: Legal issues

☐ May 17, \$35

New Board Member Webinar: Policy

☐ Sept. 28, \$35

New Board Member Webinar: Security and safety

☐ Oct. 19, \$35

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

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8050 N. High St.,
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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.

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Sympathies

Former Akron City Board of Education member **Donna Lee Cooley** died Jan. 31. She was 81. ●●● Former **Buckeye Valley Local (Delaware)** Board of Education member **Lester Leon Hinshaw** died Feb. 20. He was 88. ●●● Former **Dayton City** Board of Education member **Rev. William B. Schooler** died Feb. 28. He was 70. ●●● **Hamilton County ESC** and **Great Oaks Career Campuses** Board of Education member **Marilee Broscheid** died Feb. 8. She was 78. ●●● Former **Hubbard EV** Board of Education member **Boyd Francis "Dutch" Keenan** died Feb. 8. He was 92. ●●● Former **Lakeview Local (Trumbull)** Board of Education member **Carl E. Sayler** died Feb. 7. He was 87. ●●● Former **Newcomerstown EV** Board of Education member **Roger William Bambeck** died Feb. 13. He was 79. ●●● Former **Northmont City** Assistant Superintendent **Charles Richard "Dick" Curtner** died Feb. 15. He was 82. ●●● Former **Northmont City** Board of Education member **Julia Lee Rupert** died Feb. 7. She was 83. ●●● Former **Painesville City Local (Lake)** Board of Education member **Dr. Robert "Bob" A. Irvin** died Feb. 10. He was 94. ●●● Former **Princeton City** Associate Superintendent **Dr. Eddie L. Starr** died Feb. 16. He was 84. ●●● Former **Tri-Valley Local (Muskingum)** Board of Education member **Kurt Dittmar** died Feb. 6. He was 69. ●●● Former **Washington Local (Lucas)** Board of Education member **Frank Erme** died Feb. 13. He was 87.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services

Changes proposed to address College Credit Plus issues

The 2015-2016 school year marked the first year of Ohio's College Credit Plus (CCP) program. It replaced public school districts' postsecondary education options and requires them to offer CCP to students in the seventh through 12th grades.

The program is intended to eliminate barriers for students with little to no opportunity to take advanced standing courses. According to the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE), CCP's purpose is to promote rigorous academics and provide college-ready students a variety of options to earn college credit at no cost while attending their local district's schools. The program

also can enable more students to leave high school with college credits, reducing the overall cost of a college degree.

As CCP's first year wraps up, school districts have raised many concerns about the program. OSBA has joined a workgroup with the Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA) and Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) to make recommendations to ODHE and the state legislature on ways to improve the program's purpose and goals.

Some of these recommendations include:

- Setting a uniform standard for determining college readiness,

which is required for participation in CCP. School districts must play a role in determining students' readiness for college-level courses. It appears a significant number of students who have not performed well in traditional high school courses are enrolling in CCP, resulting in many of them failing the college courses. This could adversely affect their college GPA and efforts to fulfill high school graduation requirements.

- Developing metrics for comparing college-level courses that qualify for CCP and courses available at the high school level. Qualifying college courses must be

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at least as rigorous as the courses students can take at their high school. Otherwise, more should be done to ensure that high school courses can result in college credit. Schools report students are choosing to enroll in less rigorous college courses instead of taking more challenging advanced-level high school classes.

- Creating a statewide textbook policy that reduces the burden for school districts if they are to be the sole provider of textbooks for CCP courses. A more structured policy should be adopted to ensure a more uniform practice statewide for purchasing and using CCP textbooks. Prior to the program, many school districts and institutions of higher education (IHEs) agreed that the institutions would provide the textbooks. Under CCP, the textbooks have become a huge expense for school districts, which have little to no control over their

purchase.

- Eliminating the funding floor for school districts whose teachers conduct CCP courses on the school campus. Perhaps the colleges could receive state aid to cover the cost of providing college credit since school districts already are paying the costs for high school credit. Prior to CCP, most school districts were able to negotiate agreements with IHEs that resulted in either no cost or low cost to students and the district.

- Establishing a level of financial responsibility for parents based on a means-tested formula as with other state policies. This would create accountability for the student and family rather than CCP being an entitlement, regardless of a student's performance in the college course. Prior to the program, many school districts incurring CCP costs used means-testing to determine if, or

how much, students would pay for college tuition.

- Creating a stakeholders commission or committee to make decisions and set rules for CCP. This would include IHEs, the Ohio Department of Education and local districts.

- Increasing the availability of high school teachers qualified to be adjunct instructors permitted to teach CCP courses. School districts currently do not have the authority to approve qualified instructors, and there is no statewide consistency in who qualifies.

- Improving communication between IHEs and school districts to ensure the program's success. Districts report having no information from IHEs about which students have been accepted until late into a semester. In addition, student grades and progress are not communicated in a timely manner to the district. In some instances, districts with GPA requirements for participating in sports and other extracurricular activities may not have the information they need from IHEs to make an appropriate determination.

House Bill (HB) 445 was recently introduced in the Ohio House to address some of these issues. The legislation was introduced Feb. 3 and had its first hearing before the House Education Committee Feb. 16.

HB 445 contains, among other provisions, the following:

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Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) — What you need to know

Monday, April 4 • noon to 1 p.m. • free webinar

Get updates and information on the impact of ESSA on Ohio education during this webinar for school board members, superintendents, treasurers and school business officials.



PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

3-D printer opening doors in northwest Ohio school district

A 3-D printer can be a fun device for students who like to create things.

An eighth-grader at **Otsego Local's (Wood)** Otsego Junior High School put his creativity to practical use and helped the school district's bottom line.

Maintenance director **Jeff Smith** realized one of the high school's heavy locking doors was in need of repair. The parts package alone would cost \$300.

That's when Smith went to

Director of Technology **Luke Swartz** and challenged him to find a student to help.

Less than an hour later, eighth-grader **Michael Cox** had produced something resembling a LEGO on a 3-D printer, replicating the door part.

"We want our kids to design and create things on their own," Superintendent **Adam Koch** told a local newspaper. "The kids are taking ownership of their learning."

With the district having 30

heavy locking doors, reproducing the part on a 3-D printer could potentially save the district \$16,500, Koch said.

The \$2,000 3-D printer was purchased with a grant through the Otsego Endowment Foundation.

Students also have been taking on other challenges. A staff member asked them to try and duplicate a worn cylinder on a leaf blower.

Source: Sentinel-Tribune

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- Any textbooks purchased for CCP courses are the property of the entity that paid for the textbook, and CCP students are required to return them to that entity. OSBA, BASA and OASBO believe these provisions are currently required by administrative rule; however, some districts report experiences that do not align with the rule.
- A school's policy for awarding grades and calculating class standing for CCP courses must be equivalent to its policy for comparable courses taken under another advanced standing program or comparable honors courses. However, it is not clear who determines which courses are

comparable.

- Schools are prohibited from being required to award a weighted grade or enhance a student's class standing for CCP courses that are not comparable to an advanced standing or honors course.
- High school credit for CCP courses is to be awarded at a ratio of one unit of high school credit for every four credit hours of college credit, rather than the three hours required under current law. OSBA, BASA and OASBO believe this provision needs more discussion among stakeholders to address the issue of having one semester of a college course being equal to a yearlong high school

course. This could force students to take additional CCP courses to meet Ohio's graduation requirements, causing additional costs to school districts.

OSBA encourages local school districts to let the association know what issues you are facing with the CCP program as well as your views on CCP legislation that is currently before the legislature. With this input from local districts, we hope ODHE and the legislature will be able to make the changes needed to most benefit students and reach the program's intended goals.

Editor's note: All information in this article was current as of March 3.

March 2016

- 15 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop Findlay
- 15 Southeast Region Spring Conference..... Pomeroy
- 15 Presidential Primary Day; Special Election Day — RC 3501.01.
- 16 State Legislative Conference.. Columbus
- 16 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop Rootstown
- 17 Southeast Region Spring Conference..... Senecaville
- 18 Cyberlaw — Technology and the law seminar..... Columbus
- 30 Northeast Region Spring Conference..... Wellsville
- 31 New Board Member Series Workshop: How's it going so far?..... Columbus
- 31 End of second ADM reporting period — RC 3317.03(A).

April 2016

- 4 Every Student Succeeds Act — What you need to know webinar
- 4 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop Columbus
- 6 OSBA MTA Program: Laws, rules and policy Columbus
- 12 OSBA MTA Program: Laws, rules and policy Columbus

- 15 Last day for certain board members and administrators to file financial disclosure forms with the Ohio Ethics Commission — RC 102.02.
- 19 Management Development Series #2: Collective bargaining in schools: theory and practice Columbus
- 20 New Board Member webinar: Transportation
- 24 Southeast Region Executive Committee meeting..... Zanesville
- 25 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).
- 26 BoardDocs webinar
- 29-30 Board Leadership Institute Columbus
- 29 Last day to submit August emergency or current operating expenses levy to county auditor for August election — RC 5705.194, 5705.195, 5705.213 (95 days prior to the election).

May 2016

- 4 OSBA MTA Program: Hot topics, safety, trends and statistics..... Columbus
- 4 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); last day to submit emergency levy for August election to board of elections — RC 5705.195; last day to submit phased-in levy or current operating expenses levy for August election to board of elections — RC 5705.251(A) (90 days prior to the election).

- 10 OSBA MTA Program: Hot topics, safety, trends and statistics..... Columbus
- 17 New Board Member webinar: Legal issues
- 19 OSBA Communication Workshop Columbus

June 2016

- 1 Last day to take action to nonrenew contracts of administrators other than superintendent and treasurer — RC 3319.02; last day to take action on and give written notice of intent not to re-employ teachers — RC 3319.11(D).