

BRIEF CASE

THE OHIO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

Serving the public school leadership team



State superintendent Delisle announces resignation

Superintendent of Public Instruction **Deborah S. Delisle** submitted her resignation to the State Board of Education on March 15, saying she will step down on April 30. In her letter to the State Board, Delisle wrote: "As my tenure as state superintendent comes to a close, I will always cherish the opportunity I had to represent Ohio's education system and, most especially, our students." The former **Cleveland Heights-University Heights City** superintendent was named state superintendent in late 2008.

Leadership institute just weeks away; hotel discount deadline approaches

The OSBA Board Leadership Institute is just around the corner, and special hotel rates end April 8. Headlined by speakers **Neil Leist** and Dr. **Ray Guarendi**, BLI runs April 29-30 in Columbus. The Friday-Saturday event features 18 breakout sessions, continental breakfast and lunch both days and a networking reception with appetizers and refreshments. In its 10th year, BLI is the only training event in Ohio designed exclusively for board members. For program and registration details, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/33166>, see the *Briefcase* blue pages or contact **Laurie Miller** at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

OSBA study shows that school consolidation might increase costs

OSBA has released a study showing that school district consolidation may actually increase the cost of educating Ohio's students. The study concludes that shared services and purchasing pools appear to offer a better approach to saving costs than consolidation, and would have the added benefit of preserving a sense of community identity that might otherwise be diminished. The study has been distributed to OSBA members and legislators, and is posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/33189>.

OSBA sad to report the deaths of two more former presidents

Paul Langdon, 1971 OSBA president and former **Columbus City** board member, died on Feb. 28 at the age of 97. **LaVeda Lazorski**, who served as president in 1984, died on March 4. Lazorski, a former **Greene County** Board of Education and **Cedar Cliff Local (Greene)** board member, was 83. Their deaths follow the recent passing of 81-year-old **J. Paul Good**, 1987 president. Good served on the **Mahoning County ESC** and **Mahoning County Career & Technical Center** boards.

Association's executive director tapped for prestigious education honor

OSBA Executive Director **Richard Lewis** has been chosen to receive the 2011 Samuel I. Hicks Executive in Residence award next month at Ohio University. The program, which recognizes outstanding leaders in education, was established through

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Route workshop information to:

- Administrators
- Curriculum directors
- Human resource directors
- Principals

The Ohio University Foundation in 1976 to honor Dr. **Samuel I. Hicks**, Ohio University professor emeritus of educational administration. Hicks, who died in 1999, dedicated over 75 years to teaching, research and educational administration.

NE Region board member needed for committee post

OSBA is seeking a Northeast Region board member to serve as an alternate on the association's Audit Committee. The committee oversees the annual financial statement audit and is charged with ensuring the integrity and quality of accounting practices, financial reporting, disclosure and internal controls. Candidates must have a basic familiarity with financial statements. As an alternate, the member will attend up to three meetings per year in Columbus and may vote on committee business in the absence of the region's Audit Committee

Board member shares scientific expertise with students

Licking Heights Local (Licking) board member **Richard Wand** recently taught a "magnetic" lesson to a group of first-graders. The subject was irresistible to the kids: carnival rides and magnets.

President of an engineering firm that ensures roller coasters and other carnival rides meet safety standards, Wand explained to the students how magnets are used in roller coasters and other real-world applications. He even conducted demonstrations with some heavy-duty magnets he brought to the school.

Wand really had students' attention when he talked about a ride his firm is working on that is being built in Italy. On the Drop Tower, riders will plummet toward the ground from 238 feet in the air before being stopped at the last moment — by magnets.

Source: *The Newark Advocate*

member. The alternate will serve a two-year term beginning in May 2011. If interested, please send a résumé to **Janice Smith**, chief financial officer, Ohio School Boards Association, 8050 N. High Street, Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235. The application deadline is April 22.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

Need to quickly find out what OSBA training opportunities are drawing near? Then visit the association's home page and scroll down to the OSBA Events section. There you'll find schedules and details of upcoming workshops and webinars. The section also offers quick, convenient online registration.

Correction

The "Legislative Report" article that began on page 5 of the March 14 *Briefcase* incorrectly stated the percentage of valid signatures needed to put a referendum on the November 2011 ballot to repeal Senate Bill 5 if it becomes law. The article should have said that referendum supporters must submit petitions with valid signatures equaling 6% of the vote in the last gubernatorial election. The *Briefcase* apologizes for the error.



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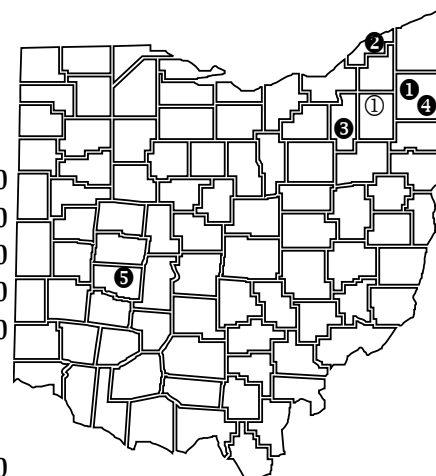
OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

District	Deadline	Contact
① Niles City	April 1	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
② Willoughby-Eastlake City	April 8	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
③ Twinsburg City	April 22	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
④ Warren City	May 6	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
⑤ Northeastern Local (Clark)	April 29	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

Treasurer

District	Deadline	Contact
① Ravenna City	March 28	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



① = Superintendent
① = Treasurer

Other searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	West Muskingum Local (Muskingum)	April 8	Charlie Irish, Finding Leaders/Ohio Schools Council, (216) 447-3100
Superintendent	Georgetown EV	April 13	James Frazier, superintendent, Brown County ESC, (937) 378-6118
Treasurer	Southeast Local (Wayne)	April 15	Dr. Michael R. Shreffler, superintendent, Southeast Local, www.southeast.k12.oh.us/employment.aspx
Middle school principal	Southwest Licking Local (Licking)	March 30	Forest Yocum, superintendent, Southwest Licking Local, (740) 927-3941
High school principal	Western Brown Local (Brown)	Until filled	Christopher J. Burrows, superintendent, Western Brown Local, (937) 444-2044, ext. 15015

National searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Kilmarnock, Va.	April 15	Gina Patterson, assistant executive director, Virginia School Boards Association, (434) 295-8722

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

Howland Local (Trumbull) appointed Dr. **Kenneth Jones** to the board effective March 1. He replaced **Paul Dieter**, who resigned in January. ●●● **Lisbon EV** Board of Education member **Robert “Chick” Ashton** announced his resignation effective March 14. ●●● **Steubenville City** Board of Education member **Jane Hanlin** announced her resignation effective March 8 to become Jefferson County prosecutor.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Belpre City hired **Tony A. Dunn** as superintendent effective May 1. He will replace Dr. **Harry Fleming**, who is retiring effective April 30. Dunn is currently the superintendent at **Georgetown EV**. ●●● **Green Local (Scioto)** Superintendent **Ronald Lindsey** announced his retirement effective July 31. ●●● **North Ridgeville City** Superintendent Dr. **Craig Phillips** announced his retirement effective Sept. 1. ●●● **Warren City** hired Assistant Superintendent **Loree Richardson** as interim superintendent effective March 1. She replaced Dr. **Kathryn Hellweg**, who resigned Feb. 28. ●●● **Wood County ESC** hired **Frederick Susor** as interim superintendent effective March 7. He replaced **Luci Gernot**, who resigned effective Feb. 18.

Treasurers

Independence Local (Cuyahoga) hired **Eric L. Koehler** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Gerald Zalenka**, who is retiring effective July 31. Koehler currently is the treasurer at **Southeast Local (Wayne)**.

Sympathies

Former **Buckeye Local (Ashtabula)** Board of Education member **Samuel C. Bucci** died March 7. He was 85. ●●● Former **Dover City** Board of Education member **Joseph Maybaugh** died March 6. He was 77. ●●● Former **Fairfield Union Local (Fairfield)** Board of Education member **Douglas R. Barr** died Feb. 27. He was 51. ●●● Former **South Euclid-Lyndhurst City** Board of Education member **Robert William Dietsch** died Feb. 28. He was 91. ●●● Former **Woodmore Local (Sandusky)** Board of Education member **Edgar L. Deitemyer** died March 3. He was 83.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

by Angela Penquite, communication design manager

Promoting materials science

To help teachers bring materials science into their classrooms, the ASM International Foundation is awarding 10 grants to enhance awareness of materials science and the role of materials scientists in society. The application procedure requires a two-page proposal describing a curriculum-based hands-on project that involves student observation, communication, mathematics and

science skills, while enhancing students' awareness of the materials around them.

Maximum awards: \$500

Eligibility: K-12 educators

Contact: <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/48025/>

Rewarding science teachers

The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Leadership in Science Education Prize for High School

Teachers recognizes high school science teachers for the development and implementation of innovative methods for teaching and encouraging the next generation of scientists.

Maximum awards: \$1,000

Eligibility: science instructor for grades nine-12 nominated by an administrator within their school, district or state

Deadline: May 27

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Save the date

Mark your calendar for these important workshops.

March 28

OSBA/OASBO Workers' Compensation Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
Free, half day

April 19

Collective Bargaining Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
\$140, full day

April 20

Board Members and Social Media webinar
\$35, webinar

April 29-30

Board Leadership Institute
Hilton Polaris, Columbus
\$235, two days

May 10

Management Development Series #2: Senate Bill 210
OSBA office, Columbus
\$80, half day

May 17

Cyberlaw Workshop
Embassy Suites, Dublin
\$140, full day

May 25

Transportation Roundtable
OSBA office, Columbus
\$40, half day

June 10

OCSBA Spring Conference
Cherry Valley Lodge, Newark
\$175, full day

June 24

Sports Law Workshop
Embassy Suites Airport, Columbus
\$140, full day

July 16

Pre-board Candidate Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
Free, mini-workshop

August 5

Back-to-School Workshop
Embassy Suites Airport, Columbus
\$140, full day

August 17

OSBA/BASA/OASBO Budget Analysis and Discussion (BAD) Workshop
Hyatt Regency, Columbus
\$185, includes CD-ROM, full day

September 1

Strike Management Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
\$80, half day

September 7

Treasurers' Clinic
Ohio University Inn, Athens
\$140, full day

September 9

Treasurers' Clinic
NEOUCOM, Rootstown
\$140, full day

September 13

Treasurers' Clinic
Savannah Center, West Chester
\$140, full day

September 14

Board Candidate Workshop
Ohio University Inn, Athens
\$80, mini workshop

September 15

Board Candidate Workshop
Marriott NE, Cincinnati
\$80, mini workshop

September 16

Treasurers' Clinic
Hilton Garden Inn, Perrysburg
\$140, full day

September 17

Board Candidate Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
\$80, mini workshop

September 19

Treasurers' Clinic
Quest Conference Center, Columbus
\$140, full day

September 20

Board Candidate Workshop
NEOUCOM, Rootstown
\$80, mini workshop

September 22

Board Candidate Workshop
Findlay Inn and Conference Center, Findlay
\$80, mini workshop

Board Leadership Institute

Organizational leadership for tomorrow's schools

Benefits:

- ◆ Participate in a program designed exclusively for and by board members
- ◆ Experience a comprehensive two-day training event
- ◆ Receive a CD with all of the handouts from this board member-only event
- ◆ Hear nationally acclaimed speakers
- ◆ Strengthen board governance skills
- ◆ Choose from 18 different breakout sessions
- ◆ Network with other board members
- ◆ Earn 20 Award of Achievement points

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 10th 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 attend general sessions, 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.

Registration and hotel details

BLI will be held in Columbus on April 29 and 30. Cost for the institute is \$235, and includes 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.

The 2011 Board Leadership Institute will be held at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris. The Hilton is in north Columbus, near the Polaris Fashion Place mall. This location is easily accessible from I-71, offers free parking and is close to

many dining opportunities. Also, OSBA secured a reduced hotel rate for BLI attendees: just \$121 per night if the room is booked before April 8. To reserve your room, contact the Hilton Columbus/Polaris at (614) 885-1600 and mention you are with OSBA.

More details will soon be available. Watch future issues of the *Briefcase* and *Journal* for more information, or visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/board-leadership-institute.

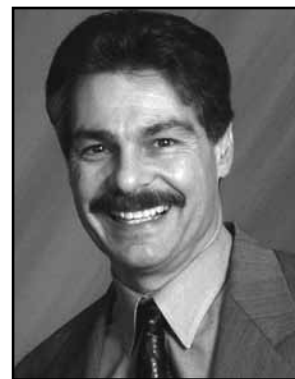
Keynote speakers set the tone for BLI

BLI will kick off on Friday, April 29, with **Neil Leist**, a superintendent at **Clermont Northeastern Local (Clermont)** and author of *Superintendent Saving Strategies: Stretching the Taxpayer's Dollar in Your School*. Don't miss this savvy superintendent's easy-to-implement "super-saver" strategies.

Dr. **Ray Guarendi** will close BLI on Saturday, April 30. Don't miss this dynamic presentation full of humor, real-life examples and practical ideas for dealing with children more calmly, easily and effectively.



Neil Leist



Dr. Ray Guarendi

Agenda

April 29

8 a.m. — Registration and continental breakfast

9 a.m. — Opening general session with Neil Leist

10:45 a.m. — Student achievement

- ◆ Race to the Top — real reforms for tomorrow's innovative leaders
- ◆ Transforming pre-K to 12 education in Ohio
- ◆ Ohio Smart Schools

12:15 p.m. — Lunch

1:30 p.m. — Finance

- ◆ What treasurers hope board members know
- ◆ Show me the money!
- ◆ Trends in collective bargaining

3 p.m. — Critical issues

- ◆ Student/staff boundary invasions — addressing the epidemic in our schools
- ◆ Career & technology education — It's not your father's VoTech anymore!
- ◆ Bully-Proofing Youth techniques

4:30–6 p.m. — Reception

Sponsored by CompManagement Inc.

April 30

7:30 a.m. — Buffet breakfast

8:15 a.m. — Board development

- ◆ Trouble in paradise — when board work doesn't feel like a vacation!
- ◆ Consensus building — it is not a democracy!
- ◆ Board orientation — everyone wins

9:45 a.m. — Legal/legislative

- ◆ Tales of tuition, custody and attendance
- ◆ The State Teachers Retirement System plan to strengthen the financial condition of the retirement system
- ◆ Ohio legislative update

11:15 a.m. — Hot topics

- ◆ Collaborating to create focus — Ohio superintendent evaluation system
- ◆ Reducing costs and improving outcomes through instructional and operational shared services
- ◆ Getting to the CORE — Preparing Ohio's students for college and careers

12:30 p.m. — Closing luncheon with Dr. Ray Guarendi



Ohio School Boards Association

April 29-30, 2011 • Hilton Columbus/Polaris, north Columbus

OSBA communication services webinar:

Expand your district's reach – tapping the power of social media

Wednesday, April 20 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.



Social media tools enable your school district to communicate much more widely than in the past. Teachers, students, parents and your community are connected via Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and more. Is your district taking advantage of the incredible potential of this 21st century tool?

This webinar will examine the basic types of social media and effective ways to use them to communicate with constituents. We also will briefly review how public record and open meeting laws apply when schools communicate with social media.

The webinar will be held from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20. Register today by contacting Laurie Miller at Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. The registration fee is \$35.



Senate Bill 5: Management's Perspective

Tuesday, April 19
OSBA office, Columbus

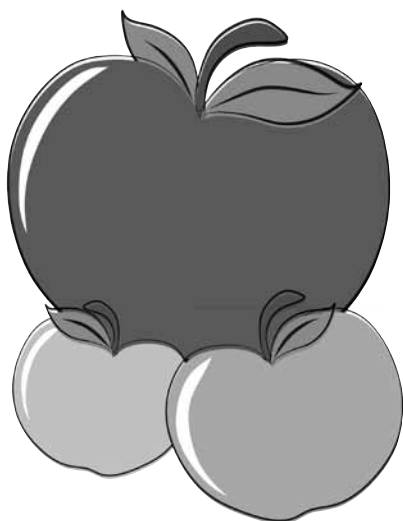
9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Cost is \$140

Without doubt, Senate Bill (SB) 5 has become one of the most controversial bills Ohio has seen in recent memory. The collective bargaining reforms are expansive and their impact reaches far beyond the bargaining table. However, understanding the hows and whys of these reforms is difficult and the practical application of many of the changes is daunting. OSBA, with assistance from the law firm of Walter & Haverfield LLP and Huffmaster Crisis Management, will present a unique look at SB 5 from three distinct perspectives: the negotiator's, the board member's and a security consultant's. We'll look at negotiations, benefits, policy, human resources, strategies for implementing changes and what options unions now have to contest these changes. We'll also provide the latest legislative news related to SB 5, discuss effective dates and how contract rollovers or extensions can help or hinder the process. A complete analysis of the bill's provisions will be distributed and included in the discussions.

Agenda:

8:30 a.m.	Registration	12:30 p.m.	The board's perspective
9 a.m.	Welcome and introductions	2 p.m.	Break
9:10 a.m.	SB 5 overview, analysis and updates	2:15 p.m.	The security consultant's perspective
10 a.m.	The negotiator's perspective	3 p.m.	Panel discussion and questions
11:30 a.m.	Lunch (provided)	3:30 p.m.	Adjourn

Presenters: *Eric Johnson, Esq.*, Walter & Haverfield LLP; *Woodie Goodnight*, consultant, Huffmaster Crisis Management; and *Van D. Keating*, director of management services, and *Renee L. Fambro*, deputy director of labor relations, OSBA



Management Development Series #2: **Implementing Healthy Choices for Healthy Children (SB 210) — It may not be as bad as you think!**

*Tuesday, May 10
OSBA office, Columbus*

*10 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.
Cost is \$80*

Senate Bill (SB) 210 is causing quite a stir in school districts around the state. Body mass index (BMI) screenings, nutrition consultations and guidelines, physical activity reporting and report card information are all pieces of this giant puzzle. Fortunately, there are school districts that are already doing these things and experts in the educational community who can help your district.

Attend this workshop to learn how some school districts in northeast Ohio have navigated the rough waters of BMI screenings with the help of the Cleveland Clinic. Hear from the School Nutrition Association of Ohio how it is helping school districts implement the nutritional guidelines of the bill. Learn from the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) and the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) what is actually expected and required from school districts, as well as ODE's other responsibilities under this bill.

Registration will begin at 9:45 a.m. The registration fee will include materials, lunch and refreshments. Space is limited, so register today!

Agenda

9:45 a.m.	Registration and refreshments	11:15 a.m.	Implementing nutritional guidelines and the myths of school lunches <i>Beth Spinks, School Nutrition Association of Ohio</i>
9:55 a.m.	Welcome		
10 a.m.	Navigating through student wellness and BMI screenings <i>Marty Cool and Marty Motsco, First Ring Superintendents' Collaborative; and Persis Sosiak, Cleveland Clinic</i>	12:15 p.m.	Lunch (provided)
		12:45 p.m.	Reporting requirements and responsibilities <i>Laura Rooney, coordinated school health manager, ODH, and ODH co-presenters</i>
11 a.m.	Morning break		

Cyberlaw

Technology and the Law Seminar

Tuesday, May 17

Embassy Suites,
Dublin

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tuition is \$140



AGENDA

8:30 a.m. Registration

9 a.m. **Following the e-trail — use of electronic records in disciplinary cases**
Employees frequently create electronic records that demonstrate misconduct. However, districts face issues when seeking records created outside the workplace or with privately owned devices. This session will discuss these issues and explain how telephone, credit card, e-mail and other electronic records may be used in disciplinary investigations and proceedings.
Patrick J. Schmitz, Esq., Scott, Scriven & Wahoff LLP, Columbus

9:45 a.m. **Fired over Facebook**
An employer's ability to discipline or terminate employees for the revelations they make and the interactions they have with students on social media websites like Facebook is an emerging legal issue. Join Akron City Schools general counsel for a discussion on this hot legal topic.
Rhonda J. Porter, general counsel, Akron City

10:30 a.m. Break

10:40 a.m. **Big Brother is watching — surveillance cameras in school settings**
Districts face many issues when they bring surveillance cameras into their schools. They include privacy considerations, record retention and disclosure, and the use of video recordings for disciplinary or evaluative purposes. This session will provide an overview of these issues and offer best practices for those districts that choose to use surveillance cameras.
Sara C. Clark, deputy director of legal services, OSBA

11:45 a.m. Lunch (provided)

12:45 p.m. **Acceptable-use policies and today's technology**
A well-written acceptable-use policy is essential for ensuring successful, equitable and cost-effective technology use in the district. This session will identify ways that school districts can strengthen their acceptable-use policies to keep current with technological trends, including Internet use in the classroom and district-assigned technology.
William M. Deters II, Esq., Ennis Roberts Fischer Co. LPA, Cincinnati

2 p.m. Break

2:10 p.m. **Before you hit 'send' — the legal challenges associated with e-mail**
The electronic age has brought new challenges when it comes to public records, the Sunshine Law and records retention. Learn how the relevant laws apply to e-mail and other electronic records, along with practical advice about retention and disposal of electronic records.
Adam C. Miller, Esq., Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff LLP, Columbus

3 p.m. Adjourn

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



2011 Student Achievement Fair

OSBA Capital Conference

Nov. 15, 2011

OSBA invites your school district to:

- *Showcase an outstanding performing group!*
- *Showcase the exemplary programs that are improving student achievement in your district!*
- *Show us your best programs and tell us about your best practices!*

The OSBA Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair highlights outstanding initiatives from school districts across the state. OSBA is seeking another round of fresh, innovative programs or practices your district is willing to share with thousands of Ohio school district representatives. Programs and practices will be selected based on creativity and impact on student achievement. While multiple programs may be submitted for consideration, no more than two per district will be selected, so districts should prioritize their submissions.

Performing groups also will be selected to entertain attendees during the Student Achievement Fair. To be considered, submit an audio or video recording of the performing group.

Student Achievement Fair application

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2011 ● 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

____ Enclosed is a concise title and description of our **student achievement program** in 25 words or less, including what we think others will learn from our booth. (You may submit additional material that describes your program.)

Will you need electricity? Yes No

____ Enclosed is a title and description of the **performing group** that we would like to showcase at the Student Achievement Fair. (Include an audio or video recording of the performing group.)

Title of program or performing group: _____

Description: _____

Submitted by: _____ Title: _____

(Please inform the contact person as to your submission.)

Daytime phone: () _____ E-mail: _____

(Please print)

Contact person: _____ Title: _____

Daytime phone: () _____ E-mail: _____

(Please print)

Superintendent: _____ E-mail: _____

(Please print)

School district: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Ohio ZIP: _____

If selected, your district's program will be showcased in a 10x10-foot booth that can accommodate up to five people. (More details to follow). Applications may be submitted online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/SAF, or mail **student achievement program** applications to **Kathy LaSota**, deputy director of school board services, OSBA, 8050 N. High St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235. Mail your completed **performing group** application, with recording, to **Cheryl W. Ryan**, school board services consultant, at the above address. Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/SAF for specific details regarding the Student Achievement Fair. **Application deadline is Friday, April 22, 2011.**



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Senate Bill 5 — Managment's Perspective Workshop

April 19, Columbus, \$140

Expand your district's reach — tapping the power of social media webinar

April 20, webinar, \$35

Board Leadership Institute

April 29-30, Columbus, \$235

MDS #2: Senate Bill 210

May 10, Columbus, \$80

Cyberlaw Workshop

May 17, Dublin, \$140

OSBA Workshop Registration Form

Workshop name _____ Workshop date _____
 Attendee name _____ Title _____
 Daytime phone _____ E-mail _____
 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 e-mail Laurie Miller at Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. Include a purchase order number with fax or e-mail.



_____ *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 e-mail confirmation of registration if an e-mail 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, e-mail 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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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.



E-mail 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. Events are listed at the bottom of the page.

Cancellation and refund policy

- Cancellations received by OSBA at least four workdays before the date of the workshop will receive a full refund or no charge to the district.
- Cancellations received less than four workdays before the date of the workshop will have one-third of the fee charged to the district.
- No-shows and cancellations the day of the workshop will be charged the full registration amount.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Michelle Francis, lobbyist

Gov. Kasich releases biennial budget proposal

Gov. **John Kasich** has released the “Blue Book” outline of his biennial budget proposal for fiscal year (FY) 2012 and FY 2013. It contains total line-item amounts for education programs. The Office of Budget and Management (OBM) has promised that district-by-district simulations will be released soon.

As for the bill itself, placeholder legislation was introduced in the House — House Bill (HB) 153 — but no actual bill language has been released. Reports indicate that language will be available before the end of March. Even though hearings have begun in the House Finance and Appropriations Committee, we cannot determine the real impact of any changes on schools until the bill language is available.

Initial reports from the administration portrayed basic aid funding for education as an “increase” in state funds. However, the decision not to replace federal stimulus monies, which supported the school-funding formula along with state dollars in the last state budget, results in a loss of \$1.4 billion for school districts over the biennium, compared to FY 2011 levels. This, along with an approximately one-half reduction in replacement

dollars for the loss of the local tangible personal property (TPP) tax, puts the cuts to education at more than \$3.1 billion over the biennium. This results in a net loss in education funding.

OSBA and the Ohio Association of School Business Officials issued a joint press release clarifying the impact of the governor’s budget proposal on schools. The \$3.1 billion loss in funding cannot be absorbed without major cuts to programs and staff over the next two years. While school districts had been preparing for a reduction in state aid, the realities of this proposal are alarming. Districts will be forced to shift a bigger burden of the cost of funding their education programs to local taxpayers, while the public is being told that state funding for education is increasing.

We do not have details at this time about the proposed legislative changes aimed at helping school districts reduce costs that have been cited by the governor and his staff. However, it is unlikely that those mentioned — health care pooling, changes in procedures for reduction in force and new regional shared services — will make any substantive difference in the upcoming budget cycle.

The following is a brief list of some observations about the proposed budget, as we understand it so far:

Total education budget

- Reduced by 11.5% from FY 11 to FY 12, and 4.9% from FY 12 to FY 13. This includes all education line items for public, private and charter schools, as well as the Ohio Department of Education operating budget.
- The Ohio Evidence Based Model (OEBM) for funding education would be repealed.

Tangible personal property tax

- Eliminates the 70% earmark in current law of the Commercial Activities Tax (CAT) for schools. Under current law, 70% of CAT revenues go to the TPP tax reimbursements for schools.
- The TPP tax line item is reduced by 37.2% in FY 2012 and 34.2% in FY 2013, an accumulated one-half reduction from FY 2011.
- It appears that there will be a 2% cap on the amount of total revenue *loss* districts could experience as a result of the TPP tax reimbursement reduction.
- An OBM source has clarified that, generally, the calculation will

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be based on total resources available to the district.

- The reduction of the TPP tax reimbursement payments will be limited to no more than 2% of the total amount of those resources.
- OBM has indicated a new 15-year phase out of the payments for those districts that rely heavily on TPP tax replacement.
- Districts that do not meet the 2% threshold would not receive any TPP tax replacement payments in this biennium.
- The same formula also will apply to the utility TPP tax and the kilowatt-hour tax.

Other funding

- The career-tech foundation funding line item is flat-lined in both years of the budget.
- Gifted education funding is moved to the basic aid support for schools districts. Spending requirements for gifted education are eliminated. Included in this program series is funding only for gifted units provided by educational service centers.

Governance

- Would allow parents and teachers to take over schools. Details of this takeover proposal are not yet available, but we will have more information once we see the actual bill language.
- Expands shared services through seven regional shared service support groups.

Personnel

- Contribution levels for the five

state retirement systems would be changed to 12% for both employees and employers.

- Reductions in force for teachers would focus on evaluation, rather than the current last-in, first-out practice.

School choice

- Doubles the number of Education Choice Vouchers available.
- Eliminates the cap on the number of charter schools.
- Details about the expansion of “choice” are not yet available, but it is likely that the increase in the number of students taking vouchers or attending charter schools would be funded through deductions from school district state funding.

As additional information on the budget becomes available, we will share it with members. Throughout this budget process, over the next three or four months, please watch for budget updates in “Facts in a Flash” and “Calls to Action.”

House Bill 30 sent to governor

HB 30 has been passed by both chambers and is on its way to the governor for his signature. The legislation, sponsored by Rep. **Randy Gardner** (R-Bowling Green), would eliminate spending and reporting requirements for most components of OEBM. OSBA was successful in working with Gardner to make several changes to the bill from its “as-introduced” version.

Following are provisions from the final version of HB 30 as sent to the governor:

- Eliminates the all-day kindergarten requirement.
- Allows school districts to continue charging tuition for all-day kindergarten (on a sliding scale, based on wealth).
- Eliminates spending and reporting requirements related to OEBM components (except for gifted education funding).
- Delays implementation of gifted education spending rules for two years, until July 1, 2013 (spending rules would be completely eliminated under the governor’s budget).
- Eliminates the set-aside requirements for textbooks and instructional materials.
- Retains the Ohio School Funding Advisory Council.
- Retains the current requirement for a five-year financial forecast.

Thanks to everyone who contacted policymakers about HB 30 throughout the legislative process. We believe there were several improvements to the bill because of your input. And thank you to Gardner for agreeing to our changes and working with us on this legislation. HB 30 will become effective 90 days after the governor signs it.

For the latest legislative updates, please contact the OSBA legislative services division at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.

Editor’s Note: All information in this article was current as of March 17.



PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Gary Motz, editorial manager

Oakwood project shows residents how to save on energy costs

Oakwood City science students are using what they've learned in the classroom to offer real-world solutions to rising energy bills.

Oakwood High School recently hosted an energy fair to give residents the results of energy audits students conducted on homes in the district. Dozens of residents attended the fair to pick up energy audit report cards and learn how they could cut their gas and electricity bills.

The free audit was based on

information community members had previously given to students, such as copies of utility bills and the square footage of their homes. Students from the school's 80-member energy team analyzed the data with a formula designed by a University of Dayton professor.

The report card graded the efficiency of residents' heating, cooling, water heating, lighting and appliance systems. It also compared each house's usage with

that of an average home; pointed out areas with the greatest savings potential; and included a five-year forecast of how much could be saved.

Students also joined contractors at the fair to share energy-saving strategies with residents.

The audit program will run for the rest of the school year. Audit request forms are posted online and available at a number of places in the community.

Source: *Dayton Daily News*

Funding opportunities, continued from page 4

Contact: www.aaas.org/aboutaaas/awards/hs_scied_leadership/

Seeking breakthrough schools

The MetLife Foundation and the National Association of Secondary School Principals are seeking high-achieving middle and high schools whose best practices and outstanding results can help other schools with their school improvement efforts.

Maximum awards: \$5,000

Eligibility: must have 40% or more students eligible for free and reduced-price meals

Deadline: June 1

Contact: <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/56752/>

Award for the parent group of the year

PTO Today Inc. invites school parent groups to enter the Parent Group of the Year 2011 contest. Entrants may choose from eight categories, including Outstanding Family Event, Outstanding Community Service Project and Outstanding New Group. Applicants may use this as an opportunity to showcase their hard work while giving their schools the chance to win cash and prizes.

Maximum awards: \$3,000

Eligibility: school parent groups including PTO, PTA, HSA or PTC

Deadline: June 1

Contact: www.ptotoday.com/pgy

Encouraging educator collaboration

The Gale/Library Media Connection TEAMS Award encourages collaboration between the teacher and media specialist to promote learning, increase student achievement and develop 21st century learning skills. Examples that will be considered include increasing literacy among struggling readers; using classroom libraries to support reading; and integrating reference resources into classroom learning.

Maximum award: \$2,500

Eligibility: K-12 public schools

Deadline: June 15

Contact: www.galeschools.com/TEAMS

March 2011

- 28 SchoolComp Workshop Columbus
- 29 OSBA Why strategic plan webinar
- 31 *Last day to take action to nonrenew contracts of administrators other than superintendent — RC 3319.02.*

April 2011

- 4 *Last day for voter registration for May election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30 days prior to the election).*
- 9-11 NSBA 71st Annual Conference & Exposition San Francisco
- 14 OSBA Southwest Region Executive Committee Meeting Xenia
- 15 *Last day for certain board members and administrators to file financial disclosure forms with the Ohio Ethics Commission — RC 102.02.*
- 19 OSBA SB 5: Management Perspective Workshop Columbus
- 20 Expand your district's reach — tapping the power of social media webinar
- 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).*

- 29 *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).*
- 29-30 OSBA Board Leadership Institute Columbus
- 30 *Last day to give written notice of intent not to re-employ teachers — RC 3319.11(D) (1); and nonteaching employees — RC 4141.29(1)(1)(e).*

May 2011

- 1 OSBA Southeast Region Executive Committee Meeting Zanesville
- 3 *Primary/Special Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after the first Monday).*
- 4 OSBA Small School District Advisory Network Meeting 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).*
- 13 OSBA Executive Committee Meeting Columbus
- 14 OSBA Board of Trustees Meeting Columbus
- 17 OSBA Cyberlaw Workshop Dublin
- 25 OSBA Transportation Roundtable Columbus

June 2011

- 10 OSBA OCSBA Spring Seminar.. Newark
- 12 OSBA Northwest Region Executive Committee Meeting TBD
- 24 OSBA Sports Law Workshop Columbus
- 30 2010-2011 school year ends — RC 3313.62.