



# Central News

January 2016 – News of the Ohio School Boards Association Central Region



Dr. Marguerite Bennett



Kevin Crosthwaite

OSBA Central Region has been led capably by Dr. Margie Bennett. Bennett has served OSBA and the Central Region as a member of the OSBA Board of Trustees, Central Region Executive Committee, Legislative Platform Committee, Arrangements and Hospitality Committee, OSBA Board Member Cabinet, Federal Relations Network, Delegate Assembly, regional and state nominating committee and the Student Achievement Leadership Team. Dr. Bennett has served the Mount Vernon Community for 28 years as a member of the Mount Vernon City Schools Board of Education and 24 years as a member of the Knox County Career Center Board of Education. Under her leadership, the Central Region Executive Committee has focused on legislative and student achievement matters impacting our districts. We thank Margie for her service to the Central Region.

In January we welcome Kevin Crosthwaite as president of the OSBA Central Region. Kevin has served the North Union (Union) Local School Board for 14 years, leading as vice president and president and serving on the financial and policy committees. He is retired from an engineering career in defense at Wright Patterson AFB focusing on aircraft survivability. He has a master's degree in nuclear physics from The Ohio State University. Kevin is married with five grown children, all graduating from North Union's public schools and then completing college. He is an elder and Sunday school leader in the Marysville Presbyterian Church. Kevin is looking forward to serving districts throughout the OSBA Central Region.

## Fall Conference Success

244 people attended the semi-annual event with representatives from 13 of the 14 counties comprising the Central Region participating. As always, attendees enjoyed the social hour prior to dinner and the staff at Villa Milano's prepared and served an excellent Italian meal.

An exceptional performance by the Mount Vernon High School Chamber Orchestra served as dinner entertainment.

Participants heard presentations from OSBA Executive Director, Rick Lewis; 2015 OSBA President Ed Penrod, and OSBA Director of Legislative Services, Damon Asbury. Dr. James Mahoney, executive director of Battelle for Kids provided an outstanding keynote address entitled, "Why your leadership matters."

Central Region's Outstanding Teachers, Exemplary Employees, Friends of Public Schools, Outstanding Board Member and board members with 30, 35 and 40 years of service were recognized. See back page for award winners.

Download photos of Fall Conference from flickr on the OSBA Central Region webpage. <http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/cr-region>

## Hamilton Township High School Named National Blue Ribbon School

Congratulations to the students, faculty and administrators of Hamilton Township High School for earning the premier designation of 2015 National Blue Ribbon School.

"This honor is a direct reflection of how hard our high school faculty, staff and administration work to reach each child they are educating," explained Superintendent Bill Morrison. "All of our employees from preschool through middle school can take pride and celebrate this achievement as well, because they built the students' foundation that paved the way for understanding and success at the high school level."

Secretary Duncan recognized 335 schools as National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2015 based on their overall academic excellence or their progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups. These schools demonstrate that all students can achieve to high levels.

Duncan said in a video message to the awardees. "Your journey has taught you collaboration, intentional instruction, and strong relationships in school and with your community. You represent excellence—in vision, in implementation, and in results—and we want to learn as much as we can from you."

The Department honored 285 public and 50 private schools, including Hamilton Township High School, at a recognition ceremony on Nov. 9-10 in Washington, D.C.

## Award of Achievement Applications Due January 19, 2016

Each year board members who have completed a combination of professional development and leadership activities are recognized with the Award of Achievement.

Generally, the recipient is recognized in the local media, delivering a strong, positive message to the board member's constituents. To receive the award, a board member must earn at least 100 points during a two-year period.

For example, a member earns 15 points for attending the new board member workshop, 5 points for being a vocational board member, 10 points for serving as his or her board's board president, and 25 points for attending the OSBA Capital Conference. For a complete listing of the rules, eligible activities and points, see the application form at <http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/award-of-achievement-and-master-board-member-awards>

The Master Board Member Award works similarly, except that a member must earn at least 300 points during four years.

While the award is personally rewarding, the real benefit is from the board member development and professional networking acquired during the process.

## New Board Member Workshop: January 22-23

School boardmanship is more complex and demanding than ever. To carry out their leadership duties effectively, new school board members must move from the role of an involved citizen to that of a responsible elected official as soon as possible.

High-quality board member education, designed specifically for newly elected board members, can help you become a more effective educational leader in your community. This intensive academy will focus on the world of boardmanship, communicating effectively, board policy 101, Ohio public school funding, transportation, employee relation issues, Sunshine Law and executive sessions.

The workshop will be held at Embassy Suites located at 2700 Corporate Exchange Drive, Columbus, OH 43231. If you need an overnight room at this location, please call (614) 890-8600.

Cost: \$220.00 – for more information visit <http://www.ohioschoolboards.org>



Pictured: Nancy Kerr, CRF founder, Rick Donahoe, CEO for CRF, David Hile, ED for CRF Licking Valley, Salem Reiboldt, Director of Program for CRF and Angie Hile, wife of Dave Hile.

## National Recognition for Licking County CRF

The Children's Reading Foundation national headquarters announced recently that The Children's Reading Foundation of Licking County, Ohio is the recipient of its 2015 Flagship Chapter award. The award honors a chapter that demonstrates mission effectiveness, sustainability, board engagement and strong community support.

The Ohio nonprofit was selected among 16 chapters from around the country. "For nearly six years, The Children's Reading Foundation of Licking County has focused on engaging families to read daily with their children beginning at birth. We're proud to present them with this award to recognize the positive difference they are making for students in Licking County, said Rick Donahoe, CEO of The Children's Reading Foundation national office. David Hile, Executive Director of The Children's Reading Foundation of Licking County and Superintendent of Licking Valley Local Schools, accepted the award.

The Children's Reading Foundation of Licking County was formed in 2009, with the vision of 100 percent literacy in Licking County. This local chapter board comprises 31 community stakeholders. The foundation is committed to helping promote the message, "Read With a Child 20 Minutes Every Day™," and ensuring every student is successful in school by engaging parents and caregivers in their child's development from birth to age 5. Additionally, the foundation distributes free children's books and advocates for school and community efforts that ensure students read at grade level by third grade.

## Spring Conference March 9, 2016

OSBA Central Region Spring Conference will take place in Columbus on March 9. The event will be held at Villa Milano and will begin with a cocktail hour at 5 p.m.

Outstanding Programs, Outstanding Schools, board members earning the Award of Achievement and Master Board Member Award and those with milestone service years will be recognized.

Make plans to attend.

## REGIONAL MANAGER CONTACT INFORMATION



Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Also, feel free to offer your ideas for regional activities.

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## Tedrow earns Central Region Outstanding Board Member Award

Mary E. Tedrow, board member of the Groveport Madison Local SD in Franklin County, was honored at Fall Conference as the Central Region Outstanding Board Member. She has 24 years of board service and was just elected for a 7th term. Mary has been an advocate for Groveport-Madison students for nearly 40 years.

For more than 20 years, Tedrow directed the Canal Winchester/Groveport service unit for the Girl Scouts of America. She helps with charity organizations such as the Food Pantry and Groveport Madison Human Needs fundraising efforts.

She is a member of the League of Women Voters; Broad Street Presbyterian Church serving in a variety of leadership roles (commissioner, elder, deacon, lifetime honorary Presbyterian Women, church treasurer, member of stewardship and budget committee); and she is a longtime member of the BREAD interfaith organization.

Groveport's nomination states that "Mary's greatest strength is in her ability to 'ask the right questions'. Her questions give us pause to think, are meaningful and cut through the details to illuminate the big picture. She guides us to focus on what is important to our community. Her care for the children of Groveport and her consistency of service make her an exceptional board member."

Taking her first oath of office in 1976, she has served Groveport Madison students through her leadership as a board member and as a classroom tutor ever since. "It is her compassion, commitment and love of our community that fires her passion to serve our students."

## Central Region Award Winners

Outstanding Teachers (those nominated for the Ohio Teacher of the Year): Jamie Durbin, Olentangy Local School District (Delaware) and Robert Lanthorn from Hamilton Township Local School District (Franklin).

Exemplary Employees: Zach Bobo, Lead Computer Technician, Bloom-Carroll Local Schools (Fairfield); Joyce Boyer, Treasurer, Canal Winchester Local Schools (Franklin); Dr. John Stanford, Deputy Superintendent, Columbus City Schools; Dan Gilliam, Maintenance Supervisor, Elgin Local Schools (Marion); Teresa Thomas, Treasurer, Fairfield County ESC; Collett Hayes, Counselor, Hamilton Local Schools (Franklin); Steve Crist, Operations Supervisor, Madison Local Schools (Richland); Chris Deis, Director of Technology, Marysville Exempted Village Schools; Nancy Bevan, Food Services Director, Mount Vernon City Schools; Brett Perdue, Director of Maintenance, Teays Valley Local Schools (Pickaway); Karen Truett, Director of Communications, Upper Arlington City Schools and Heather Terry, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent, Walnut Township Local Schools (Fairfield).

Friends of Public Schools: Tanny Crane, Columbus City Schools; Becka Mayr, Dublin City Schools; Jeff Sewell, Hamilton Local Schools (Franklin); Vern Johnston, Lakewood Local Schools (Licking); Phil Anderson, Lancaster City Schools; Scot McLemore, Marysville Exempted Village Schools; Barbara Holcomb, North Union Local Schools (Union); Dr. Brad Mitchell, Upper Arlington City Schools and Dr. Paul Whetstone, Walnut Township Local Schools (Fairfield).

Board Service: Jackie Caughenbaugh of Licking Valley Local Schools (Licking); Darrell Cottrill of Union Scioto, Pickaway-Ross Career Center and Ross-Pike ESC (Ross) and Ruby Miller of the Knox County ESC and Knox County Career Center were recognized for their 30 years of service as school board members. David Engel of Southwest Licking Local Schools (Licking) was honored for his 35 years of service while Richard McLarnan of Knox County Career Center and Knox County ESC was acknowledged for his 40 years of board service.



OSBA Executive Director, Rick Lewis; OSBA 2015 President, Ed Penrod; Mary Tedrow, Outstanding Board Member; 2015 Central Region President, Dr. Marguerite Bennett.