

# BRIEF CASE

THE OHIO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

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## Voters ok highest percentage of school tax issues since 2000

Ohio voters approved 81 of the 110 school issues on the March 6 primary ballot. The statewide passage rate of 74% was the highest in more than a decade, according to OSBA records. The traditional passage rate is about 54%. What made the results even more remarkable is that voters approved 30 of the 57 new money requests on the ballot. Fifty-one of the 53 renewal issues passed. OSBA Executive Director **Richard Lewis** attributed the outstanding passage rate to the fiscal prudence districts have demonstrated to their communities in the wake of state school-funding cuts.

## State auditor issues another major finding against a charter school

State Auditor **Dave Yost**, citing “booze, missing money, missing records and self-dealing,” has issued \$929,850 in findings for recovery against the Dayton-area Richard Allen Academy charter schools and the management company operating them. In a press release, Yost said that many areas of concern, including conflicts of interest, were related to the CEO of the management company, the Institute of Management and Resources. As of Feb. 21, \$888,411 of the findings for recovery remained unpaid.

## NSBA Annual Conference coming up next month

The National School Boards Association Annual Conference is set for April 21-23 in Boston, with pre-conference sessions on April 20. Keynote speakers include CNN news anchor and special correspondent **Soledad O’Brien**; **Sal Khan**, founder of the Khan Academy; and **Geoffrey Canada**, president and CEO of the Harlem Children’s Zone. Ohio school districts and OSBA staff also will present sessions at the event. To learn more about the conference and its other great speakers and events, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/94541>.

## Free forums focus on 2014-2015 changes to state academic standards

OSBA, the State Board of Education and the Ohio Educational Service Center Association have been hosting a series of regional forums on Ohio’s college and career readiness standards and the new state tests for social studies, English language arts, math and science that will be used beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. The free sessions, which run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., are being conducted at locations around the state. For more information, registration details, and dates and locations for the remaining forums, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/52373>.

## It’s time to submit nominations for Student Achievement Fair

OSBA is seeking nominations for Student Achievement Fair displays and student performing groups for the 2012 Capital Conference. The event highlights innovative

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### Route workshop information to:

- Administrators
- Assistant treasurers
- Human resources directors
- Principals

programs that promote student achievement, as well as talented performing groups. For details on how to nominate programs or groups, see the *Briefcase* blue pages. The conference is Nov. 11-14 in Columbus. The nomination deadline is May 25.

### BLI offers training for all levels of board experience

The OSBA Board Leadership Institute (BLI) provides a comprehensive curriculum of board development training for new board members and veterans alike. BLI is the only event in Ohio that offers training exclusively for school boards. This year's keynote speakers are Dr. **Stephen M. Gavazzi**, a professor of human development and family science at The Ohio State University and dean and director of the OSU Mansfield campus; and Ohio Superintendent of Public Instruction **Stan W. Heffner**. The

**Soldier thanks Avon Lake kids for their kindness**

The uncle of an **Avon Lake City** fourth-grader recently visited Westview Elementary School to thank the boy and his class for the packages they sent to him and his fellow soldiers in Iraq.

Filled with snacks, phone cards, toothpaste and other items, the packages totaled 200 pounds. They were collected by **Alexander Lloyd** and his classmates and shipped to Capt. **Thomas Herman**.

Lloyd, after finding out that several members of his uncle's unit had been killed and wounded, wanted to do something to help. He got pictures of his uncle from his aunt and took them with him as he and his classmates worked to collect items around the school.

Herman said that the packages, which arrived in Iraq over several days, were a complete surprise.

Source: *Cleveland Morning Journal*

institute includes 18 breakout sessions, two luncheons and a special evening networking reception. BLI will be held April 13-14 in Columbus. For details and to register, see the *Briefcase* blue pages or visit [www.ohioschoolboards.org/board-leadership-institute](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/board-leadership-institute).

### OSBA needs moderators for Capital Conference sessions

OSBA is seeking breakout session moderators for the 2012 Capital Conference, Nov. 11-14, in Columbus. For details, contact **Judy Morgan** at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or [jmorgan@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:jmorgan@ohioschoolboards.org).

### OSBA online

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

The OSBA News Clips Web page provides education-related news from around the state, seven days a week. Simply log on at [www.ohioschoolboards.org/osba-newsclips](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/osba-newsclips) for that day's articles. You will need your OSBA username and password to access the service. Members also can sign up on that page to receive the daily news clips via email, and can share articles via Facebook, Digg, Mixx, Sphinn and other sites. OSBA provides this value-added service through its subscription to **MediaTracking.com**.



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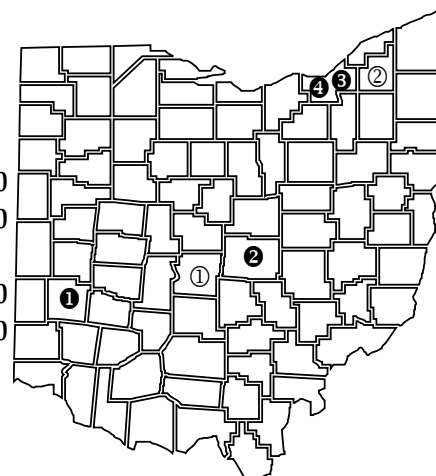
# BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, administrative assistant of communication services

## OSBA executive searches

### Superintendent

District	Deadline	Contact
❶ Miami Valley Career Center	April 20	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
❷ Southwest Licking Local (Licking)	April 23	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
❸ Euclid City	May 3	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
❹ Richmond Heights Local (Cuyahoga)	TBD	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



❶ = Superintendent  
❷ = Treasurer

### Treasurer

District	Deadline	Contact
❶ Whitehall City	April 16	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
❷ Chardon Local (Geauga)	May 1	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

## Other searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Hopewell-Loudon Local (Seneca)	April 5	Jan Brickner, jbrickner@hlschool.org
Superintendent	Otsego Local (Wood)	April 13	Mark Tolles, board president, Otsego Local, (419) 823-4381
Superintendent	Swanton Local (Fulton)	April 23	Sandra Frisch, superintendent, ESC of Lake Erie West, (419) 245-4150
Assistant superintendent of personnel/human resources	West Clermont Local (Clermont)	until filled	Albert Delgado, assistant superintendent, West Clermont Local, (513) 943-5015
Treasurer	Felicity-Franklin Local (Clermont)	April 13	Glenn A. Moore, superintendent, Felicity-Franklin Local, (513) 876-2113, ext. 301
Treasurer	Princeton City	April 16	Tawana Lynn Keels, board vice president, Princeton City, (513) 295-7979
High school principal	Beachwood City	until filled	www.beachwoodschoools.org

### Editor's note

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

## Board changes

Mogadore Local (Summit) Board of Education member **Robert McDowall** announced his resignation effective Feb. 20.

## Administrative changes

### Superintendents

Canton City hired current Interim Superintendent **Chris Smith** as superintendent effective immediately. ●●● Springfield-Clark Career Technology Center Superintendent **R. Brad Moffitt** announced his resignation effective Feb. 29. The career center appointed Executive Director **Rick Smith** as interim superintendent effective immediately.

### Treasurers

Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Treasurer **Karen Obratil** announced her retirement effective July 31. ●●● Crooksville EV Treasurer **Michael Hankinson** announced his resignation effective immediately. ●●● Northridge Local (Licking) hired **Britt Lewis** as interim treasurer effective immediately. He replaced **Jim Hudson**, who accepted a position at Medina City.

## Sympathies

Former Columbia Local (Lorain) and Midview Local (Lorain) Treasurer **Corrine E. Peak** died March 7. She was 87. ●●● Former Sandy Valley Local (Stark) Board of Education member **Arthur Dale Sharp** died Feb. 29. He was 84. ●●● Former

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# NEWS

by Gary Motz, managing editor

## State Board members speak at OSBA Board of Trustees meeting

The OSBA Board of Trustees faced a packed agenda at its Jan. 21 meeting at the OSBA office in Columbus. The board is OSBA's official governing body and meets three times a year.

OSBA President **Sharon E. Manson**, **Waverly City** and **Pike County Career Technology Center**, led the meeting, which opened with the swearing in of the 2012 Board of Trustees and an introduction of new members to that board. The new trustees are: **Ginger Baylor**, **Akron City**; **Eric Germann**, **Lincolnview Local (Van Wert)**; **Albert Haberstroh**,

**Trumbull County ESC**; **Hanifah Kambon**, **Columbus City**; **Gail Martindale**, **Cedar Cliff Local (Greene)** and **Greene County Career Center**; **Randy Reisling**, **South-Western City**; and **Lisa Sobecki**, **Toledo City**.

Two State Board of Education members addressed the board: District 9 representative **Michael L. Collins**, a marketing executive and former **Westerville City** Board of Education member and former OSBA trustee, and District 6 representative **Kristen E. McKinley**, a staff attorney for the Ohio Association of Public School

Employees.

Collins and McKinley told trustees that the State Board wants to reach out to local school board members to get their input on such key issues as the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System, Common Core and the new academic standards.

"When we can go to the legislature with information and backing from the field, it empowers public education," Collins said.

The State Board members stressed that school funding,

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*Photo courtesy of the Ohio Statehouse Photo Archive*

# State Legislative Conference

Wednesday, March 28

Cost is \$125

**New location and format:**

- 10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. — Learn about the latest legislative issues at the Renaissance Hotel, 50 N. 3rd St., Columbus
- 4:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m. — Reception with legislators at the Capital Club, 41 S. High St., Columbus

School district leaders from across Ohio have proven that we can make a difference! Your legislative involvement with House Bill 136, the private school voucher bill, has sent a strong message to state leaders. Let's keep up the momentum in support of public education with a strong showing at the annual State Legislative Conference!

Several key issues await your attention at this year's event:

- What's all the talk about shared services?
- The governor's proposed mid-year budget review bill — what's included?
- Is the voucher bill still a threat?
- Is there a new school-funding formula just waiting to be released?

Key legislators and members of the governor's office will discuss their views on these important issues and what can be expected in the coming months.

## Event agenda

**10 a.m. — Registration**

**10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. — Education issues: Key education policy leaders discuss the General Assembly's education agenda**

Sen. Peggy Lehner, chair, Senate Education Committee; Rep. Gerald Stebelton, chair, House Education Committee; and Dr. Richard A. Ross, director, Governor's Office of 21st Century Education

**11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Mid-biennial budget review (MBR) — What's included? What can we expect from the House hearings on school funding? What other education reforms can we expect to hear about in the coming months?**

Rep. Ron Amstutz, chair, House Finance Committee; and Barbara Mattei-Smith, special assistant — school finance policy, governor's office

**12:30 p.m.-1:15 p.m. — Lunch**

**1:15 p.m.-2:30 p.m. — Current issues and lobbying 101**

OSBA, OASBO and BASA lobbyists

**4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. — Reception with legislators at the Capital Club**

Register today and schedule your individual meetings with your legislators from 2:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m, prior to the legislative reception. If you need help contacting your legislators, call the OSBA legislative services division for assistance.

OSBA will invite legislators and their aides to the reception at the Capital Club, but we ask that you personally invite them to join you for the reception.

To register, contact **Laurie Miller**, OSBA senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org). Register online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/89599>.

# Board Leadership Institute

*Organizational leadership for tomorrow's schools*

April 13-14, 2012 • Hilton Columbus/Polaris, north Columbus

## Benefits:

- ◆ Participate in a program designed exclusively for and by board members
- ◆ Experience a comprehensive two-day training event
- ◆ Hear nationally acclaimed speakers
- ◆ Strengthen board governance skills
- ◆ Choose from 18 different breakout sessions
- ◆ Network with other board members
- ◆ Receive a CD with all of the handouts from this board member-only event

## Good decisions require informed decision makers

As a member of your school district's governing body, you are called on at every meeting to make decisions. Some decisions are easy; others complicated. So, what can be done to improve board member development?

Almost all board members agree that they could use more training in tackling school district problems. When asked how, board members say they want training that is highly task-oriented, takes a short period of time and is done in small groups led by outstanding instructors.

To meet these requests, OSBA worked with board members from across the state to develop the 11th annual Board Leadership Institute. The two-day workshop is specifically designed for board members and will focus on multiple topics. Participants will have the opportunity to hear keynote speakers, choose from among 18 breakout sessions and network with each other.

Twenty points will be awarded for attendance at the institute, which may be applied toward receiving OSBA's Award of Achievement and Master Board Member award.

## Keynote speakers set the tone for BLI

BLI will kick off on Friday, April 13, with Dr. **Stephen M. Gavazzi**, a professor of human development and family science at The Ohio State University; dean and director of the university's Mansfield campus; and author of *Strong Families, Successful Students: Helping teenagers reach their full academic potential*. Gavazzi will share how to increase educational outcomes by building family strengths.

Ohio Superintendent of Public Instruction **Stan W. Heffner** will close BLI on Saturday, April 14. Hear from Heffner how we can ensure students are ready to compete for the jobs of the future.



Gavazzi



Heffner

## Registration and hotel details

BLI will be held in Columbus on April 13 and 14. Cost for the institute is \$240, and includes continental breakfast and lunch on both days, a networking reception and materials. To register, contact **Laurie Miller** at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or [Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org).

The Hilton Columbus/Polaris will be the site of the 2012 Board Leadership Institute. The Hilton is in north Columbus,

near the Polaris Fashion Place mall. This facility is easily accessible from I-71, offers free parking and is close to many dining opportunities. To reserve your hotel room, contact the Hilton Columbus/Polaris at (614) 885-1600.

For more details, visit [www.ohioschoolboards.org/board-leadership-institute](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/board-leadership-institute).

**Management Development Series #1:  
Impasse, implementation and midterm bargaining: Three topics you need to understand!**

**Wednesday, April 18**  
**OSBA office, Columbus**

**10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**  
**Cost is \$85**



In the last couple of years, issues such as impasse, implementation and midterm bargaining have evolved from being considered quaint and archaic to cutting-edge. What was considered important in reaching impasse is now less important than what is involved in being at ultimate impasse. Similarly, implementation used to be an afterthought in bargaining, now it is a prime consideration. In 2013, with the new Ohio Teacher Evaluation System set to become a reality, districts may face an unanticipated midterm bargaining situation that they are ill prepared for. This workshop will cover these important issues, what Ohio law and the State Employment Relations Board has to say about them, discuss important trends and offer practical advice for dealing with them. Presenters will be Van D. Keating, OSBA director of management services; Renee L. Fambro, OSBA deputy director of labor relations; and George M. Albu, Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service commissioner.

**Agenda**

9:30 a.m.	Registration	Noon	Lunch (provided)
10 a.m.	Welcome and overview	12:30 p.m.	Mid-term bargaining
10:10 a.m.	Impasse and ultimate impasse	1:30 p.m.	Break
11 a.m.	Break	1:45 p.m.	Effects bargaining
11:15 a.m.	Implementation	2:30 p.m.	Closing thoughts and adjourn

**Management Development Series #2:  
The bullying bill: Is your district prepared?**

**Wednesday, May 16**  
**OSBA office, Columbus**

**10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  
**Cost is \$85**



Bullying is an important issue in schools. Now, more than ever, with the passage of the Jessica Logan Act (the bullying bill), districts need to be aware of legal and policy issues relating to bullying, as well as ways to combat bullying in schools.

This workshop will provide a foundation on the topic through a discussion of the legal considerations relating to bullying. Policy implications also will be discussed, with a focus on the policy changes and requirements stemming from the Jessica Logan Act. Then, we'll take a look at what one district in the state is doing to address this issue and why it chose that program to stop bullying in its schools.

**Agenda**

9:30 a.m.	Registration	11:10 a.m.	Policy considerations
10 a.m.	Welcome and overview	Noon	Lunch (provided)
10:10 a.m.	Legal considerations	12:45 p.m.	District experience
11 a.m.	Break	2 p.m.	Closing thoughts and adjourn



# WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

**State Legislative Conference**  
 March 28, Columbus, \$125

**Board Leadership Institute**  
 April 13-14, Columbus, \$240

**MDS #2: The bullying bill**  
 May 16, Columbus, \$85

**MDS #1: Impasse,  
implementation and midterm  
bargaining:**  
 April 18, Columbus, \$85

## 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 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.



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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.

You may register on our Web page at [www.ohioschoolboards.org](http://www.ohioschoolboards.org). Events are listed at the bottom of the page. You will need a username and password.

### **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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**Strasburg-Franklin Local (Tuscarawas)** Board of Education member **Marilyn J. Corns** died March 8. She was 87. ●●● Former **Washington-Nile Local (Scioto)** Board of Education member **Roger Dean McDermott** died Feb. 29. He was 68. ●●● **Walter C. Busdiecker**, a member of the former **Woodville** School District Board of Education in Sandusky County, died March 8. He was 84. ●●● **Leonard Victor Manbeck**, a member of the former **York-Bellevue** School District Board of Education in Sandusky County, died March 2. He was 88.

### Correction

The March 12 *Briefcase* incorrectly reported on page 4 that **Salem City** Treasurer **Jill A. Rowe** was retiring. Rowe resigned, rather than retired, from the position. The *Briefcase* apologizes for the error.

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charter schools and vouchers must all be linked to an accountability system. They emphasized that public education must be unified in calling for charter and voucher schools to be held accountable in the same way public schools are.

“We need help from the field on this,” Collins said. “It is most important that we have an opportunity to reach out to you and hear your thoughts. ... You are the legislators’ constituents and must speak with a common voice.”

Following their presentation Collins and McKinley joined trustees for a working lunch, where they fielded a number of questions and shared their insights.

Trustees also held a teleconference with National School Boards Association (NSBA) President-elect **C. Ed Massey** of Kentucky. Massey told trustees that NSBA is conducting a search to replace association Executive Director **Anne L. Bryant**, who is retiring in September. Bryant has served as head of NSBA for more than 15 years.

Massey also shared that NSBA and the American Association of School Administrators will merge their national conferences beginning in 2013. That inaugural joint conference will be in San Diego.

Trustees heard a presentation on BoardDocs from **Laura Vautour**, also via teleconference. Endorsed by OSBA, BoardDocs is a Web-based, paperless agenda service that frees school districts from the enormous task of assembling, printing, distributing and revising board packets. The Board of Trustees plans to implement BoardDocs for its future meetings.

OSBA Chief Financial Officer **Janice Smith** provided an update on the association’s diversity and inclusion campaign, and reviewed efforts to increase staff and governance diversity.

On the staff front, OSBA is actively working to create a climate that attracts, retains, motivates and maximizes a racially and ethnically diverse workforce of top professionals. The association also is striving to increase governance diversity by

analyzing ways to expand member participation at the regional and state levels, while addressing diversity and inclusion challenges.

In other business:

● Executive Director **Richard Lewis** said that a new Visionary Initiatives for Strategic Action (VISA) Task Force is being formed. VISA is OSBA’s strategic plan. Although the plan is continually updated, a task force is assigned to develop in-depth updates every five years.

● Trustees adopted a resolution thanking 2011 President **Cathy Johnson, South-Western City**, for her service as president, and recognizing “her dedication to children and for being an inspiration to school board members everywhere.”

● **Manson** presented a preview of the Federal Relations Network Conference.

● Director of Legislative Services **Damon Asbury** discussed OSBA’s legislative focus for 2012.

The next meeting of the OSBA Board of Trustees is scheduled for May 19 in Columbus.



## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Michelle Francis, deputy director of legislative services

### Governor presents mid-biennium review proposals

Gov. **John Kasich** recently introduced an expansive list of policy changes for his mid-biennium review (MBR). The review includes a new energy policy, an income tax cut, higher resource extraction taxes, changes in education and workforce development, and a management efficiency plan for state and local governments. Many of these issues will impact public education. However, the review does *not* include a new school-funding plan.

Following are the governor's MBR proposals in specific areas:

#### **Education and workforce development**

- **Third-grade reading guarantee:** Requires an intervention plan for students in grades K-two who have trouble reading. Students that fail reading proficiency tests would be prevented from advancing into the third grade.
- **Career connections:** Includes career awareness and development in new model curriculum.
- **New school performance measuring system:** A new formula system will assign letter grades A-F to all public schools and school districts. A separate new A-F system will be developed for grading career technical schools.

- **Blended learning:** Defines digital learning and creates new standards for blended learning.
- **Teacher evaluations:** Creates a system that allows for credentialed third-party evaluators.
- **Dropout recovery schools:** Creates new standards for dropout recovery schools that will center on student achievement and student growth.
- **Early childhood programs:** Requires all publicly funded early childhood programs to be assessed in line with Ohio's Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge grant.
- **The Cleveland Plan:** The education reform plan was mentioned, but will not be part of MBR. Instead, the legislature is likely to take this initiative up separately once a bill sponsor is found.

#### **Management efficiency for state, local governments**

- **Merges the State Architect's Office with the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC)** to create a new Facilities Construction Commission.
- **Establishes a Tax Appeal Backlog Assistance Program** in the Department of Taxation to reduce the backlog of cases at the Board of Tax Appeals.

- **Includes the much-anticipated shared services report, "Breaking Down Barriers."**
- **Cuts \$113.5 million from state agency budgets, with a few increases for certain programs.**

#### **Income tax cut**

- **Proposes cutting the state income tax by \$900 million to \$1 billion over five years, depending on how much revenue a corresponding increase in the oil and gas severance tax produces.**
- **Currently, the income tax makes up about 45% of the state's General Revenue Fund. About 40% of the fund goes to K-12 education.**

#### **Energy**

- **Increases the severance tax on oil and gas to pay for state income tax reductions.**
- **Imposes a 1.5% tax on natural gas production from high-volume horizontal wells in Ohio's deep shale formations, rather than the current rate of \$0.03 per million cubic feet. Oil and natural gas liquids from high-volume wells would be taxed at 1.5% for the first year, increasing to 4% after producers recoup their drilling costs.**
- **Requires drillers to pay an upfront \$25,000 fee to local**

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# PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Gary Motz, editorial manager

## Students' research backs district's growth plan

The results from a marketing research project conducted by a trio of **Olentangy Local (Delaware)** students supported a scheduling proposal that administrators presented to the school board in October. Olentangy, which has been Ohio's fastest-growing school district for nearly a decade, is seeking ways to deal with that rapid growth.

Olentangy High School seniors **Emily Bechtol, Chris Cousins** and **Mandy Rodriguez** surveyed

students, teachers and community members to get their thoughts on how to address overcrowding in the district's high schools. The surveys were part of a marketing project for a DECA competition.

The students worked with Project 2020, a community-based initiative to help the district maintain its academic excellence while dealing with enrollment growth in a cost-effective, sustainable way.

"We started our primary

research by sending out surveys through the high schools," Cousins told a local newspaper. "We tried to get 25% of the population of each school."

In addition to surveys, the students conducted focus groups with district stakeholders. They discovered that there was support for offering some elective courses away from campus and for a combination of online and traditional school courses.

Source: *ThisWeek Olentangy*

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governments to offset impacts to infrastructure from large-scale operations.

Officials estimate that when the actual bill language is introduced it could total about 2,800 pages and probably will be heard in multiple committees. As soon as bill details become available, lobbyists from OSBA, the Ohio Association of School Business Officials and the Buckeye Association of School Administrators will analyze the legislation and share information with their members.

Since many of the MBR issues will impact public education and because of the limited amount of time the legislature is scheduled to

be in session this election year, it is crucial that you remain engaged in the process. OSBA may find it necessary to call on its members to respond quickly to legislative calls to action.

Stay tuned for more MBR details and learn more by attending the State Legislative Conference on March 28. See the *Briefcase* blue pages for conference information.

### **Capital appropriations bill introduced**

House Bill (HB) 482, the capital budget bill for fiscal year 2013-14, proposes \$1.74 billion in appropriations. Included in the capital plan are \$675 million in

appropriations for OSFC. Of that money, \$425 million is backed by General Revenue Fund debt and the rest will be generated by licensing fees for video lottery terminals at racetracks. OSFC estimates that with the appropriations contained in the bill, it will be able to continue support for 77 districts currently receiving funding, as well as start 20 to 25 new projects each year of the capital biennium.

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*Editor's note: All information in this article was current as of March 16.*

**March 2012**

- 27 SchoolComp Workers' Compensation Workshop ..... Columbus
- 28 OSBA State Legislative Conference..... Columbus
- 29 School boards and booster groups: Avoid and address issues webinar
- 31 *Last day to take action to nonrenew contracts of administrators other than superintendent and treasurer — RC 3319.02.*

**April 2012**

- 10 OSBA Southwest Region Executive Committee Meeting .....Springfield
- 12 OSBA Student Achievement Leadership Team meeting..... Columbus
- 13-14 OSBA Board Leadership Institute ..... Columbus
- 15 *Last day for certain board members and administrators to file financial disclosure forms with the Ohio Ethics Commission — RC 102.02.*
- 18 OSBA Management Development Series #1..... Columbus
- 21-23 NSBA Annual Conference ..... Boston
- 30 *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); last day to take action on and give written notice of intent not to re-employ teachers — RC 3319.11(D) (1); and nonteaching employees — RC 4141.29(I)(1)(e).*

**May 2012**

- 2 Small School District Advisory Network Meeting ..... Columbus
- 4 *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).*
- 6 OSBA Southeast Region Executive Committee Meeting ..... Zanesville
- 9 *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).*

- 11 OSBA Cyberlaw Workshop... Columbus
- 16 OSBA Management Development Series #2..... Columbus
- 18 OSBA Executive Committee Meeting ..... Columbus
- 19 OSBA Board of Trustees Meeting ..... Columbus
- 23 OSBA/ODE Transportation Roundtable ..... Columbus

**June 2012**

- 10 OSBA Northwest Region Executive Committee Meeting .....Bowling Green
- 15 OCSBA Spring Seminar..... Columbus
- 22 OSBA Sports Law Workshop ..... Columbus
- 30 2011-2012 school year ends — RC 3313.62.

**July 2012**

- 1 2012-2013 school year begins — RC 3313.62.