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Obama calls for reduction in time schools spend on standardized tests

President **Barack Obama** said he wants to limit standardized testing to 2% of instructional time. The announcement comes as a report from the Council of the Great City Schools finds that the average eighth-grade student spends 2.3% of class time on testing and that some mandatory exams might be redundant. Obama has directed the U.S. Department of Education to review its policies to address any places where his administration may have contributed to the problem of overemphasizing testing. He also has called on Congress to reduce the time students spend taking standardized tests as it works to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Northeast Ohio educator is 2016 Ohio Teacher of the Year

The Ohio Department of Education has named **Field Local (Portage) teacher Teresa Cianchetti** 2016 Ohio Teacher of the Year. The first-grade teacher and 30-year education veteran was surprised with the honor during an assembly at Suffield Elementary School, where she teaches. Cianchetti was selected from among 10 regional winners. For more on Cianchetti and the Teacher of the Year program, as well as a list of regional winners, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/99024>.

OSBA wants to help districts celebrate School Board Recognition Month

January is School Board Recognition Month, and OSBA is offering a tool kit filled with resources to help districts honor board members at www.ohioschoolboards.org/school-board-recognition-month. Districts submitting articles and photos of their activities can see their celebrations featured in the *Journal* magazine and on the association's website. OSBA also will mail districts personalized certificates to present to board members. Send news and photos of your events to **Crystal Davis** at cdavis@ohioschoolboards.org or 8050 N. High St., Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43235. You also can submit materials online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/forms/sbrm.php.

Study: A disadvantaged start hurts boys more than girls

A national study recently released by Northwestern University found that boys in low-income families tend to fare worse than girls in those families, both academically and behaviorally. The study showed that boys graduate from high school and attend college at lower rates and are more likely to get into trouble. Download the full report at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/54007>.

Buckeye Boys State seeking volunteers to lead school board section

The Ohio American Legion is seeking superintendents, treasurers and school board members to share their expertise at the 2016 Buckeye Boys State (BBS). Volunteers are

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- ☐ Administrators
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needed in the school board section of the program, which runs for four days of the eight-day event. At BBS, young men learn about city, county and state government through a nonpartisan, objective educational approach. The school board section teaches attendees about the roles of school boards, superintendents and treasurers by allowing them to run mock school districts by serving as members of their district's management team. BBS is scheduled for June 12-19 at Bowling Green State University. The school board section begins June 15 and concludes June 18. Preference will be given to American Legion members and BBS alumni. Contact jjsnls@yahoo.com or mikatjo@aol.com for further information. Founded in 1936, Buckeye Boys State is the largest Boys State program in the nation, with more than 1,200 students from nearly 600 Ohio high schools attending annually.

Student's act of kindness leaves legacy

Springfield Local's (Lucas) Springfield High School senior **Nick Amlin** says it wasn't easy completing a project in his ceramic arts class.

He told a local television station that a 20-year-old kiln was to blame.

"It would take weeks to get your project back (and) it was extremely time-consuming," he said.

So Amlin decided to act when he spotted a newer kiln at an auction run by his family's business. When he found out the school didn't have the means to purchase the kiln, he decided to bid using the money he earns as a disc jockey.

For \$250, the new kiln will benefit students for years to come.

Source: WTVG-TV

Registration opens for 2016 NSBA Annual Conference

It's time to register for the 2016 NSBA Annual Conference, set for April 9-11 in Boston. The event features valuable insights and learning experiences for education leaders. Keynote speakers include former CBS news anchor **Dan**

Rather; ABC's "Good Morning America" co-anchor **Robin Roberts**; and **Tony Wagner**, expert in residence at Harvard University's new Innovation Lab. Registration, housing and program information can be found at www.nsba.org/conference. OSBA will co-host the Joint Central Region Reception at the conference on April 9.



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Photos from OSBA's region fall conferences are posted on OSBA's Flickr page: <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/44743>. To find a specific conference, click on the "Albums" link. The region conferences featured updates from OSBA officers and staff; student entertainment; and awards recognizing board members, administrators and school staff for outstanding contributions to public education. For details on the fall conferences, see "Regional Roundup" on page 4.



BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, administrative assistant of communication services

Board changes

Loudonville-Perryville EV Board of Education member **Eric Koppert** announced his resignation effective Oct. 31.

Administrative changes

Treasurers

Eaton Community City hired **Rachel M. Tait** as treasurer effective Jan. 1. She replaces **Priscilla J. Dodson**, who is retiring. Tait currently is the treasurer at **Twin Valley Local (Preble)**. ●●● **Miamisburg City Treasurer Tammy S. Emrick** announced her retirement effective Dec. 31.

Sympathies

Former **Bluffton** EV Board of Education member **Thomas Bassitt** died Oct. 21. He was 72. ●●● Former **Cuyahoga Falls City** Board of Education member **David Lee Wilson** died Oct. 3. He was 61. ●●● Former **Franklin-Monroe Local (Darke)** Board of Education member **Raymond Sease** died Oct. 24. He was 85. ●●● Former **Ironton City** Board of Education member **James Maurice "Jim" Weber** died Sept. 30. He was 67. ●●● Former **Russia Local (Shelby)** Treasurer **Norma Jean Magoto** died Oct. 14. She was 87. ●●● Former **South Central Local (Huron)** Board of Education member **Dr. Ira M. Willett** died Oct. 19. He was 78. ●●● Former **Upper Sandusky** EV Board of Education member **Schuyler "Scotty" Ruttman** died Oct. 12. He was 95. ●●● Former **Wadsworth City** Board of Education member **John T. Puglisi Sr.** died Oct. 17. He was 97.

Editor's note

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



Achieving more together

The OSBA Legal Assistance Fund provides financial or legal assistance in matters of statewide importance to local school districts.

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REGIONAL ROUNDUP

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

Fall conferences celebrate district, board member successes

At six locations across the state in September and October, more than 1,100 school board members, administrators, teachers and guests attended OSBA's regional fall conferences, which featured numerous honors, awards and recognitions.

The always-popular regional conferences — which also are held in the spring — provide attendees with opportunities to network with colleagues and create new contacts within their regions.

OSBA President **Ed Penrod**, **Logan-Hocking Local (Hocking)** and **Tri-County Career Center**, OSBA Executive Director **Richard Lewis** and other OSBA staff traveled to the various conferences to meet attendees and provide updates.

Board members who attend a regional conference qualify for five credits toward the OSBA Award of Achievement. Visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/43085> or contact OSBA.

Here is a summary of the fall conferences from reports submitted by the regional managers who organize and oversee the annual spring and fall meetings. Visit OSBA's Flickr page at www.flickr.com/photos/ohschoolboards/sets to view photos from the conferences. To

contact your regional managers or learn more about OSBA's regions visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/regions.

Central Region

*by Kim Miller-Smith
regional manager*

Central Region President Dr. **Marguerite Bennett**, **Mount Vernon City** and **Knox County Career Center**, presided over the Sept. 30 Central Region Fall Conference at Villa Milano in Columbus.

More than 240 people from 13 of the 14 counties in the region registered for the event which featured presentations from OSBA President Penrod, OSBA Executive Director Lewis and OSBA Director of Legislative Services **Damon Asbury**. Dr. **James Mahoney**, executive director of Battelle for Kids, delivered the keynote address.

Conference activities also included the election of 2016 Central Region Executive Committee members. **Lee Schreiner**, **South-Western City**, was elected the region's 2016 president-elect.

The region honored two Outstanding Teachers from the Central Region who were nominated for the Ohio Teacher of the Year: **Jamie Durbin**,

Olentangy Local (Delaware), and **Robert Lanthorn**, **Hamilton Local (Franklin)**.

The region designated 12 district staff members as exemplary employees: **Zach Bobo**, lead computer technician, **Bloom-Carroll Local (Fairfield)**; **Joyce A. Boyer**, treasurer, **Canal Winchester Local (Franklin)**; Dr. **John D. Stanford**, deputy superintendent, **Columbus City**; **Dan Gilliam**, maintenance supervisor, **Elgin Local (Marion)**; **Teresa L. Thomas**, treasurer, **Fairfield County ESC**; **Collett Hayes**, counselor, **Hamilton Local**; **Steve Crist**, operations supervisor, **Madison Local (Richland)**; **Chris Deis**, director of technology, **Marysville EV**; **Nancy Bevan**, food services director, **Mount Vernon City**; **Brett Perdue**, director of maintenance, **Teays Valley Local (Pickaway)**; **Karen Truett**, director of communications, **Upper Arlington City**; and **Heather Terry**, administrative assistant to the superintendent, **Walnut Township Local (Fairfield)**.

Nine individuals were named Friends of Public Schools: **Tanny Crane**, **Columbus City**; **Becka Mayr**, **Dublin City**; **Jeff Sewell**, **Hamilton Local**; **Vern Johnston**, **Lakewood Local (Licking)**; **Phil**

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Anderson, Lancaster City; Scot McLemore, Marysville EV; Barbara Holcomb, North Union Local (Union); Dr. Brad Mitchell, Upper Arlington City; and Dr. Paul Whetstone, Walnut Township Local.

The region honored the following board members for 30 years of service on their boards: **Jackie L. Caughenbaugh, Licking Valley Local (Licking); Darrell Cottrill, Ross-Pike ESC and Pickaway-Ross Career Center; and Ruby Miller, Knox County ESC and Knox County Career Center. David E. Engel, Southwest Licking Local (Licking),** was

honored for 35 years of service, and **Richard McLarnan, Knox County ESC and Knox County Career Center,** was acknowledged as a 40-year board member.

Mary Tedrow, Groveport Madison Local (Franklin), was honored as the Central Region's Outstanding Board Member. She will be inducted into the All-Ohio School Board at the 2015 Capital Conference and Trade Show on Nov. 11 in Columbus. The recognition is OSBA's most prestigious honor.

The evening concluded with recognition of Bennett for her leadership and service.

Northeast Region

*by Reno Contipelli
regional manager*

More than 160 school board members, administrators and guests from throughout the Northeast Region gathered Oct. 7 at the Galaxy Restaurant in Wadsworth.

Elections were held for the region's executive committee. **Thomas F. Brophrey, Wellsville Local (Columbiana),** was elected the region's 2016 president-elect.

Attendees heard from a number of speakers, including OSBA President Penrod and OSBA Executive Director Lewis, who

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talked about the importance of standing up for public education. Each referenced House Bill (HB) 70, which permits the academic distress commission overseeing **Youngstown City Schools** to appoint a CEO.

Youngstown City Board of Education President **Brenda Kimble** also provided an update on what the board is doing to fight the HB 70 plan.

Region President **John W. Halkias, Plain Local (Stark)**, presented the *Kids* PAC awards. He also helped Penrod and Lewis present the Outstanding School Board Member Awards to **Sue Williams, Southeast Local (Wayne)** and **Wayne County Schools Career Center**; **Linda Kramer, Wadsworth City**; **Terry Groden, North Olmsted City**; and **Rev. Dr. Curtis T. Walker Sr., Akron City**.

One of the highlights of each year's fall conference is the annual **Lester M. Marrison Education Scholarship**. This year it was presented to **Rebecca Lewton**, a former student at **Buckeye Local (Jefferson)** who attends Ohio University Eastern and is majoring in early childhood education.

The region's Friend of Public Education Award was presented to **Kenneth C. Blair Jr.** He served for 44 years on the **Newbury Local (Geauga)** and **Auburn Career Center** boards of education and was a member of the region's executive committee for more than 20 years.

New region awards also were presented. These awards will be presented annually. Winners were: ● **Akron City, Trumbull Career & Technical Center** and **Wayne County Schools Career Center** were recognized as Outstanding

School Boards for their teamwork, leadership and dedication to public education;

● **Cleveland Municipal and Mentor EV** received Programs of the Year awards for their presentations at the National School Boards Association Annual Conference;

● **Gale Thomas** was named Volunteer of the Year for her 40 years of work at Wadsworth City.

The region also recognized eight districts in attendance that were selected to represent the Northeast Region at the Student Achievement Fair during the OSBA Capital Conference.

Northwest Region

by *Dr. Judy Jackson May*
regional manager

Northwest Region President

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Learn how you can save time and money with BoardDocs



Did you know that switching to paperless board meetings could help your school district save time and money and become more effective for as little as \$2,700 per year? OSBA proudly endorses BoardDocs paperless governance solutions. As the pioneer of e-governance, BoardDocs has helped more than 1,000 organizations worldwide improve board effectiveness, reduce the time required to create and manage board packets by up to 75% and dramatically reduce costs. In fact, by using BoardDocs, many school districts report savings in the thousands – even tens of thousands – per year. Currently, more than 70 Ohio districts are saving money with BoardDocs by going paperless.

Register for a free one-hour webinar on Thursday, Dec. 10, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. to learn more. Register at <https://www.boarddocs.com/event.nsf/ViewEvent/OSBA2015-03>. For questions about these webinars, contact **Laura Vautour**, BoardDocs e-governance specialist, at (800) 407-0141, ext. 3521, or Lvautour@boarddocs.com.

OSBA MASTER OF TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION (MTA) PROGRAM

Don't miss the kickoff of the 2015-16 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.



Workshop dates and descriptions

Nov. 18 or 24 — The state and local budget process

Learn about the state budget process, including how the biennial budget is created. Review school transportation budgets, how to create one and how to use previous budgets and cost analysis to forecast expenses. Finally, review what to do when state funding comes up short, and how transportation can be involved in various levy campaigns.

Dec. 9 or 16 — Transportation rules and regulations

Review the federal, state and local rules and regulations that govern student transportation. This class is essential for new transportation administrators, as well as any school administrator involved in student transportation.

Feb. 3 or 9 — Federal regulations, guidance and agencies

Learn about federal agencies, rules and regulations. Review the federal alphabet soup, including FMCSA, NHTSA, NTSB, TSB and ODI and the impacts that these have on daily transportation operations.

April 6 or 12 — Laws, rules and policy

What is the difference between revised code, administrative code and department policy? Where does local board policy fit in? Are they all mandates or just best practices? Review the process through which ideas become a rule or regulation, and how to influence this process.

May 4 or 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.

Winter School Finance Workshop

Tuesday, Dec. 1, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
OSBA office, Columbus

School funding, the Youngstown plan and other education-related issues continue to be contentious topics at the Statehouse. This workshop is your opportunity to get answers and information from the experts.

What happened in the November elections and how will it impact the next General Assembly? What will the current General Assembly be doing in the second half of its session? You will get information about these questions and more at the Winter School Finance Workshop. Find out what's at stake for Ohio's schools — we are talking politics, legislation and much more.

Cost is \$150, 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.



SchoolComp Safety Seminar



Wednesday, Dec. 2 **Cost: \$150**
OSBA office, Columbus **9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

Accidents and injuries can cost a lot of money. Although practicing safety in the workplace can prevent accidents and reduce expenses, avoidable accidents still occur.

This workshop qualifies as four hours of Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation safety training for districts that are required to meet the yearly safety training requirement.

Agenda

- 8 a.m.** Registration
9 a.m. Federal Motor Carrier Safety
Administration Reasonable Suspicion
Certification — drug and alcohol
regulations
11:30 a.m. Lunch (provided)

You do not have to be a participant in the SchoolComp Group Rating or Retro Rating programs to attend this seminar. You can register on the Ohio Association of School Business Officials website at www.oasbo-ohio.org or by calling (614) 431-9116.

Noon

Accidents in the workplace — vehicles and personal injury

- Accident trend analysis: when do they occur, pattern recognition, causality analysis and identifying mitigation needs
- Accident response protocols: who, what and how?
- Process identification: resources needed, availability and how to obtain them
- Investigation: fault and preventability
- Mitigation plan: people, things and the environment

2:30 p.m. Adjourn

Management Development Series #5

School security update: Barricades, bomb threats and terrorism



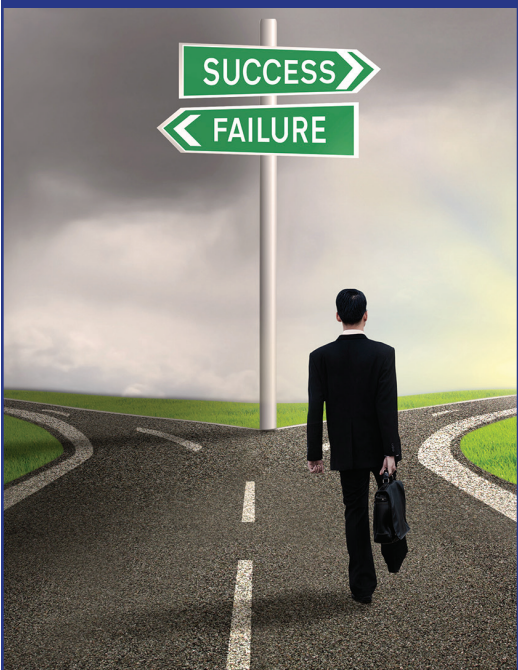
Friday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. • OSBA office, Columbus • Cost is \$90

Maintaining safe and secure schools is an ever-evolving challenge. Security plans must be constantly reviewed and updated. Daily events, both here and around the globe, often figure into these plans, so staying current and informed is critical.

In 2015, three topics that figure prominently in school security are bomb threats, door barricades and international terrorism. This workshop will focus on these topics and provide important updates. It also will feature a tabletop exercise to give attendees a better understanding of these threats and provide strategies for planning and preparing a response. Presenters include **Reno Contipelli** and Dr. **Richard J. Caster**, two OSBA staff members who are well known and experienced in multiple areas of school security.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops or contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

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WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

OSBA MTA program

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- ☐ Nov. 24, Columbus, \$90
- ☐ Dec. 9, Columbus, \$90
- ☐ Dec. 16, Columbus, \$90
- ☐ Feb. 3, Columbus, \$90
- ☐ Feb. 9, Columbus, \$90
- ☐ April 6, Columbus, \$90
- ☐ April 12, Columbus, \$90
- ☐ May 4, Columbus, \$90
- ☐ May 10, Columbus, \$90

Management Development

**Series #5: School security
update: Barricades, bomb threats
and terrorism**

- ☐ Dec. 4, Columbus, \$90

OSBA Workshop Registration Form

Workshop name _____ Workshop date _____
Attendee name _____ Title _____
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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.

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- No-shows and cancellations the day of the workshop will be charged the full registration amount.

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Kevin Landin, Ottoville Local (Putnam), made history by hosting two fall conferences, a first for the 20-county region. More than 320 guests attended events at **Lima City's** Lima Senior High School on Oct. 1 and **Penta Career Center** on Oct. 14.

Lima City's Culinary and Food Service Management Team and students in Penta Career Center's Culinary I, II and III programs prepared and served dinner at their respective conferences.

Lima Senior Instrumental Spotlights, Spartones and Spartettes provided the entertainment at the Lima event. **Rossford EV** high school students **Sabrina Niedbalski** and **Taylor Spencer** sang the national anthem and **Oregon City's** Clay High School Bel Canto Women's Chorus entertained attendees at the Penta Career Center conference. The Penta event also featured a presentation on campus culture by **Steve Gfell** and **Calvin Burney** of Bowling Green State University.

The region recognized Outstanding Board Member nominees **Rick Helminski, Springfield Local (Lucas); Sherri Koback, Springfield Local and Penta Career Center; Penny Kill, Spencerville Local (Allen) and Apollo Career Center; Robert McPherson, Bath Local (Allen); Thomas Ilstrup, Washington Local (Lucas); and Bob Vasquez, Toledo City.**

Also honored were veteran board members with 10, 15, 20, 30, and 35 years of service, and the

winners of the 2015 Northwest Region Educational Book Grant.

The Northwest Region Excellence in Community Service Award went to Spencerville Local's SADD program; Lima City's Lima Senior Key Club; **Shawnee Local's (Allen) Optimist Club; Margaretta Local's (Erie) FFA; Millcreek-West Unity Local's (Williams) Hilltop High School; Laci Sherer** and Bath Elementary School, Bath Local; **Noah and Lee Schumaker**, Ottawa Elementary School, **Ottawa-Glandorf Local (Putnam); Tom and Lindsay Christie**, Springfield Local; and districts that participate in the Christmas for Kids program with radio personality **Rick Small** of WDFM in Defiance.

The Northwest Region Humanitarian Award honorees included Kids Hope USA, Lima City; **Nancy Zachrich, Leipsic Local (Putnam);** the Perrysburg Rotary STRIVE Program; and the Margaretta Local Townsend Ruritan.

The Who's Who in the Northwest Region Excellence Award for Outstanding Leadership honorees were **Sue Chandler**, food service director, **Bowling Green City; Karen Brown**, food service supervisor, **Eastwood Local (Wood); Bob Toney**, administrator, Margaretta Local; **Jenny Moneghan**, assistant treasurer, **Anthony Wayne Local (Lucas); Rick Small** and retired U.S. Marine **Ray Dailey; Mark Suter** and the **Pandora-Gilboa Local (Putnam) Rockettech Club; and Brent Liskai**, teacher, **Gibsonburg EV.**

The conference also acknowledged the region's two National Blue Ribbon Schools, **Benton-Carroll-Salem Local's (Ottawa) R.C. Waters Elementary School** and **Perrysburg EV's** Perrysburg High School.

In region elections, Bath Local's McPherson was chosen as the region's 2016 president-elect.

Southeast Region

*by Paul D. Mock
regional manager*

More than 160 guests representing 35 of the Southeast Region's 84 school districts registered for the Sept. 24 fall conference at Logan-Hocking Local's Logan High School.

The dinner was prepared by Logan High School food service director **Juli Varsanyi** and served by students in the work-study program. The Logan High School Chamber Singers, directed by **John McClain**, entertained guests.

Region President **Gail Requardt, East Muskingum Local (Muskingum) and Mid-East Career and Technology Centers**, presided over the meeting, with OSBA President Penrod and OSBA Executive Director Lewis providing association updates and greetings. OSBA Deputy Director of Legislative Services **Jay Smith** provided a legislative update. During the election of executive committee members, **Michael Fador, St. Clairsville-Richland City and Belmont County Career Center**, was elected the region's

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2016 president-elect.

The following board members were recognized for 10 years of service: **Steve Berry, Nelsonville-York City** and **Tri-County Career Center**; **Rev. D. Cordell Brown, River View Local (Coshocton)** and **Coshocton County Career Center**; and **Scott Williamson, Gallia County Local (Gallia)** and **Buckeye Hills Career Center**. **David G. Stiffler Jr., Gallia-Vinton ESC**, was honored for 15 years of service.

The Southeast Region Outstanding School Board Member Awards were presented to **Fred Davis, Alexander Local (Athens)**, and **Sandra E. Poe, Green Local (Scioto)**.

Plaques were presented to the top recipients in the region's annual Outstanding Recognition Program, which began in 1993. Seventy nominations were received from 23 districts. The Outstanding Student Program went to **Vinton County Local's (Vinton)** Middle School Mural Project; Outstanding Male Student was awarded to **John Dudas** from **Franklin Local's (Muskingum)** Philo High School; and the Outstanding Female Student was **Abby Cornwell** from **Athens City's** East Elementary School.

Other recipients included Outstanding Faculty Member **Korey A. Parlin, Morgan Local's (Morgan)** Morgan High School; Outstanding Classified Staff Member **Eleanor Smith, Wolf Creek Local's (Washington)** Waterford High School; Outstanding Treasurer **Claudia L.**

Zaler, Waverly City; Outstanding Volunteer **Ruth Bowling, Logan-Hocking Local's** Union Furnace Elementary School; Outstanding Administrator Superintendent Dr. **Stephanie D. Starcher, Fort Frye Local (Washington)**; and Outstanding New Program or Innovation **Eastern Local's (Meigs)** Eastern Elementary and Middle School Guidance Department's Eagle Pack Program.

The President's Award, selected each year by the region president, honors those who have shown unwavering commitment and dedication to public education and boys and girls in southeast Ohio. Honored was Dr. **Barbara A. Hansen**, an education professor at Muskingum University who previously served for 20 years as superintendent at East Muskingum Local.

Vinton County Juvenile/Probate Court Judge **N. Robert Grillo**, who has been instrumental in establishing scholarships for Vinton County boys and girls basketball players, was this year's recipient of the 2015 Advocate of Education Hall of Fame Award.

Grillo was honored for his tireless and unselfish dedication to public service and children.

Southwest Region

*by Ronald J. Diver
regional manager*

The Oct. 8 Southwest Region Fall Conference was held at **Warren County Career Center** in Lebanon, with more than 270 attendees. Region President **Gail**

Martindale, Cedar Cliff Local (Greene) and **Greene County Career Center**, was the host for the evening's program.

Cedar Cliff Local's Cedar Cliff High School Jazz Band entertained guests and **Springboro Community City's** Springboro High School Air Force Junior ROTC presented the colors.

Four National Blue Ribbon Schools — **Goshen High School, Goshen Local (Clermont)**; **Ross High School, Ross Local (Butler)**; **Lynchburg-Clay Elementary School, Lynchburg-Clay Local (Highland)**; and **Wyoming Middle School, Wyoming City** — each received a plaque.

John Pennycuff, Winton Woods City, was honored in a special recognition to honor his 25 years of service on the board, as well as his time on the Southwest Region Executive Committee and as 2010 OSBA president. He is concluding his board service at the end of the year.

OSBA President Penrod shared some thoughts on the challenging work done by boards of education. He noted that while public education is under attack, OSBA is there to support its membership. OSBA Executive Director Lewis commented on the steps ahead in board leadership and delivered a detailed analysis of HB 70.

Warren Stevens, Urbana City and **Ohio Hi-Point Career Center**, was elected region president-elect for 2016.

The region recognized three

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nominees for the Ohio Teacher of the Year with framed certificates and corsages. Recognized were **Stephanie Erikson, Blanchester Local (Clinton)**; **Angela Puckett, Mad River Local (Montgomery)**; and **Patricia Clark, Wyoming City**.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the 2015 Friend of Education Hall of Fame award to **Mark Meister**, president and CEO of the Dayton Society of Natural History. This organization includes Boonshoft Museum of Discovery, Fort Ancient and Sunwatch Indian Village, which provide amazing educational experiences for students.

The Southwest Region Outstanding Student Program Awards were again a huge success.

Fifteen programs (three programs from five categories) were judged as outstanding, and each was presented with a framed certificate.

Outstanding New Programs were Spaulding Service Learning Project, Goshen Local; Veterinary Science, **Grant Career Center**; and Advisory Pride Program, **Middletown City**.

Outstanding Ongoing Programs were: Clinton Massie Robotics Club, **Clinton-Massie Local (Clinton)**; Riverside BPA Chapter, Ohio Hi-Point Career Center; and Lakota East Freshman Connection, **Butler Tech**.

Outstanding Volunteer Programs were: Girlstrong, **Georgetown EV**; Project Search Family Supporters, **Upper Valley**

Career Center; and Great Oaks Equity Councils, **Great Oaks Career Campuses**.

Outstanding Multi-district Impact Programs went to: Rock and Roll Academy, **Hamilton County ESC**; Franklin-Monroe Business Academy, **Miami Valley Career Technology Center**; and Construction Academy, Warren County Career Center.

Outstanding Special Recognition Programs were: Supply Chain Management, **Greenville City**; Talawanda Health and Wellness Program, **Talawanda City**; and ACT/SAT College Life Skills, **Lebanon City**.

The 2015 Al Kettlewell Awards for outstanding board leadership

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were presented to Martindale; **Greg Barr**, Greenfield EV and Great Oaks Career Campuses; **Kevin A. Johnston**, Preble County ESC; and **Hazel G. Rountree**, Dayton City.

Certificates were presented to the 31 Southwest Region programs that were chosen as participants in the Student Achievement Fair at the 2015 OSBA Capital Conference. A framed certificate also was

presented to the Middletown City's Middletown High School Show Choir for being chosen as the Southwest Region's 2015 Student Achievement Fair performing group.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services

Legislature makes changes to TPP/PUTPP supplement, phaseout

The General Assembly has voted to restore a portion of school

districts' tangible personal property tax (TPP) and public

utility tangible personal property tax (PUTPP) supplement payments in fiscal year (FY) 2017. Gov. **John R. Kasich** vetoed the supplement for FY 2017 in July, following passage of House Bill (HB) 64, the biennial budget bill.

The vehicle for partially restoring the supplement was an amendment to Senate Bill (SB) 208, which the legislature crafted to correct an unintended business tax issue that arose in HB 64.

The amendment to SB 208 guarantees school districts will receive 96% of their TPP/PUTPP payments, plus state aid, in FY 2017, as compared to the combined total for FY 2015. This is essentially the same as the HB 64 TPP/PUTPP supplement, except the guarantee amount is 96% instead of 100% for the supplement.

TPP supplement payments in FY 2017 are estimated to be approximately \$44 million statewide. Districts not qualifying

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

Students design prosthetic for classmate

Donald Cordell, an 18-year-old student at **Springfield-Clark Career Technology Center**, was born without fingers on his right hand.

A costly prosthetic has never been an option, but his teacher and classmates in a computer-assisted design and drafting class had another idea.

Using 3-D printers, students are in the middle of a special project to create a prosthetic hand for Cordell.

"I've always gotten stares from people when I was younger,"

Cordell told a local newspaper.

"It's hard to explain, but it makes me feel special, kind of, because I didn't know people cared."

Using ultraviolet light, 3-D printers convert liquid plastics and rubbers into solid pieces. The machines will print fingers, joints and a palm. They will be connected with material that mimics the elasticity of tendons.

"You could see that look on everybody's face that they wanted to do this really, really bad,"

teacher **Eric Barge** said.

Local 3-D imaging companies have donated time and resources to help with the prosthetic. Skyward Ltd. of Dayton completed a scan of Cordell's hand that students will use to build the prosthetic.

The class hopes to design three models of the hand for Cordell to take with him when he graduates.

Cordell intends to pursue a career as an aviation engineer.

Source: *Springfield News-Sun*

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for the supplement in FY 2017 are not affected by this change in SB 208 (this includes districts with school-funding increases equal to or above the loss of TPP/PUTPP replacement payments).

In addition, the amendment would change the remaining TPP/PUTPP replacement payments going forward (after the reductions in FY 2016 and FY 2017).

Beginning in FY 2018, TPP/PUTPP replacement payments would be reduced by an amount equal to what 5/8 mill would raise locally each year in the district. Specifically, reimbursement payments would begin to decline in FY 2018 by 1/16 of 1% of a district's taxable property

valuation averaged over the three-year period from 2014 to 2016 (1/16 of 1% is the equivalent of 5/8 mill per dollar of valuation, or 0.0625%).

In FY 2019, the payment would equal the FY 2018 payment minus 0.0625% of the three-year average valuation. Each succeeding year's payment would equal the immediately preceding year's payment minus 0.0625% of the three-year average valuation until the payment amount reaches zero.

Under this language, it is estimated that payments to some traditional school districts will continue for an additional 15 years beyond what is currently in law

for the phaseout of TPP/PUTPP replacement payments. It is important to note that since these changes to the phaseout do not begin until FY 2018, it may be subject to change with additional legislation in the FY 2018-2019 biennial budget.

The General Assembly passed SB 208 Oct. 27. According to legislative leaders, the governor is expected to sign the bill as passed.

For questions about SB 208 or any other legislative issues, contact the OSBA Division of Legislative Services.

Editor's note: The information in this article was current as of Oct. 29, 2015.

November 2015

- 8-11 OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show Columbus
- 8 Northwest Region Executive Committee meeting..... Columbus
- 8 Southeast Region Executive Committee meeting..... Columbus
- 9 Central Region Executive Committee meeting..... Columbus
- 18 OSBA MTA Program: The state and local budget process..... Columbus
- 24 OSBA MTA Program: The state and local budget process..... Columbus
- 24 Last day to submit certification for March conversion levy to tax commissioner — RC 5705.219(B) (105 days prior to the election).
- 30 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 2015

- 1 Winter School Finance Workshop Columbus
- 1 Last day to submit certification for March conversion levy to tax commissioner — RC 5705.219(B) (105 days prior to the election).
- 2 SchoolComp Safety Seminar Columbus
- 2 Northeast Region Executive Committee Meeting Wadsworth

- 4 Management Development Series #5 Workshop Columbus
- 7 Southwest Region Executive Committee meeting..... Lebanon
- 7 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).
- 9 OSBA MTA Program: Transportation rules and regulations Columbus
- 10 BoardDocs webinar
- 11 Post-general election 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 from the last day reflected in the previous report through Dec. 4, 2015 — RC 3517.10(A)(2); last day to submit March emergency or current operating expenses or conversion levy to county auditor for March election — RC 5705.194, 5705.195, 5705.213, 5705.219 (95 days prior to the election).
- 16 OSBA MTA Program: Transportation rules and regulations Columbus
- 16 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 5748.02(C) 5705.219(C) and (G); last day to submit emergency levy for March election to board of elections — RC 5705.195; last day to submit phased-in levy or current operating expenses levy for March election to board of elections — RC 5705.251(A) (90 days prior to the election). Last day for treasurer to canvass the board to establish a date of the organizational meeting — RC 3313.14.

January 2016

- 9-10 New Board Member Academy Miamisburg
- 9-10 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.