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More than half of state's counties home to Schools of Promise

Stan W. Heffner, superintendent of public instruction, has named 122 Ohio schools as 2010-2011 Schools of Promise. The schools are located throughout the state, including 53 from Appalachia and 11 from the "Big 8" urban districts. The State Superintendent's Schools of Promise program, administered by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE), recognizes schools that are demonstrating high achievement in reading and mathematics for all groups of students, despite the fact that 40% or more of these students come from low-income backgrounds. For a list of honorees and more information on the selection criteria, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/89578>.

Boards should act now to prepare for January organizational meeting

Before the end of the year, boards should appoint an individual who will be a member in January to serve as president pro tem to call the organizational meeting to order and preside over officer elections. Additionally, because Ohio's Constitution prohibits compensation changes during a board member's term, now is the time to make any changes in compensation for new board members, including changing the number of paid meetings per year, the amount paid per meeting, and mileage or training reimbursement amounts. For more on board member compensation, benefits and expense reimbursements, join OSBA's legal division for a free webinar on Dec. 1 from 1:30 p.m.-2:30 pm. Visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/86401> to register.

ODE submits Early Learning Challenge Grant application to USDOE

Ohio has applied for a federal Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge Grant to improve the quality of early childhood education. If awarded, the grant could bring Ohio \$70 million for the 2012-2015 funding cycle. ODE is the lead agency for the grant, and worked collaboratively on the application with the governor's office, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and Ohio Business Roundtable. The U.S. Department of Education is expected to announce recipients by the end of the year.

Northeast Ohio universities collaborating on college readiness program

Kent State University, the University of Akron and Youngstown State University were awarded \$432,558 by ODE and the Ohio Board of Regents to establish the East Central Region College TechPrep/Program of Study Center. The center will work with over 100 school districts to boost student enrollment in college prep courses.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. contest seeks art, writing, multimedia entries

The Ohio Civil Rights Commission is accepting entries for its contest to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and work. The annual contest is open to students in

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- Principals

grades six-12. Entries may be in the form of multimedia presentations, artwork or essays, and must be postmarked by Dec. 15. The theme for the 2012 contest is drawn from King's 1964 Nobel Lecture, "The Quest for Peace and Justice." To read the speech, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/12160>. Contestants should reflect on the nonviolence discussed in the lecture, and include examples of what they can do in their own communities to contribute to a more peaceful world. One winner will be selected from each format category at each grade level. Winners will be invited to an award recognition ceremony. Visit www.crc.ohio.gov or call (888) 278-7101 for details.

State education department launches new mobile website

The Ohio Department of Education has launched a new mobile mini-website (<http://m.ode.state.oh.us>). The site is optimized

Ex-board member reunites 1947 muralists with art teacher

An enterprising former school board member, working from a 1947 newspaper photo, recently reunited three students with their seventh-grade art teacher.

The photo showed students in **Virginia Goson's** art class standing with her next to a mural they were painting at **Akron City's** Lawndale Elementary School. The mural, depicting Akron's rubber industry, still hangs at the school. That's where Goson and the students — all 77-year-old retirees — met for their reunion. Goson declined to give her age, but said she retired from teaching in 1973.

Ex-Akron City board member **Sam Salem** brought them together after hearing about them at a high school reunion. He also managed to track down the other four students in the old photo.

Source: *Akron Beacon Journal*

to display on many common handheld devices and includes the latest news releases, the EdConnection newsletter, ODE contact information and more.

This month in OSBA history

Retired OSBA Executive Director **Craig Gifford** died in

November 2003 at the age of 70. He led the association from 1984 to 1994. Gifford was OSBA's fourth executive director and served in that capacity for 10 of his 23 years with the association. His philosophy that members' needs come first and his entrepreneurial spirit led to a great expansion of OSBA programs and services. He served as a school board member for **Westerville City** before joining the association.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

The OSBA *VendorBook*, a directory you can use throughout the year to find goods and services to help your students achieve and schools succeed, is now posted online. The *VendorBook* also includes information on most of the exhibitors at the Capital Conference Trade Show. Access this valuable resource at www.ohioschoolboards.org/files/2011OSBAVendorBook.pdf.



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BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, administrative assistant of communication services

OSBA executive searches

Treasurer

District

① Lakewood City

Nov. 21

OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



① = Treasurer

Other searches

Position

Superintendent

District

Bloom-Carroll Local (Fairfield)

Deadline

Dec. 2

Contact

Dan Montgomery, superintendent, Fairfield County ESC, (740) 653-3193 or Al Meloy, consultant, (614) 209-1079

Board changes

Tiffin City appointed Michael Klepper to the board effective Oct. 25. He replaced Randy Schwartz, who resigned in September.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Canfield Local (Mahoning) Superintendent Dante Zambrini announced his resignation effective July 31, 2012. ●●● Eastern Local (Pike) Superintendent Dr. Charles J. Shreve announced his retirement effective Dec. 31. The board hired Neil Leist effective Jan. 1. Leist currently is superintendent at Clermont Northeastern Local (Clermont). ●●● South Euclid-Lyndhurst City Superintendent William Zelei announced his resignation effective Nov. 17. He has taken the position of associate superintendent for accountability and quality schools at the Ohio Department of Education.

Treasurers

Coldwater EV Treasurer Sherry Shaffer announced her retirement effective Jan. 1. The board hired Michelle Mawer as treasurer effective Jan. 1. Mawer is currently budget director at Dayton City.

Editor's note

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

Sympathies

Former **Conneaut Area City Board of Education** member **John Zappitello** died Oct. 14. He was 69. ●●● Former **Coshocton County Career Center Superintendent Donna Elizabeth Johnson** died Oct. 21. She was 68. ●●● Former **Fairfield County and Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technical Schools Board of Education** member **Gene N. Houser** died Oct. 10. He was 76. ●●● Former **Fredericktown Local (Knox) Treasurer Mary Kathryn "Kate" Camp** died Oct. 21. She was 85. ●●● Former **Hamilton County ESC and Great Oaks ITCB Board of Education** member **Francis L. "Frank" Fullam Jr.** died Oct. 10. He was 73. ●●● **Helen Ida Van Winkle**, a former treasurer at **Heath City** and a board member at **Heath City and C-TEC of Licking County**, died Oct. 6. She was 93. ●●● Former **Logan-Hocking Local (Hocking) Board of Education** member **Donald G. Young Sr.** died Oct. 13. He was 87. ●●● Former **Manchester Local (Summit) Board of Education** member **Richard "Rick" L. Kaderly** died Oct. 16. He was 58. ●●● Former **Monroe Local (Butler) Superintendent David Taylor** died Oct. 14. He was 64. ●●● Former **Morgan Local (Morgan) Board of Education** member **Mary "Bridget" Triplet** died Oct. 16. She was 82. ●●● Former **New Boston Local (Scioto) Board of Education** member **James Thomas "Tom" Sexton** died Oct. 21. He was 73. ●●● **Dorothy A. Brayman**, a board member at the former **Pierpont School District** in **Ashtabula County**, died Oct. 7. She was 106. ●●● Former **Reynoldsburg City Board of Education** member **James "Evan" Williams** died Oct. 18. He was 93. ●●● Former **Southern Ohio ESC and Scioto County Career Center Board of Education** member **Walter Norman Brown** died Oct. 9. He was 85. ●●● Former **Union-Scioto Local (Ross) Treasurer Velma Pauline James Steel** died Oct. 15. She was 96. ●●● Former **Wayne Local (Warren) Board of Education** member **Claire A. Dunkin** died Oct. 12. She was 76. ●●● Former **Wooster City Board of Education** member **Dr. Donald L. Wise** died Sept. 26. He was 82.



REGIONAL ROUNDUP

compiled by Angela Penquite, assistant editor

Fall region conferences celebrate successes

More than 1,000 school board members, administrators, teachers, students and guests attended the five OSBA fall region conferences in September and October. The conferences featured outstanding speakers and presentations, student entertainment groups, awards and recognitions, association updates, dinner and plenty of networking.

The fall conferences also featured elections for the 2012 regional officers. Check with your regional manager for results. Contact information for the managers, as well as regional news and photos, are posted at www.ohioschoolboards.org/regions.

OSBA President **Cathy Johnson**, **South-Western City**, OSBA Executive Director **Richard Lewis** and a number of association staff members traveled to all of the conferences to greet attendees and present OSBA updates.

If you attended a regional conference you are eligible for five credits toward the OSBA Award of Achievement. For more information on the Award of Achievement program, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/43085> or contact OSBA.

Following are reports on each fall conference from the regional managers.

Central Region

by *Dr. Michael G. Grote*
regional manager

The Central Region Fall Conference saw 330 in attendance on Wednesday, Sept. 28, at the Villa Milano Conference Center in Columbus. The keynote address was presented by Ohio Board of Regents Chancellor **Jim Petro**, followed by remarks from OSBA President Johnson and Executive Director Lewis.

The region recognized districts that had received national recognition during the previous year by either *U.S. News & World*
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Report or *Newsweek*, or as Schools of Promise. They included **Columbus City; Dublin City; Fairfield Union Local (Fairfield); Fredericktown Local (Knox); Hamilton Local (Franklin); Lancaster City; New Albany-Plain Local (Franklin); Newark City;** and **Shelby City.** Dublin City's Dublin Jerome High School was recognized as a "Triple Crown School" for making all three lists, and Dublin City's Dublin Scioto High School and Columbus City's Columbus Alternative High School, Eastmoor Academy and Fort Hayes High School were honored for making two lists.

The region also honored nine districts for being selected to participate in the Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair.

Several individuals were named "Friends of Public Education" by the Central Region, including:

- **Alice Baker**, nominated by **Madison-Plains Local (Madison);**
- **Lewis Mollica**, nominated by **Licking County ESC;**
- **Lori Stradley**, nominated by **North Fork Local (Licking);**
- **Julie VanWey**, nominated by **North Fork Local.**

Six board members were recognized for their 10 years of board service. The following individuals were honored as the Central Region's Outstanding Public School Employees:

- **Boone Hall**, Madison-Plains Local;
- **Terri Jones**, Licking County ESC;
- **Sandra C. Nekoloff**, South-

Western City.

Walter S. Armes, Whitehall City, was honored with the Outstanding Board Member Award. He will be named to the All-Ohio School Board this month at the Capital Conference.

Finally, the region recognized retiring Central Region Executive Committee member Dr. **Marilyn Carnes, Ross-Pike ESC and Pickaway-Ross Career & Technology Center,** for her many years of service to the region.

Northeast Region

*by Terri Neff
regional manager*

Oct. 5 marked the 2011 Northeast Region Annual Fall Conference. The Tangier restaurant was the setting for this recognition and meeting of 92 local school board members and administrators from school districts throughout the 19 counties of northeast Ohio. The outstanding **Champion Local (Trumbull) Champion Elementary Steel Band,** under the direction of **Josh Cokrlc,** provided "island" entertainment after dinner.

Many guests were in attendance, including State Board of Education member **Rob Hovis,** representing Holmes, Geauga, Lake, Medina and Wayne counties and parts of Ashland and Cuyahoga counties.

OSBA President Johnson spoke passionately of the urgency to work to oppose House Bill 136. OSBA Executive Director Lewis enlightened board members and administrators with association and legislative updates and

discussed the significant role local school board members play in the lives of children. Lewis skillfully wove personal experiences into his presentation and provided the attendees with a new interpretation of "pilot programs."

Northeast Region President **Susie Lawson, Tri-County ESC and Wayne County Schools Career Center,** introduced **Reno Contipelli, Cuyahoga Heights Local (Cuyahoga),** to make this year's scholarship presentation. The "Lester M. Marrison Education Scholarship" was awarded to **Elise Miller.** Her mother, **Malia Miller,** accepted the scholarship on Elise's behalf. Elise is a 2011 graduate of **Canton Local's (Stark) Canton South High School** and is currently enrolled in the Honors Program at Kent State University, studying early childhood education.

Lawson, Johnson and Lewis presented awards to the three Northeast Region All-Ohio School Board nominees: **Thomas F. Brophrey, Wellsville Local (Columbiana); Matthew John Markling, Lakewood City;** and **Roger L. Samuelson, Champion Local (Trumbull) and Trumbull Career & Technical Center.**

Samuelson will be named to the All-Ohio School Board at the Capital Conference this month.

Lawson and Johnson presented certificates, as OSBA Deputy Executive Director **Rob Delane** recognized the 23 districts selected to represent northeast Ohio at the

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Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair.

For the third year, the Northeast Region recognized outstanding school administrators. The following administrators were nominated by their respective

boards of education as outstanding and exemplary in their job performance and dedication to their school districts:

- **Paul Brockett**, principal, Wayne County Schools Career Center;
- **John Wheadon**, treasurer,

Copley-Fairlawn City;

- **Jeffrey T. Slutz**, treasurer, Wayne County Schools Career Center;
- **Dr. Eugene Linton**, superintendent, **Tri-County ESC;**
- **Dr. J. Kip Crain**, superintendent, Wayne County Schools Career Center.

OSBA webinars

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Learn about issues relevant to public education through OSBA's webinars. These sessions offer an informal, convenient way to learn in your office or home. All you need is a telephone and computer to participate.



To register for these webinars, contact Laurie Miller at (800) 589-OSBA, (614) 540-4000 or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. You also can register by visiting www.ohioschoolboards.org/event_listing.

School Board Member Compensation

Thursday, Dec. 1 at 1:30 p.m., free webinar

November's election may bring changes to the composition of your school board on Jan. 1. Because the Ohio Constitution prohibits a public official's compensation from being increased or decreased during his or her term of office, any change in compensation for school board members must be in place by the end of 2011. Join OSBA's legal services division for a webinar on the most frequently asked questions about board member compensation, benefits and expense reimbursement.

OSBA Levy University #6: The cost of losing — Facing the consequences and "weatherproofing" your district

Monday, Dec. 12 at 1 p.m., free webinar

Looking at a possible levy in 2012? Before making the decision about when to go to the voters, think about this: The old "two-bites-at-the-apple" thinking can hurt your credibility and chances for success. Communication can help! Join us for the latest Levy University webinar on the consequences of losing, how to deal with a levy loss and when to start communicating with your public about the future. With the right plan in place, you've got a great shot at winning the first and only time.

Northwest Region

*by Dr. Judy Jackson May
regional manager*

Northwest Region President Dr. **Angela Zimmann**, **Lucas County ESC**, hosted the 64th Annual Fall Conference on Oct. 6 at the **Four County Career Center** in Archbold. The evening kicked off with a tour of the career center, with Superintendent **William Spiess**, nine staff members and nine board members describing their progressive programs and state-of-the-art facilities.

Northwest Region Arrangements and Hospitality Team member **Jaimie L. Beamer**, **Seneca East Local (Seneca)** and **Vanguard-Sentinel Career & Technology Centers**, welcomed and registered 131 guests from 25 school districts.

Archbold Area Local's (Fulton) performing group The Company provided entertainment. Led by **Kent Vandock**, the troupe of 28 students provided an exciting show of cabaret-style song and dance. In keeping with the fall conference's theme, "Preparing today's students for tomorrow's world," the Northwest Region Career Center Spotlight focused on

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Winter School Finance Seminar

Friday, Dec. 2

Quest Business and Conference Centers, Columbus

Politics, school funding and education issues continue to be at the forefront in Columbus. This annual winter school finance seminar is your opportunity to get answers and information from the experts!

Presentations will include an insider's view on the Statehouse; an economic forecast and revenue outlook; and a regional shared services update. Find out what's at stake for Ohio's schools – we're talking politics, legislation and much more.

Cost is \$140, which includes materials, lunch and refreshments. You can register on the Ohio Association of School Business Officials website at www.oasbo-ohio.org or by calling (614) 431-9116.



Agenda

8:45 a.m.	Registration	11:30 a.m.	Board of Tax Appeals study and Ohio Department of Tax update <i>Joseph W. Testa</i> , Ohio tax commissioner, Ohio Department of Taxation
9:15 a.m.	Insider's view on the Statehouse <i>Jim Siegel</i> , reporter, <i>The Columbus Dispatch</i> ; and <i>Kent Cahlander</i> , editor, <i>Gongwer News Service</i>	Noon	Lunch
10:15 a.m.	Break	1 p.m.	Education legislation outlook from the House Education Committee State Rep. <i>Gerald Stebelton</i> (R-Lancaster), chair, House Education Committee
10:30 a.m.	Shared services study update and recommendations <i>Randy Cole</i> , controlling board president and policy advisor, Ohio Office of Budget and Management	2 p.m.	Break
		2:15 p.m.	Budget economic forecast and revenue outlook <i>Dr. Howard Fleeter</i> , Education Tax Policy Institute consultant
		2:45 p.m.	Legislative update OSBA and OASBO lobbyists



SchoolComp Safety Seminar

Friday, Dec. 9
OSBA office, Columbus

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

This annual safety seminar allows employers to meet the two-hour Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) safety training requirement and covers many important tips on keeping your employees safe. You do not have to be a participant in the SchoolComp Group Rating or Retro Rating Programs to attend this seminar.

Agenda

8:30 a.m.	Registration and coffee	11:30 a.m.	Lunch (provided)
9 a.m.	Welcome <i>Van D. Keating</i> , director of management services, OSBA; and <i>Kim Laugherty</i> , director of membership services, OASBO	12:30 p.m.	Electrical hazard recognition and abatement representative from BWC's Public Employment Risk Reduction Program
9:15 a.m.	School safety for students and staff <i>Janet Strasbaugh</i> , safety consultant, CompManagement Inc.	1:30 p.m.	Break
10:15 a.m.	Break	1:45 p.m.	Fraud investigation <i>Vincent Vossel</i> , operations manager, investigative services, Sedgwick Claims Management Services
10:30 a.m.	Playground safety representative from Ohio School Plan	2:45 p.m.	Questions, closing comments and adjournment

You can register on the Ohio Association of School Business Officials website at www.oasbo-ohio.org or by calling (614) 431-9116.

New board members:

Trying to maneuver the maze of boardmanship?

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 - *Jan. 7-8 — Marriott Northeast, Mason*
 - *Jan. 7-8 — Airport Marriott, Columbus*
 - *Jan. 14-15 — Findlay Inn & Conference Center, Findlay*
 - *Jan. 14-15 — Embassy Suites, Independence*

School boardmanship is more complex and demanding than ever. To carry out their leadership duties effectively, new school board members must begin moving 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.

These intensive day-and-a-half academies will focus on:

- the world of boardmanship
- communicating effectively
- board policy 101
- how Ohio schools are funded
- collective bargaining and employee relations issues
- the Sunshine Law and executive sessions

Cost for the academy is \$190 per board member. Four books are included with workshop tuition: *Boardmanship*, *Board-Treasurer Partnership*, *Board-Superintendent Partnership* and *Board-Legislature Partnership*.

To register, call (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA. More information can be found at www.ohioschoolboards.org/event_listing.

Become a better board member

Attend the Board Presidents Workshop

Two dates and four locations to choose from:

- **Saturday, Jan. 28 at the OSBA office in Columbus or the Findlay Inn & Conference Center, Findlay**
- **Saturday, Feb. 4 at the Dayton Marriott, Dayton or the Northeast Ohio Medical University, Rootstown**

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

These workshops, led by experienced OSBA staff, will present all the tools you need to improve your boardmanship skills and effectively lead your district. You don't have to be the board president to attend; board members looking to increase their leadership skills also can benefit.

School board presidents serve critical leadership roles in their districts. The president is the visible leader of the board and responsible for the efficient and legal operation of board business.

Unfortunately, too many board presidents attempt to accomplish their duties by going it alone, and feel that on-the-job training is all that is needed to fulfill this leadership responsibility. It is to your advantage and a benefit to your school district to be well-informed and skillful enough to perform your leadership duties effectively. Bring your questions about your leadership role.

Topics to be covered include legal issues affecting board members; effective board meetings; using parliamentary procedure effectively; dealing with controversy and public participation; open meetings and executive sessions; effective communications; working as a team; consensus building; indicators of an effective board; and networking with your colleagues.

Cost for the workshop is \$155 per board member, and includes a copy of the *Board Presidents' Handbook*. To register, contact Laurie Miller, events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. You can register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/event_listing.





WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

School Board Member Compensation webinar

Dec. 1, free

OSBA Levy University webinar #6: The cost of losing

Dec. 12, free

New Board Member Academy

Jan. 7-8, Columbus, \$190

Jan. 7-8, Mason, \$190

Jan. 14-15, Findlay, \$190

Jan. 14-15, Independence, \$190

Board Presidents' Workshop

Jan. 28, Columbus, \$155

Jan. 28, Findlay, \$155

Feb. 4, Dayton, \$155

Feb. 4, Rootstown, \$155

OSBA Workshop Registration Form

Workshop name _____ Workshop date _____
 Attendee name _____ Title _____
 Daytime phone _____ Email _____
 District/firm _____ County _____

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ or P.O.# _____ to cover _____ registration(s). Make checks payable to OSBA and mail to 8050 N. High St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235-6481; fax to (614) 540-4100; or email Laurie Miller at Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org. Include a purchase order number with fax or email.



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Please photocopy this form for each person

OSBA workshop registration procedures

OSBA sends email confirmation of registration if an email address is provided. Registration is open to all boards and staff of OSBA members. "Walk-in" registrations are welcome on a space-available basis only. Please call OSBA to check the status of registration before you arrive at the workshop. To register, you must have a purchase order number or a check payable to OSBA and a completed registration form. You may register with a purchase order number by phone, fax, email or Web page 24 hours a day.

Award of Achievement/LPDC

Most workshops entitle members to Award of Achievement credits. Local Professional Development Committee certificates of attendance will be issued to all workshop attendees.



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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.

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the marketing and business side of career and technical education. Student presentations included Bowling Green State University's Business and Marketing Program, led by Director Dr. **Robert Berns**; **EHOVE Career Center's** Skills USA Forensic Science students **Abbi Dillon, Tabby Polta** and **Dylan Shea**, led by instructor **Kelly Bodkin** and program director **Erika Beckman**; and Four County Career Center Family, Career and Community Leaders of America student **Celeste Escobar**.

Following a welcome provided by OSBA President Johnson and an association update by OSBA Executive Director Lewis, region board members were honored for their accomplishments. Five outstanding board member nominees were recognized. The nominees included **Rees McKee, St. Marys City**; **Lillian McKibben, Putnam County ESC**; **David Spridgeon, Arcadia Local (Hancock)**; **Michelle Tyson, Swanton Local (Fulton)**; and **Ronald Fleming, Ada EV**. Spridgeon will be named to the All-Ohio School Board during the Capital Conference this month.

The region noted 60 veteran board members serving 10 or more years, five of whom were present at the conference. **Mark Diller, Ayersville Local (Defiance)**, was honored for 20 years of service; **Christine Oberlin, Defiance City** and **Four County Career Center**, and **David C. Smith, Allen County ESC**, were honored for 15 years of service; and **Robert**

McPheron, Bath Local (Allen) and **Apollo Career Center**, and **Dennis J. Fricke, Elida Local (Allen)** and **Apollo Career Center**, were honored for 10 years of service.

The region was proud to honor three outstanding high school seniors and presented a certificate for Educational Book Grants to **Megan Erhart, Kalida Local (Putnam)**; **Amber Mathias, New Riegel Local (Seneca)**; and **Samantha Jones, Lincolnview Local (Van Wert)**. Lincolnview Local Board of Education member **Eric Germann** presented the certificate to Jones and her parents.

The region also recognized eight districts representing the region at the Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair this month.

The final award of the evening, the Northwest Region Humanitarian Award, was presented to **Ottoville Local (Putnam)** for its altruistic community activities, including a cancer walk, food drive, fall cleanup for the elderly, blood drive, Toys for Tots and providing soup kitchen assistance. Principal **Jon Thorbahn** and a group of staff and students were on hand to accept the award on behalf of the district.

Southeast Region

*by Paul D. Mock
regional manager*

The Southeast Region enjoyed a successful Fall Conference, with 197 registrants representing 40 of the region's 85 districts. **Alexander Local's (Athens)** Alexander High

School was the setting for the evening. The meal was prepared by the Alexander Future Farmers of America (FFA) Alumni, and proceeds from the dinner are used by the alumni to establish and maintain scholarships for FFA students. Entertainment was provided by the Alexander High School Tone Definites, under the direction of **Ken Oehlers**. FFA students and advisor **Bryan Ford** assisted as greeters, parking lot attendants and servers. Guests for the evening included Dr. **Max Evans**, professor emeritus, Patton College of Education, Ohio University, and **Don Cain**, 1986 OSBA president and former Southeast region secretary.

Region President **W. Bryce Watt, Muskingum Valley ESC**, presided over the meeting, with OSBA President Johnson and OSBA Executive Director Lewis providing association updates and greetings.

Johnson, Watt and OSBA Deputy Executive Director Delane recognized veteran board members **Lou Ann Holcomb, Crooksville EV**; **Ron Logan, Meigs Local (Meigs)**; Dr. **Susan Rinehart, Logan-Hocking Local (Hocking)** and **Tri-County Career Center**; and **David G. Stiffler Jr., Gallia-Vinton ESC**, for 10 years of service. **Ed Penrod**, Logan-Hocking Local and Tri-County Career Center, was recognized for 15 years of service. **H. Tad Johnson, Coshocton City** and **Coshocton County Career Center**,

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and **Jeffrey A. Thacker, Vinton County Local (Vinton)** and **Gallia-Jackson-Vinton JVSD**, were recognized for 20 years of service.

Lewis, Johnson and Watt presented the Southeast Region Outstanding School Board Member Awards to **John L. Boyer, Waverly City**; **Rod Hineman, Belpre City** and **Washington County Career Center**; **Robert F. Pleasant Jr., Ironton City** and **Lawrence County JVSD**; and **Rusty Roberts, Cambridge City** and **Mid-East Career and Technology Centers**. Boyer was chosen to represent the Southeast Region on the All-Ohio School Board and will be recognized during the Capital Conference this month.

Region President-elect **Terry A. Halley, Gallia County Local (Gallia)** and **Gallia-Jackson-Vinton JVSD**, Johnson and Watt presented plaques to the recipients of the region's annual Outstanding Recognition Program. The Outstanding Student Program went to the Friends of Rachel program from **East Muskingum Local (Muskingum)**; Outstanding Male Student was awarded to **Steven Mahr** from Meigs Local's Meigs High School; and the Outstanding Female Student was **Brenna Gates** from Logan-Hocking Local's Logan-Hocking Middle School.

Other awards included Outstanding Faculty Member, **Jodi Riggle, Zanesville City**; Outstanding Classified Staff Member, **Tom Blum, Franklin**

Local (Muskingum); Outstanding Treasurer, **Liz Arnold, Northern Local (Perry)**; Outstanding Volunteer, **Delora Frakes, Noble Local (Noble)**; Outstanding Administrator, **Alea Barker, Crooksville EV** director of curriculum and instruction; and Outstanding New Program or Innovation, Cambridge City's Book Bandits program created by Intervention Specialist **Lynne Eichel**.

The President's Award, selected each year by the region president, honors those who have shown unwavering commitment and dedication to public education and students in southeast Ohio. Honored was **Christine Wagner**, treasurer, Muskingum Valley ESC.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the region's highest award, the "Advocate of Education" Hall of Fame Award. Each year, the region executive committee selects an individual, business or corporation that has roots in the Southeast Region and has gone above and beyond in promoting children and public education in the region.

The 2011 recipient was **William L. Phillis**, executive director of the Ohio Coalition for Equity & Adequacy of School Funding. Born in Columbiana County, his career in public education has taken him from high school teacher and principal to superintendent in local, county and vocational school districts. He was the Ohio Department of Education's assistant superintendent of public

education from 1976 to 1992. Public education in Ohio will forever be indebted to Phillis for his advocacy in the landmark school-funding case, *DeRolph v. State of Ohio*.

Southwest Region

by *Ronald J. Diver*
regional manager

The Southwest Region Annual Fall Conference was held Oct. 13, at Sinclair Community College in Dayton, with 260 in attendance. A celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Southwest Region was a major part of the evening's activities. Twenty Southwest Region past presidents were in attendance, as well as Dr. **Albert Kettlewell**, former region secretary. A special perpetual plaque was prepared and presented in recognition of the 60 Southwest Region past presidents. To celebrate the occasion, everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to the Southwest Region and celebrated with a birthday cake.

Special guests included Dr. **David C. Hodge**, president of Miami University, where the Southwest Region had its beginning; **Don Crain**, chair of the Miami University Board of Trustees; and **Joe Scholler**, member of the Miami University Middletown Citizens Advisory Committee. Also attending was **C. Ed Massey**, National School Boards Association president-elect, and a member of the Boone County (Kentucky) Board of

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Education.

Region President **JoAnn W. Feltner, Franklin City**, chaired the meeting. **Goshen Local's (Clermont)** Goshen High School Show Choir, under the direction of **Jennifer Hansford**, entertained attendees. **Dayton City's** Meadowdale High School Junior Army ROTC cadets presented the colors. The Dayton City Board of Education acted as hosts for the evening and several Dayton City students guided attendees to the meeting room.

Framed certificates were presented to the 35 Southwest Region programs chosen as participants in the Student Achievement Fair at the Capital Conference. A framed certificate also was presented to **Fairfield City's** Fairfield High School Choraliers for being chosen as the 2011 Student Achievement Fair performing group from the Southwest Region.

OSBA President Johnson and

OSBA Executive Director Lewis provided updates on legislation and OSBA activities.

The 10th annual Al Kettlewell Awards for outstanding board leadership were presented to five All-Ohio School Board nominees: **Sean Creighton, Yellow Springs EV; Sandy Free, Greenfield EV; Paul Lindquist, Preble County ESC; Donna J. Myers, Northwestern Local (Clark) and Springfield-Clark Career Technology Center; and Sue Steele**, Goshen Local and **Great Oaks ITCD**. Myers will be named to the All-Ohio School Board this month during the Capital Conference.

The Southwest Region Outstanding Student Program Awards were again a huge success. Fifteen programs (three programs from each of five categories) were judged as outstanding by Miami University Middletown. The Outstanding New Student Programs were the

Freshman Mentoring Program, **Northwest Local (Hamilton)**; CPS More Program, **Cincinnati City**; and Academic Incentive Program, Franklin City.

Outstanding Ongoing Student Programs were the Oakwood Energy Team, **Oakwood City**; Youth Connections, **Miami Valley Career Technology Center**; and Great Oaks Equity Councils, Great Oaks ITCD. Outstanding Volunteer Programs were the MCSD Volunteer Program, **Middletown City**; GYRO Madeira High School Partnership, **Madira City**; and Reading Rocks, **Reading Community City**. Outstanding Multi-District Impact Program awards went to STEM Camp, Miami Valley Career Technology Center; Teacher Professions, **Ohio Hi-Point Career Center**; and Learning Lab Preschool, **Warren County Career Center**. Special Recognition Programs were Career X, Great Oaks ITCD; Greentree

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Health Science Academy, Warren County Career Center; and The Senior Experience, **Madison Local (Butler)**.

The 10th annual "Friend of Education" award was presented

to Hodge. He joins the Southwest Region Friend of Education Hall of Fame, with the late **Franklin Walter**, former superintendent of public instruction; Kettlewell; **Bob Wehling**, former Procter &

Gamble Co. executive and school board member; **John (Jack) F. Cassidy**, president and CEO of Cincinnati Bell; and **Ron Diver**, Southwest Region manager, among others.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Michelle Francis, deputy director of legislative services

Legislature returns for quick election vote in October

Even though the General Assembly is currently in recess, legislators came back to Columbus for a short voting session in late October to address issues over congressional redistricting.

The legislature passed and Gov. **John Kasich** signed House Bill (HB) 318, which establishes three elections in calendar year 2012:

- March 6 (primary) — Ohio General Assembly and U.S. Senate

- June 12 (primary) — U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. president

- Nov. 6 — General election

The legislation creates a new primary/special election date on June 12 to select party nominations for U.S. House of Representatives seats and presidential candidates. It also eliminates the August 2012 special election date. The March 6, 2012, primary election would be

for party nominations for U.S. Senate and state and local races.

As a result of the language, school districts will have three election opportunities in 2012 for levy purposes — March 6, June 12 and Nov. 6.

The reason for the two primary elections has to do with debate over the redrawing of the congressional district boundaries

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Gary Motz, editorial manager

Superintendent rides bus for a 'student's eye view'

Jackson Local (Stark) school buses carried an unconventional passenger for the first few weeks of the school year: Superintendent **Chris DiLoreto**.

The superintendent hopped aboard to find out what the world and the schools look like through the eyes of his students. During his time on the buses he watched, listened and talked to students and bus drivers.

The school bus rides were part of an overall effort to remove

barriers that often divide students, teachers and staff from administrators.

"They (students) are our customers," DiLoreto told a local newspaper. "Whether we are riding the school buses with them, eating lunch with them or watching them compete at the Stark County Band Show ... we need to make sure we have their perspective."

Gaining that perspective is critical to helping the school

district ensure that the educational and support services it provides are fully meeting the students' needs, the superintendent said. That's why it's important to understand how students see their schools, classrooms, cafeterias and buses.

"That feedback we get from the students is instrumental for our organization if we are to continue to move forward to meet their needs," DiLoreto said.

Source: **IndieOnline.com**

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based on the most recent census data. Recently passed HB 319 would have set the new boundaries, but the Ohio Supreme Court recently ruled that the legislation could be subject to the referendum process and opponents have started to gather signatures to put HB 319 on the 2012 ballot.

As a result, HB 319 will not be implemented in time for new congressional districts to appear on the ballot in the March primary. The legislature passed HB 318 setting the June 12 date to allow time for the redistricting questions to be resolved.

HB 318 calls for the state to reimburse county boards of election for the cost of the June 12

primary. However, it is unclear whether other local entities would pay a portion of the costs if they use the date for a special election. The following is language from the bill:

Section 4. Upon completion of the June 12, 2012, primary election, the secretary of state shall certify to the director of budget and management the cost to each county of conducting the election. An amount equal to the total of these costs is hereby appropriated to GRF appropriation item 911404, Mandate Assistance, for fiscal year 2013. The director of budget and management shall use this appropriation to reimburse each county for the certified costs of this election.

The ongoing political struggles

over congressional redistricting could result in further changes to the 2012 election calendar. On Nov. 3, House Republicans attempted to fast-track a new congressional redistricting map and eliminate the new June 12 primary, but the plan failed. In the meantime, a new dates and deadlines calendar that takes into account the changes made by HB 318 can be found at www.ohio-schoolboards.org/ORC-dates. We will continue to keep you posted if there are any election changes.

For the latest legislative updates, please contact the OSBA legislative services division at (800) 589-6722.

Editor's note: All information in this article was current as of Nov. 4.

November 2011

- 14 OSBA Central Region Executive Committee Meeting Columbus
- 13-16 OSBA Capital Conference Columbus
- 22 *Last day to submit certification for March conversion levy to tax commissioner – RC 5705.219(B) (105 days before election).*
- 28* *Last day to submit certification for March income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation – RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to the election).*

December 2011

- 1 OSBA School Board Compensation webinar
- 1 OSBA Southwest Region Executive Committee Meeting Lebanon
- 2 Winter School Finance Seminar Columbus
- 2 *Last day to submit March emergency levy, current operating expenses levy or conversion levy to county auditor for March election – RC 5705.194, 5705.195, 5705.213, 5705.219 (95 days prior to the election).*
- 3 OSBA Executive Committee Meeting Columbus
- 5 OSBA Student Achievement Leadership Team (SALT) meeting Columbus

- 7 OSBA Northeast Region Executive Committee Meeting TBD
- 7 *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 March election – RC 133.18(D); last day for county auditor to certify school district bond levy terms for March election – RC 133.18(C); last day to submit continuing replacement, permanent improvement or operating levy for March election to board of elections – RC 5705.192, 5705.21, 5705.25; last day to certify resolution for school district income tax levy, conversion levy or renewal of conversion levy for March election to board of elections – RC 5705.195, 5705.219(G), 5748.02(C); last day to submit emergency levy for March election to board of elections – RC 5705.251(A) (90 days prior to the election).*
- 9 SchoolComp Safety Seminar Columbus
- 12 OSBA Levy University webinar #6
- 31 *Last day for treasurer to canvass the board to establish a date of the organizational meeting – RC 3313.14.*

January 2012

- 7-8 New Board Member Academy Columbus
- 7-8 New Board Member Academy Mason
- 14-15 New Board Member Academy Findlay
- 14-15 New Board Member Academy Independence
- 15 *Deadline for boards of education of city, exempted village, vocational and local school districts to meet and organize – RC 3313.14; last day for boards of education of city, exempted village, vocational and local school districts to adopt tax budgets for the coming school fiscal year – RC 5705.28(A) (1).*
- 20 *Last day for boards of education to submit fiscal tax-year budget to county auditor – RC 5705.30.*
- 28 Board Presidents Workshop Columbus
- 28 Board Presidents Workshop Findlay
- 31 *Annual campaign finance reports due (by 4 p.m.) detailing contributions and expenditures through Dec. 31, 2011 – RC 3517.10(A)(3) (last business day of January).*