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OSBA seeking nominations for association's highest honor

The nomination process for the All-Ohio School Board award — OSBA's most prestigious honor — is now open. Five Ohio board members will take the stage at the Capital Conference in November to receive this highly sought-after award. The program recognizes board members who demonstrate outstanding boardmanship and service to public education. One board member from each of OSBA's five regions will be named to the All-Ohio School Board. A brochure with more information and a nomination form has been mailed to all school board members. For further details, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/40919>. The nomination deadline is June 30.

Appeals court sides with transgender teen's case against school board

A Virginia federal appeals court has ruled a transgender student who was born as a girl can sue his school board for discrimination because the board banned him from using the boys' restrooms at his high school. The court gave deference to the U.S. Department of Education's position that transgender students be allowed to use restrooms matching their gender identity. The department contends that making transgender students use a restroom matching their biological sex violates Title IX, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex at schools receiving federal funds.

Guidance offers tips on maximizing federal STEM funding

The U.S. Department of Education has issued a guidance letter to states on how to maximize the use of federal funds to improve STEM education opportunities. Among the topics the letter discusses is using federal grants to address gaps in STEM education for historically under-served students. The goal is to help states and their school districts close opportunity gaps and improve educational outcomes for all students. For further information, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/49908>.

Education secretary urges more socioeconomic, racial diversity in schools

In a recent speech in Washington, U.S. Secretary of Education Dr. John B. King Jr. called for schools and communities to collaborate to make schools more racially and socioeconomically diverse. He cited one of his top priorities, Stronger Together, a competitive grant program in President Barack Obama's proposed 2017 budget that would fund school programs that foster socioeconomic and racial diversity.

OSBA seeks high school video team to create conference documentary

Does your high school video team have what it takes to cover a statewide education conference and create a brief, compelling documentary of the event? If so, nominate those students to bring their skills to Columbus for the 2016 OSBA Capital

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- ☐ Transportation supervisors

Conference. The winning team will attend the Nov. 13-16 conference to film a variety of events and conduct interviews. Students then will edit the footage to create a 10-minute documentary that will be streamed on OSBA's website, shared with other state school boards associations and used to promote the conference, which draws nearly 10,000 attendees. The program provides students real-world experience and a chance to interact with Ohio's top education leaders. Nominations can be submitted at <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/svdt>. The deadline is Sept. 9. For details, contact OSBA's **Drew Clark** at (800) 589-OSBA or dclark@ohioschoolboards.org.

Showcase your schools at Student Achievement Fair

OSBA is seeking innovative academic programs and student performing groups to highlight at

Superintendent dons hair net, helps prepare lunch

Vincent S. Colaluca's job duties make no mention of a hair net, but the **Austintown Local (Mahoning)** superintendent has been spotted wearing one.

At least twice last month, Colaluca rolled up his sleeves and prepared lunch for hundreds of students due to a shortage of staff.

"We welcome anyone to come out and volunteer in the kitchen," he told a local TV station.

A photo submitted by the district shows Colaluca wearing a hair net and slicing carrots with cafeteria staff.

Colaluca also is handy behind the wheel. He recently took home three elementary school students after their regular bus couldn't turn around due to construction.

Source: WFMJ-TV

the 2016 Student Achievement Fair. Set for Nov. 15 at the Capital Conference in Columbus, the fair features 100 displays of student programs and five entertainment groups. For details and to submit nominations, visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations>.

Association offers customized strategic planning services

OSBA's strategic planning services are customized to meet the needs of individual school districts. Expert consultants oversee every phase of the process, resulting in a plan that breathes new life into your district and provides a guide for the future. The fee-based service is designed to engage all of a district's vital stakeholder groups. For more information, contact **Cheryl W. Ryan** at cryan@ohioschoolboards.org, (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

OSBA staff members and Ohio education leaders played a big role at the National School Boards Association Annual Conference and Exposition in April. Photos from the event are posted on OSBA's Flickr page at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/21006>.



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BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, administrative assistant of communication services

OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

District

① Dayton City

Deadline

June 1

Contact

OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

Treasurer

District

① Celina City

② Dayton City

Deadline

May 20

Contact

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Board changes

Avon Local (Lorain) Board of Education member **Scott Radcliffe** announced his resignation effective April 11. He was appointed to a position on the Avon City Council. ●●● **Bowling Green City** Board of Education member Dr. **Edward G. Whipple** announced his resignation effective April 19. He is moving out of the state. ●●● **Circleville City** appointed **Daniel V. Bradhurst** to the board effective March 30. He replaced **John Moats**, who resigned. ●●● **Nelsonville-York City** appointed **Daniel McDonald** to the board effective April 6. He replaced **Ernest Perkins**, who resigned. ●●● **Southeastern Local (Clark)** Board of Education member **Tammy Severt Stoops** announced her resignation effective April 12.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Allen County ESC hired **Stephen E. Arnold** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace Dr. **Dean Wittwer**, who is retiring. Arnold currently is the superintendent at **Wayne Trace Local (Paulding)**. ●●● **Brecksville-Broadview Heights City** hired **Joelle M. Magyar** as superintendent effective June 1. She will replace Interim Superintendent Dr. **P. Joseph Madak**. Magyar currently is the assistant superintendent at **Mayfield City**. ●●● **Circleville City** hired Assistant Superintendent **Jonathan Davis** as superintendent effective July 1. He will replace Interim Superintendent **John A. Edgar**. ●●● **Crestview Local (Columbiana)** hired **Matthew Manley** as superintendent effective July 1. He will replace **John A. Dilling**, who is retiring. Manley currently is an elementary school principal and director of development at **West Branch Local (Mahoning)**. ●●● **Fairborn City** Superintendent **Terry L. Riley** resigned effective April 15. The board hired **Ed Gibbons** as interim superintendent effective March 15. Gibbons will be replaced by **Mark O. North**, who was hired as superintendent effective Aug. 1. ●●● **Fairfield Union Local (Fairfield)** hired **Jon Chad Belville** as assistant superintendent effective immediately and

Editor's note

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

as superintendent effective Aug. 1. Belville will replace **Wyvonna Jan Broughton**, who is retiring. Belville will continue to serve as high school principal at **Fairland Local (Lawrence)** through July. ●●● **Gahanna-Jefferson City** hired **Steve Barrett** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace Interim Superintendent **Scott Schmidt**. Barrett currently is the superintendent at **Kirtland Local (Lake)**. ●●● **Huntington Local (Ross)** hired **Pete Ruby** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Keith Stevenson**, who is retiring. Ruby currently is the superintendent at **Adena Local (Ross)**. ●●● **Lake Local (Stark)** hired **Kevin T. Tobin** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Jeffrey Wendorf**, who took the superintendent position at **North Canton City**. Tobin currently is the district's business manager and facilities project manager. ●●● **New Albany-Plain Local (Franklin)** hired **Michael Sawyers** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **April Domine**, who took a position at Gahanna Christian Academy. Sawyers currently is the district's chief of operations.

Treasurers

Canal Winchester Local (Franklin) hired **Nick Roberts** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Joyce A. Boyer**, who is retiring. Roberts currently is the treasurer at **Licking Heights Local (Licking)**. ●●● **Indian Hill EV** hired **Mick Davis** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Julia Toth**, who is retiring. Davis currently is the treasurer at **Celina City**.

Sympathies

Former **Chagrin Falls EV** Board of Education member **Harry Cashy** died April 13. He was 55. ●●● Former **Madison Local (Butler)** Board of Education member **Hugh L. Palmer** died April 6. He was 80. ●●● Former **Massillon City** Board of Education member **Thomas W. Kimmins** died April 15. He was 81. ●●● Former **North Union Local (Union)** Board of Education member **Thomas H. Shields** died April 18. He was 80. ●●● **Elmo F. Smalley**, a member of the former **Scioto County School Board** and **Scioto County Career Technical Center** and **Southeastern Local (Ross)** boards of education, died April 9. He was 88. ●●● Former **Struthers City** Board of Education member **Joseph Edwards** died April 4. He was 73. ●●● Former **Tuscarawas Valley Local (Tuscarawas)** Board of Education member **John Dutton** died April 15. He was 99.



REGIONAL ROUNDUP

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

Spring conferences highlight member, district achievements

More than 1,000 school board members, administrators, teachers and guests gathered to recognize the achievements of many at OSBA's recent spring regional conferences.

Held at six locations across the state, the biannual events — which also take place in the fall — provide the opportunity for attendees to meet with colleagues and develop new contacts in their regions.

OSBA President **Eric K. Germann**, **Lincolnview Local (Van Wert)** and **Vantage Career Center**, OSBA Executive Director **Richard Lewis** and other OSBA staff met attendees and provided updates at the conferences.

Attendance at regional conferences allows board members to earn five credits toward the OSBA Award of Achievement. Visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/43085> or contact OSBA

for information about the program.

The regional managers who oversee the spring and fall conferences submit reports about their events. Following is a summary. Visit OSBA's Flickr page at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/81312> to view photos from the conferences.

Learn more about OSBA's regions by visiting www.ohioschoolboards.org/regions or

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contacting your regional manager.

Central Region

*by Kim Miller-Smith
regional manager*

Central Region President **Kevin Crosthwaite, North Union Local (Union)**, presided over the March 9 Central Region Spring Conference at Villa Milano in Columbus.

More than 260 people representing 38 of the region's districts registered for the event, which featured presentations from OSBA President Germann, OSBA Executive Director Lewis and OSBA Lobbyist **Jennifer Hogue**. North Union Local's NUAge a cappella group provided an excellent dinner performance.

Attendees also heard from a panel of **Hamilton Local (Franklin)** speakers who discussed the district's academic, financial and cultural turnaround. The district was honored as the region's only 2015 National Blue Ribbon School, a program that recognizes elementary and secondary schools that make significant progress in closing achievement gaps.

Thirteen school districts were recognized for their outstanding programs displayed at the 2015 OSBA Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair.

School board members received well-deserved recognition for their milestone years of service. Five board members were recognized for 10 years of service and 13 for 15 years of service.

Former **Licking County ESC** board member **Laurie A. Montgomery** was acknowledged for 20 years of service.

Five school board members who have participated in extensive professional development and shown leadership at the local and state levels were presented the OSBA Award of Achievement.

Bloom-Carroll Local (Fairfield) board member **Ronald Rae Fowler** and former **Westfall Local (Pickaway)** board member **Sean Ruth** were honored for achieving Master Board Member status.

Save the date for the Central Region Fall Conference Sept. 28.

Northeast Region

*by Reno Contipelli
regional manager*

March 30 marked the Northeast Region's Spring Conference.

Wellsville Local's (Columbiana) Wellsville High School was the setting for this recognition and meeting of local school board members and administrators from districts throughout the region's 19 counties.

Extra thanks go to Wellsville Local Superintendent **Richard E. Bereschik**, the board of education, high school staff and caterer **Bill Ricciardulli** for their help with set up, arrangements and organization of the conference.

The Northeast Region Executive Committee also would like to thank Piper Jaffray Cos., Wellsville Area Chamber of Commerce, Amato Law Office, Wellsville Lions Club and former **Trumbull**

County ESC board member **Albert Haberstroh** for their generous donations to support the conference.

Northeast Region President **Thomas F. Brophey**, Wellsville Local, facilitated the evening's program, which began with a social hour and networking followed by dinner. Wellsville Local's Garfield Elementary School Chorus entertained arriving guests, and Wellsville High School's Ebony and Ivory show choir, under the direction of teacher **Aaron Bunfill**, performed after dinner.

OSBA President Germann provided a warm welcome and urged attendees to get more involved in the defense of public education. OSBA Executive Director Lewis provided updates on OSBA programs and initiatives and told a heartfelt story about his son and how teachers have an impact on children.

OSBA Lobbyist Hogue provided a legislative update and an outlook on election-year politics. She urged attendees to remain active with their representatives.

Brophey and Germann assisted Lewis and OSBA Deputy Executive Director **Rob Delane** in presenting the evening's awards and recognitions.

The third annual President's Award was presented to Haberstroh. The award honors individuals who have dedicated their lives and careers to improving public education.

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Two of the region's three nominees for Ohio Teacher of the Year also were recognized.

For the first time, the region honored its National Blue Ribbon Schools, **Loudonville-Perrysville EV's R.F. McMullen Elementary School** and **Columbiana EV's South Side Middle School**.

Thirteen board members received the Award of Achievement, and Dr. **John H. Kelly, North Royalton City**, was recognized for attaining Master Board Member status. The region also acknowledged board members with 10, 15 and 20 years

of service.

The Northeast Region looks forward to returning to the Galaxy Banquet Center for its fall conference Oct. 5.

Northwest Region

by Dr. Judy Jackson May
regional manager

The 69th Northwest Region Spring Conference, with more than 200 guests in attendance, was held March 10 in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom at Bowling Green State University (BGSU).

The location held special significance in commemorating 60

years of collaboration between the region and the university's educational administration and supervision master's degree program.

All six of the region's managers have served as professors in the program. The longest serving, the late Dr. **Neil Pohlmann** (1974-1996), touched the lives of hundreds of BGSU graduates who credit their success to his tutelage and care.

To recognize his contributions and support of public education, two annual awards were created in

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Celebrate the stars in your district at the OSBA Student Achievement Fair

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2016 • 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. • Greater Columbus Convention Center

The OSBA Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair highlights outstanding student performance groups and fresh, innovative initiatives from school districts across the state. The fair will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2016, during the OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show.

OSBA will choose one school district performing group from each of the association's five regions to perform during the Student Achievement Fair. Each group will perform for 20 minutes. To nominate a performing group, submit a nomination at <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations> and email a video audition or YouTube link to **Teri Morgan**, deputy director of school board services, at tmorgan@ohioschoolboards.org. Only electronic recordings will be accepted.

OSBA also is accepting nominations for district programs that improve student achievement. For more ideas, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/60021> to view the list of 2015 Student Achievement Fair district programs. One hundred programs highlighting student achievement will be selected. Nominate your program at <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/saf-nominations>.

The nomination deadline is Friday, June 24. Nominate a student performing group or district program today!





Save the date

Mark your calendar for these important workshops.

May 10

*OSBA Master of Transportation
Administration Program: Hot topics, safety,
trends and statistics*
OSBA office, Columbus
\$90, half day

May 17

New Board Member Series: Legal issues
\$35, webinar

June 17

OCSBA School Attorney Workshop
Nationwide Hotel & Conference Center,
Lewis Center
\$200, full day

June 24

Sports Law Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
\$150, full day

July 16

New Board Member Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
\$160, full day

July 21

*New Board Member Series Workshop: How's
it going so far?*
OSBA office, Columbus
\$90, half day

August 5

*Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law
Workshop*
Nationwide Hotel & Conference Center,
Lewis Center
\$160, full day

September 8

Treasurers Clinic
OSBA office, Columbus
\$160, full day

September 13

Treasurers Clinic
Ohio University Inn & Conference Center,
Athens
\$160, full day

September 14

Diversity and Inclusion in the Law Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
\$90, half day

September 15

Social media webinar
\$35, webinar

September 16

Treasurers Clinic
The Galaxy Banquet Center, Wadsworth
\$160, full day

September 21

Management Development Series #3
OSBA office, Columbus
\$90, half day

September 23

OSBA Child Welfare Seminar
OSBA office, Columbus
\$150, full day

September 28

New Board Member webinar: Policy
\$35, webinar

September 29

Treasurers Clinic
Hilton Garden Inn Dayton South,
Miamisburg
\$160, full day

October 5

Hot Topics in School Law Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
\$150, full day

October 6

Treasurers Clinic
Hilton Garden Inn, Findlay
\$160, full day

October 7

OSBA/OHSPRA Communication Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
\$150, full day

October 11

Treasurers Clinic
Kent State University at Tuscarawas, New
Philadelphia
\$160, full day

October 12

*OSBA Master of Transportation
Administration Program: Payment in lieu of
transportation/school choice transportation*
OSBA office, Columbus
\$90, half day

October 14

Administrative Professionals Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
\$90, half day

October 18

*OSBA Master of Transportation
Administration Program: Payment in lieu of
transportation/school choice transportation*
OSBA office, Columbus
\$90, half day

October 19

*New Board Member webinar: Security and
safety*
\$35, webinar

October 26

Management Development Series #4
OSBA office, Columbus
\$90, half day

October 27

School Law for Treasurers Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
\$150, full day

November 13-16

OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show
Greater Columbus Convention Center,
Columbus

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.

May 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.



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Division of School Board Services
Ohio School Boards Association

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. Webinars for 2016 include:

- 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.

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WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

OSBA MTA program

☐ May 10, Columbus, \$90

New Board Member Webinar: Legal issues

☐ May 17, \$35

New Board Member Webinar: Security and safety

☐ Oct. 19, \$35

New Board Member Webinar: Policy

☐ Sept. 28, \$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.



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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.



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43235-6481



Phone
or fax

OSBA Registration Hotline,
(614) 540-4000, ext. 300;
toll free (800) 589-OSBA,
ext. 300; or fax us at
(614) 540-4100.



Email registrations can be sent to Laurie Miller at Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. Please include a purchase order number.

Cancellation and refund policy

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

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his honor in 2015, including the Neil Pohlmann Award of Excellence in Education and a scholarship.

The first recipients were **Everett Harris, Springfield Local (Lucas)**, and **Gloria Gajewicz, a Bowling Green City** teacher and second-year student in BGSU's doctorate program in leadership studies.

Many BGSU educational administration and supervision program alumni attended the conference. Dr. **Adena Williams Loston**, president of St. Philips College in San Antonio, Texas, prepared a video tribute to Pohlmann.

Region President **Jaimie L. Beamer, Seneca East Local (Seneca)** and **Vanguard-Sentinel Career and Technology Centers**, hosted the program, which began with the presentation of colors by Springfield Local's Springfield High School JROTC Color Guard led by Cadet Major **Mariah Coleman** and coached by retired 1st Sgt. **Ricky D. Thomas**.

Toledo City's Woodward High School The 5th Element vocal jazz group, under the direction of **Joan Simonis**, entertained attendees during dinner.

The evening's keynote speaker, state Sen. **Randy Gardner** (R-Bowling Green), shared memorable stories from his educational and political careers.

OSBA President Germann provided a greeting, and OSBA Executive Director Lewis offered an inspiring tribute to his son, **Jason**, who is a freshman at BGSU

majoring in middle school math education. OSBA Deputy Director of Legislative Services **Jay Smith** provided a legislative update.

OSBA Deputy Executive Director Delane presented the OSBA Award of Achievement to nine board members.

Six school districts were recognized for their outstanding programs displayed at the 2015 OSBA Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair.

Other conference awards and

recognitions included:

- Ohio Teacher of the Year nominee **Natalie K. Danhoff, Bellevue City**;
- Northwest Region Excellence in Community Service Award winners **Rose Belville**, a volunteer at **Oregon City's** Coy Elementary School; **Laura Bryant** and **Bonnie Weaver, Fremont City** Watch D.O.G.S. advisers; and **John Zang, Margaretta Local (Erie)** teacher;
- Northwest Region Humanitarian

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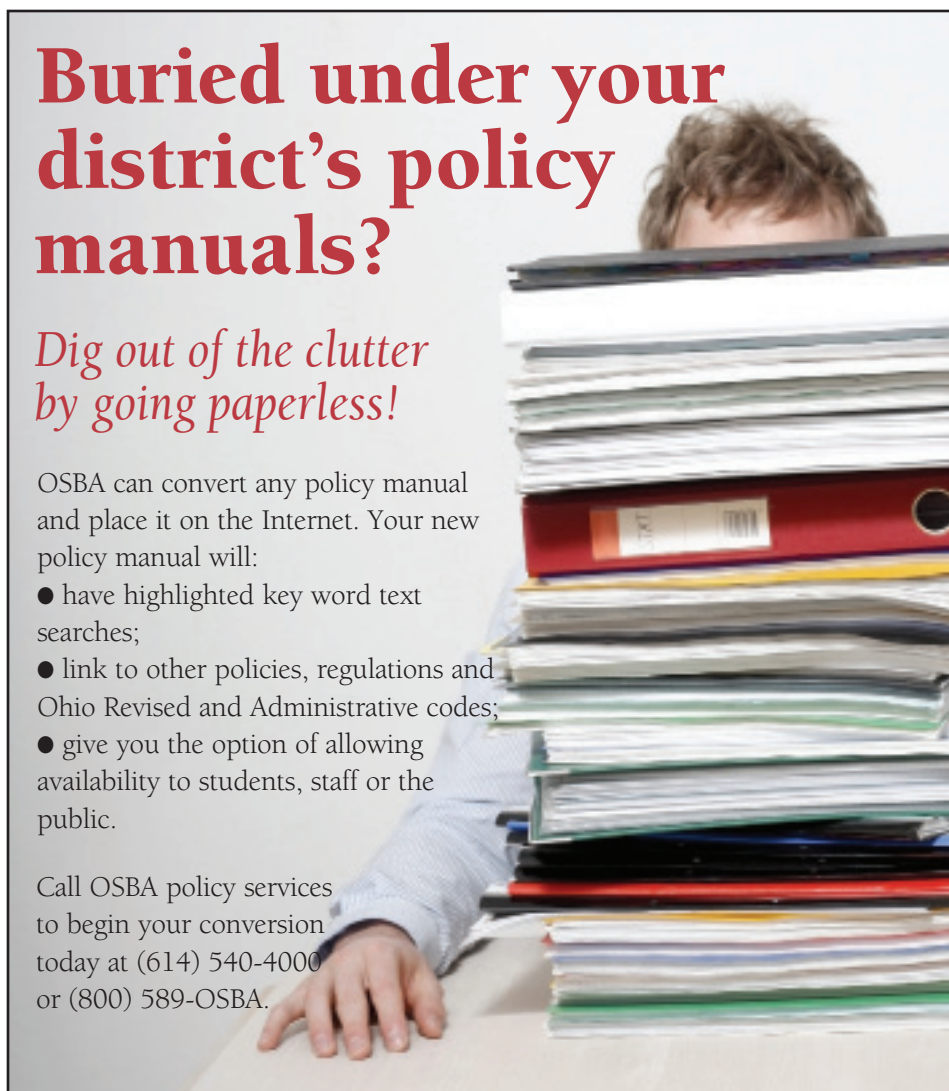
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Award winners Dr. **Susan Miko**, executive director of Toledo Sister Cities International, and the Castalia Lions Club;

● Who's Who in the Northwest Region Excellence Award for Outstanding Leadership winners **Denise Hirt**, director of curriculum, and **Lindsay Rellinger**, director of student services, Fremont City; **Leroy Carroll**, transportation and maintenance director, Margaretta Local; and seniors **Emily Alderman** and **Keely Kipp, Elida Local (Allen)**.

Upcoming dates:

- June 26 — Northwest Region Open House and Legislative Review at Good Shepherd Home, Fostoria
- Oct. 20 — Northwest Region Fall Conference at Vantage Career Center
- Oct. 27 — Northwest Region Fall Conference at **EHOVE Career Center**

Southeast Region

*by Paul D. Mock
regional manager*

The Southeast Region enjoyed two well-attended spring conferences, with 170 registered attendees.

Southeast Region President **Bruce D. Nottke, Athens City and Tri-County Career Center**, presided over both conferences, while OSBA President Germann, OSBA Executive Director Lewis and OSBA Deputy Executive Director Delane provided greetings and updates from the

association.

Meigs Local's (Meigs) Meigs High School in Pomeroy was the setting for the March 15 conference. Students with the National Honor Society and SkillsUSA greeted attendees, and students in the criminal justice program provided parking assistance. Dinner was prepared by Food Service Supervisor **Chrissy Musser** and served by members of the student council and National FFA Organization.

The Meigs High School band, under the direction of **Toney Dingess**, provided entertainment.

OSBA Deputy Director of Management Services **Pete Japikse** and Deputy Director of Legislative Services Smith presented informative and very timely updates.

The region recognized six districts that participated in the 2015 OSBA Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair.

Corby Leach, Logan-Hocking Local (Hocking), was recognized for achieving Master Board Member status. Veteran board members honored for 15 years of service were **Rod Hineman, Washington County Career Center; Ron Logan, Athens-Meigs ESC**; and Nottke. **Fred Davis, Alexander Local (Athens)**, was honored for 35 years of service.

The March 17 conference was held at **Mid-East Career and Technology Centers'** Buffalo Campus in Senecaville. Students in the health technologies program served as greeters, and dinner was

catered by T&J Market and Catering.

East Muskingum Local's (Muskingum) John Glenn High School PanJGea steel drum band was to provide entertainment. Instead, students attended the boys basketball tournament game. The Muskies went on to win a Division II state championship.

OSBA Director of Legislative Services **Damon Asbury** and Japikse provided updates.

Six district programs and **Morgan Local's (Morgan)** Morgan High School Band were recognized for participating in the 2015 Student Achievement Fair.

The region honored **Joseph M. Lovell, Martins Ferry City**, and **Carolyn Nihiser, Muskingum Valley ESC**, for 10 years of service, and **Dan Carpenetti, Cambridge City**, and **Ed McKee, Noble Local (Noble)** for 15 years.

Region Immediate Past President, **Gail Requardt**, East Muskingum Local and Mid-East Career and Technology Centers, will be recognized by her local board and receive a gavel and plaque.

Thanks to all districts that attended and contributed to the success at both locations. Your continued support of the Southeast Region is appreciated.

Southwest Region

*by Ronald J. Diver
regional manager*

'It was a great evening for the conference, with more than 300

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attending. There were 291 registered, plus 30 members of Goshen Local's Goshen High School Chorus, directed by **Jennifer Hansford**; 25 members of the Goshen jazz band; and eight members of the Great Oaks Career Campuses Scarlet Oaks Naval Jr. ROTC cadets.

Southwest Region President-elect **Warren Stevens, Urbana City** and **Ohio Hi-Point Career Center**, led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for those wounded in the February shooting at **Madison Local's (Butler)** Madison High School.

The district's Coordinator Of School-Community Relations **A.J. Huff** was presented a bouquet of red and white carnations. A sign reading "Madison Strong — We stand with the Mohawks" was displayed.

Plaques were presented to the superintendents of career centers that have hosted Southwest Region conferences over the years.

OSBA President Germann and OSBA Executive Director Lewis presented certificates to veteran board members. **Joy Weaver, Montgomery County ESC** and **Miami Valley Career Technology Center**, was honored for 40 years of service.

The late **Marilee Broscheid, Hamilton County ESC** and Great Oaks Career Campuses, was recognized for 30 years of service with a special presentation to her daughter.

Four of the five 35-year board

veterans — **Edward Bosse Jr., Ross Local (Butler)**; **Carole M. Ellis, Mount Healthy City** and Great Oaks Career Campuses; **Gary Roberts, Montgomery County ESC** and Miami Valley Career Technology Center; and **Michael L. Sims, College Corner Local (Preble)** — were in attendance. **Walter Schunk, Southwest Local (Hamilton)**, was honored at a school board meeting before the conference.

Germann and Lewis provided an OSBA welcome and update, and OSBA Director of Legislative Services Asbury highlighted recent legislative activity and what could occur in the next legislative session.

The region's recognition program honored individuals in seven different categories:

- Outstanding administrator — **Christy Fielding, Xenia Community City**
- Outstanding classified staff member — **John Gauche, Fayetteville-Perry Local (Brown)**
- Outstanding faculty member — **Sandy Hempel, Warren County Career Center**
- Outstanding treasurer — **Jerry T. Ellender, Mad River Local (Montgomery)**
- Outstanding superintendent — **Gregg E. Morris, Clark-Shawnee Local (Clark)**
- Outstanding public/community relations person — **Michael Rice, Springfield-Clark Career Technology Center**
- Outstanding board member from a neighboring district — **Bonnie**

Baker-Hicks, Kings Local (Warren)

● Outstanding community business leader — **Greg Hyland**, president of Cooper Electric, nominated by Great Oaks Career Campuses.

Clermont County Chamber of Commerce President **Matt Van Sant** was presented the 2016 President's Award. He also is a member of the Great Oaks Career Campuses board.

Susan E. Blair, Wayne Local (Warren), was recognized for earning Master Board Member status. Twenty-one board members were honored with the Award of Achievement.

The eighth annual Effective School Board awards were presented to 26 board and administrative teams. Twenty-five boards earned the gold level award and one earned the silver level.

Additional activities will be taking place in the region. Nominations are being solicited to honor the region's outstanding student programs; the deadline is June 30. The region also will be mailing forms for the 2016 Effective School Board awards.

The region is encouraging participation in the Student Achievement Fair at the Capital Conference. The deadline is June 24. The region executive committee will meet Aug. 1 at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force in Dayton. The general meeting will be held at Mad River Local's Mad River Middle School later that day.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services

Capital budget, MBR moving through the General Assembly

Before the Ohio General Assembly breaks for summer recess, several pieces of legislation have been targeted as priorities. These bills include the capital budget and some midbiennium budget review (MBR) bills.

As has been the case in the past, MBR legislation introduced in non-biennial budget years often includes many new policy initiatives and reform measures.

However, this year is a little different because K-12 MBR legislation has not been introduced, although provisions in the higher education MBR, House Bill (HB) 474, may affect local school districts through possible changes to the College Credit Plus (CCP) program.

By the time this issue of the Briefcase is published, the governor may already have signed the capital budget legislation, Senate Bill (SB) 310. The capital budget is enacted during even-numbered years and provides appropriations for the repair, reconstruction and construction of capital assets for state agencies, colleges, universities and school districts.

This year, the bill contains \$2.62 billion in capital appropriations for fiscal years 2017-2018, most of which is earmarked for replacing

existing facilities that are no longer cost-effective to repair or maintain.

The budget appropriates \$537 million to the Ohio Department of Higher Education and institutions of higher education across the state.

It also appropriates \$650 million to K-12 education to continue state support for constructing and renovating Ohio's primary and secondary school facilities through the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC). In addition, the budget provides support for programs such as the Classroom Facilities Assistance and Exceptional Needs.

Aside from appropriations, SB 310 also contains provisions that would allow local school districts to forego additional voted bond funding to secure facilities assistance and instead use lease-purchase agreements to generate their share of the money. This proposal stems from a recommendation made by OSFC after conducting a study of the issue.

Current law already allows for lease-purchase agreements on projects but does not include explicit authorization for districts to use them to provide their share for OSFC projects.

According to the bill, districts

would be allowed to use the agreements as long as the financial documents protect the state's superior interest in the project and the financing method is agreed to by OSFC in consultation with the Ohio Department of Education (ODE).

Another SB 310 provision expands local districts' ability to split OSFC projects into segments by lifting a current requirement that each segment be worth at least 2% of a district's tax valuation.

SB 310 was introduced April 12 and approved by the full Senate by a vote of 32-1 on April 20. The House had its first hearing on the bill April 26. Legislative leaders do not anticipate any changes to this legislation since most of the work has occurred behind the scenes over the last several months with the various agencies impacted.

With the MBR legislation, public education leaders should pay close attention to HB 474 as hearings begin in the House Finance Subcommittee on Higher Education. Some of the proposed changes will have a direct effect on local school districts' implementation of the CCP program.

The following provisions are

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

The BEAT delivers learning, community focus

The classroom for more than 35 **Brunswick City** students is far from a typical learning space with desks and chairs.

It's a TV production studio and newsroom that airs programming on a local cable access channel.

Since 2000, The BEAT (Brunswick Educational Access Television), the district's nationally recognized video program, has produced more than 2,000 print, Web (www.thebeat22.com) and video news stories, highlighting

the efforts of education, community and nonprofit groups in Medina County.

"We ask that (students) come up with stories that interest them," BEAT Video Program Advisor **John Wasylo** said. "They're providing a spotlight for events that might not get exposure."

BEAT stories are submitted and published by northeast Ohio media, which can be challenged to cover the area with fewer reporters, according to Wasylo.

Like real-world reporters, students in grades six through 12 who participate in the program have the opportunity to earn a paycheck.

In 2011, students took over management of the station.

Sponsorships, donations and grants help fund The BEAT.

This year, reporters produced a 30-second, award-winning video about safe driving that earned Brunswick High School a \$100,000 grant from State Farm Insurance.

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currently included in HB 474:

- under the default payment structure, ODE must pay the lesser of the applicable default amount or the college's standard rate for an undergraduate course;
- payments made by ODE for a CCP course under an alternative payment structure are prohibited from exceeding the college's standard rate for an undergraduate course if that rate is less than the default ceiling amount;
- prohibits payments for a CCP course under an alternative payment structure from being below the default floor amount;
- the Ohio Department of Higher Education chancellor is required to adopt rules specifying

which CCP courses are eligible for funding from ODE in addition to rules specifying conditions under which a student may continue participating in CCP if the student withdrew from a course or received a grade of D or lower.

- the Ohio Department of Higher Education chancellor is authorized to approve three partnerships for the 2017-2018 school year to offer high school seniors the opportunity to simultaneously enroll in a remedial course and an introductory college course or enroll in an introductory college course that incorporates remedial curriculum.

School districts need to continue

communicating with legislators on the issues they are experiencing with the CCP program and how these changes will affect their local school district.

The Ohio School Boards Association, Buckeye Association of School Administrators and Ohio Association of School Business Officials remain committed to working with legislators on additional recommendations to improve the way the program is currently administered and make it more beneficial to school districts and their students.

Editor's note: The information in this article was current as of April 27, 2016.

May 2016

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

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); last day to take action on and give written notice of intent not to re-employ nonteaching employees (Note: this requirement does not apply to municipal school district employees as defined in RC 3311.71) — RC 4141.29(I)(1)(f).
17 OCSBA School Attorney WorkshopLewis Center
24 Sports Law WorkshopColumbus
30 2015-2016 school year ends — RC 3313.62; end of third ADM reporting period — RC 3317.03(A).

July 2016

- 1 2016-2017 school year begins — RC 3313.62; last day for board to notify teaching and nonteaching employees of succeeding

year salaries — RC 3319.12, 3319.082; board may begin to adopt appropriation measure, which may be temporary — RC 5705.38(B); treasurer must certify available revenue in funds to county auditor — RC 5705.36(A)(1).
5 Last day for voter registration for August election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30 days prior to the election).
10 Last day for termination of teaching contract by a teacher without consent of the board of education — RC 3319.15.
15 Last day to adopt school library district tax budget on behalf of a library district — RC 5705.28(B)(1).
16 New Board Member WorkshopColumbus
21 New Board Member Series Workshop: How's it going so far?.....Columbus
26 Last day to submit certification for November conversion levy to tax commissioner — RC 5705.219(B) (105 days prior to election).
29 Semiannual campaign finance reports must be filed by certain candidates, political action committees, caucus committees (legislative campaign funds) and political parties (by 4 p.m.) detailing contributions and expenditures through June 30, 2016 — RC 3517.10(A)(4).

August 2016

- 1 Last day to submit certification for November income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to election); last day to submit to the Ohio Department of Education a plan to require students to access and complete online classroom lessons ("blizzard bags") in order to make up hours for which it is necessary to close schools — RC 3313.482; last day to file statistical report with Ohio Department of Education — RC 3319.33.
2 Special Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first Tuesday after the first Monday).
5 Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law WorkshopLewis Center
5 Last day to submit November emergency, current operating expenses or conversion levy to county auditor for November general election — RC 5705.194, 5705.195, 5705.213, 5705.219 (95 days prior to election).
10 Last day for school district to file resolution of necessity, resolution to proceed and auditor's certification for bond levy with board of elections for November election — RC 133.18(D); last day for county auditor to certify school district bond levy terms for November election — RC 133.18(C).