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Youngstown City files legal action to declare HB 70 unconstitutional

Youngstown City Schools and several other groups have filed a lawsuit seeking to have House Bill (HB) 70 ruled unconstitutional. Hastily passed last-minute amendments to the bill drastically changed the structure and authority of academic distress commissions. The legislation requires the newly structured commissions to appoint a CEO who would have full operational and managerial control of a district in academic emergency, as well as other unprecedented powers. The suit contends that by pushing the amended bill through in fewer than 24 hours with no input from the school district or community, the legislature vitally altered HB 70 as introduced and violated the Ohio Constitution's "three-reading rule." For HB 70 details, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/48509>.

OSBA urges boards to adopt resolution opposing HB 70 amendments

OSBA is strongly urging school boards across Ohio to adopt a resolution calling for changes to the last-minute amendments to HB 70 and opposing the manner in which the changes were approved. The OSBA Board of Trustees' adopted a similar resolution. A sample resolution you can customize for your district is posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/40299>. OSBA encourages districts to send copies of the resolution to the governor, state legislature, State Board of Education and state superintendent of public instruction and OSBA.

Capital Conference offers many compelling reasons to attend

Are you registered for the OSBA Capital Conference yet? If not, here are just a few reasons not to miss one of the best education conferences in the country. The event features world-class keynote speakers, such as award-winning broadcast journalist **Jane Pauley**, former astronaut and NASA educator **Leland Melvin** and educational media expert Dr. **Milton Chen**. It also offers more than 150 learning sessions, countless networking opportunities and the largest education trade show in the U.S. In addition, a special group registration rate for school districts makes the conference more affordable than ever. For details, visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org>.

Deadline for conference student video team nominations drawing near

OSBA is seeking Ohio's best high school student video team to create a 10-minute documentary of the 2015 Capital Conference in Columbus in November. The team will attend the conference to produce the video, which will be streamed on OSBA's website, shared with other state school boards associations and used to promote the conference, which draws nearly 10,000 people each year. A nomination form is posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/91421>. For details, contact OSBA's **Drew Clark**

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Route workshop information to:

- ☐ Administrative assistants
- ☐ Administrators
- ☐ Board candidates
- ☐ Communication coordinators
- ☐ Newly appointed board members

at (800) 589-OSBA or dclark@ohioschoolboards.org. The deadline is Sept. 30.

OSBA legal blog offers latest education-related legal news

OSBA's legal division maintains a legal blog, The Legal Ledger. Authored by OSBA attorneys, the blog features weekly updates on the newest cases, hot topics and legal developments on state and federal laws and regulations. To subscribe, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/43612>, enter your email address and click "Subscribe." Blog subscribers will receive the latest updates as they are published.

OASBO seeks business official of the year nominations

The Ohio Association of School Business Officials is seeking Outstanding School Business Official of the Year nominees. The winners will be recognized in

Farm-to-school program brings in local, nutritious food

A federally funded grant program is connecting school districts with local, nutritious food sources.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture awarded grants this year to assist a number of participating Ohio schools. The nearly \$44,000 grant received by the **Stark County ESC**, one of five Ohio recipients, is expected to benefit more than 36,000 Stark County students.

"Our goal is to create an avenue where we can actually purchase from our local farms," **Dave Lloyd, Lake Local (Stark) Schools** food service director, told a local newspaper.

The program helps schools incorporate local foods, classroom gardens and nutritional education.

Source: *The (Canton) Repository*

November at the OSBA Capital Conference. The categories are treasurer/CFO; food and nutrition director; transportation director; and business operations manager. For details and to make nominations, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/84250>. The nomination deadline is Sept. 25.

ODE releases test schedule, safe harbor provisions

The Ohio Department of Education has released a window of dates during which schools can administer the 2015-2016 state tests in English language arts, math, science and social studies. Details are posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/58133>. Since the language arts and math assessments are new, a number of safe harbor provisions have been modified for those tests. For more on the provisions, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/86361>.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

Visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org> for updates and other information on the OSBA Capital Conference, set for Nov. 8-11 in Columbus. The site offers details on keynote speakers, workshops, registration, the Student Achievement Fair, the Trade Show and more.



Briefcase

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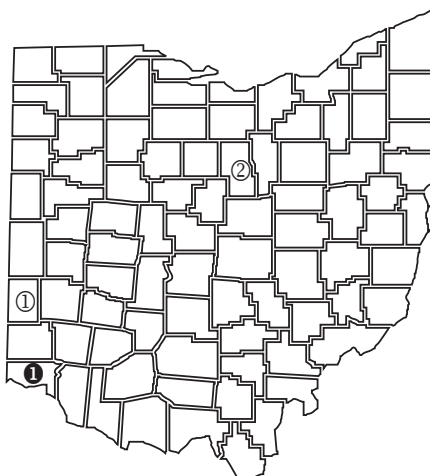
OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

District	Deadline	Contact
① Forest Hills Local (Hamilton)	Oct. 9	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

Treasurer

District	Deadline	Contact
① Eaton Community City	Sept. 25	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
② Mansfield City	TBD	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



Board changes

Cleveland Municipal appointed **Justin Monday** to the board effective Aug. 19. He replaced **Ericka Abrams**, whose term expired June 30. ●●● **Fairfield City** appointed **Brian Begley** to the board effective Aug. 6. He replaced **Thomas Heisler**, who moved out of the district. ●●● **Leetonia EV** appointed **Antoinette Manzetti** to the board effective Aug. 20. She replaced **Kurt Jennings**, who resigned. ●●● **McDonald Local (Trumbull)** appointed **Jody Klase** to the board effective Aug. 25. She replaced **Robert L. Jones Jr.**, who died. ●●● **Northwestern Local (Clark)** appointed **Libbee Hastings** to the board effective Aug. 10. She replaced **Gene Pencil**, who moved out of the district. ●●● **Ottawa Hills Local (Lucas)** appointed **Kate Pixler** to the board effective Aug. 20. She replaced **Gary Wilson**, who moved out of the district. ●●● **Shaker Heights City** appointed **Todd C. Davidson** to the board effective Aug. 11. He replaced **Amy H. Fulford**, who moved out of the district. ●●● **Xenia Community City** Board of Education member **Arch Grieve** announced his resignation effective Aug. 7.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Bellaire Local (Belmont) hired **Darren C. Jenkins** as superintendent effective Sept. 19. He will replace **Tony D. Scott**, who is retiring. Jenkins currently is the district's treasurer and interim superintendent. ●●● **Gibsonburg EV** hired **Tim Murray** as superintendent effective Aug. 10. He replaced **Dr. Jose Hernandez**, who took a high school principal position at **Mansfield City**. Murray previously was the district's high school principal. ●●● **Graham Local (Champaign)** hired **Matt Curtis** as interim superintendent effective Aug. 14. He replaced **Norm W. Glismann**, who took a superintendent position at **Tecumseh Local (Clark)**. Curtis previously was interim superintendent at **Northwestern Local (Clark)**. ●●● **Green Local (Scioto)** hired **Jodi Armstrong** as superintendent effective immediately. She replaced **Sandy Mers**, who took the superintendent position at **South Central Ohio ESC**. Armstrong previously was an elementary principal in the district.

Editor's note

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

●●● Jefferson County ESC hired **Chuck Kokiko** as superintendent effective Sept. 1. He replaced Dr. **George Ash**, who took the chief executive officer position at the ESC. Kokiko previously was the ESC's chief academic officer. ●●● Valley Local (Scioto) hired **Scott Rolfe** as superintendent effective Sept. 1. He replaced **Carl McCrory**, who resigned. Rolfe previously was the special education supervisor at the South Central Ohio ESC.

Treasurers

Cardington-Lincoln Local (Morrow) hired **Jon Mason** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. He replaced **Scott D. Osborne**, who resigned. Mason also will continue to serve as treasurer for **Highland Local (Morrow)**. ●●● **East Liverpool City** hired **Kathy Jo Laughlin** as treasurer effective Sept. 14. She replaced **Todd A. Puster**, who took the treasurer position at **Orange City**. Laughlin previously was an audit manager for the Ohio auditor of state. ●●● **Eastwood Local (Wood)** Treasurer **David R. Michel** announced his retirement effective Dec. 31. ●●● **Mansfield City** hired **Trevor R. Gummere** as interim treasurer effective Sept. 1. He replaced **Rosetta L. Stephens**, who retired effective June 30. Gummere also will continue to serve as treasurer at **Mount Gilead EV**. ●●● **Olmsted Falls City** hired **Emily Dales** as treasurer effective immediately. She replaced **Mark S. Hullman**, who retired. Dales previously was the assistant treasurer at **Gahanna-Jefferson City**. ●●● **Sandy Valley Local (Stark)** hired **Craig McKendry** as treasurer effective Sept. 1. He replaced **Darryl Woolf**, who took the director of business operations position at **Perry Local (Stark)**. McKendry previously was a teacher at **Green Local (Summit)**.

Sympathies

Former **Bath Local (Allen)** Board of Education member **George W. Docter** died Aug. 21. He was 87. ●●● Former **Columbus Grove Local (Putnam)** Superintendent **Frederick J. Bremer** died Aug. 16. He was 89. ●●● Former **Gibsonburg EV** Board of Education member **Glenn Edward Maddy Sr.** died Aug. 13. He was 89. ●●● **McDonald Local (Trumbull)** Board of Education member **Robert L. Jones Jr.** died Aug. 10. He was 63. ●●● Former **Mentor EV** Board of Education member **John S. Ruple Sr.** died Aug. 5. He was 93. ●●● Former **Oberlin City** Board of Education member **Dean Wolfe** died Aug. 10. He was 85. ●●● Former **Valley View Local (Montgomery)** Board of Education member **James Keith "Jim" Buehner** died Aug. 11. He was 84. ●●● Former **Yellow Springs EV** Board of Education member Dr. **Angela M.T. Wright** died Aug. 22. She was 64.



INFORMATION

by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

Ryan promoted to director of board services as LaSota retires

When **Kathy LaSota** arrived at OSBA 12 years ago, it didn't take long for her to recognize her passion.

As a prior director of school and community relations for **Hilliard City** and **Delaware City** schools, LaSota strived to bring together diverse opinions from

administrators, teachers and parents.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my entire career, but OSBA gave me the amazing opportunity to use the talents and skills that I enjoy the most to benefit the people who make the biggest difference in the lives of our youth," LaSota said.

That skill as a facilitator has earned LaSota the respect of OSBA members who have trusted the director of OSBA's Division of School Board Services and her team to help districts hire qualified superintendents and treasurers, undertake strategic planning and

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improve their leadership team relationships.

That expertise will be missed as LaSota's more-than 40-year career in public education comes to a close; she retired at the end of August.

Cheryl W. Ryan, former deputy director of school board services, has been promoted to lead the division. She joined OSBA in 2007 as an education management consultant.

"I couldn't be leaving the division in better hands," LaSota said. "Cheryl and her team are unmatched in the industry."

LaSota's motivation to follow a career path in public education began in her hometown of Steubenville, where her fifth-grade teacher inspired her.

With a bachelor's degree in elementary education, LaSota began teaching in 1972.

Prior to joining OSBA, she also was self-employed as an educational consultant, working with district administrators and school boards on goal setting, continuous improvement planning, diversity, communications and other related topics.

"Kathy has been an integral part of the board development team," said **Richard Lewis**, OSBA executive director. "Not only has she has made an enormous impact on hundreds of school boards across the state, she has been the catalyst for several new programs."

LaSota has remained active as a member of the National Affiliation of Superintendent Searchers and

the National School Boards Association's State Association Trainers work-alike group.

"Kathy has been a fabulous mentor," Ryan said. "She's been a very open and transparent director and she's a creative problem solver. She's always involved the entire staff in the division as decisions were made and new initiatives explored."

Ryan, a former Hilliard City school board member, expects a smooth transition.

Before coming to OSBA, Ryan served as the director of international programs at the Ohio State University Fisher College of Business. There, she directed the activities of the university's Center for International Business Education and Research. Prior to moving to Ohio, she had a similar role at the University of Colorado Denver.

Ryan's education includes an undergraduate degree in psychology from Colorado State University and a master's degree in business administration with an emphasis in strategy and international business from the University of Colorado.

Ryan and her husband, **Paul**, live in Hilliard, and are parents of a son and daughter.

"The hardest thing about taking over as director is going to be doing it without Kathy here," Ryan said. "I'm excited about the opportunities for both of us, but it's going to be a different kind of reality."

LaSota plans to spend more

time with her family, including her 94-year-old mother, who lives in Steubenville. LaSota and her husband, **Don**, live in Delaware. They have a son, daughter and three grandchildren.

"My parents always taught me that you surround yourself with good people and that's who you become," LaSota said. "I just hope in retirement I will be able to find those people again. I found those good people at OSBA."



OSBA Contract Analysis Service

OSBA provides a cost-effective professional analysis of both certified and classified collective bargaining agreements. These written reviews serve as a critique of current contract provisions, suggest potential pitfalls regarding legal compliance and provide specific recommendations as you go into your next round of collective bargaining.

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Wednesday, Sept. 16	Northeast Ohio Medical University, Rootstown
Tuesday, Oct. 6	Ohio University Inn and Conference Center, Athens
Tuesday, Oct. 13	Hilton Garden Inn Toledo Perrysburg, Perrysburg
Thursday, Oct. 15	Hilton Garden Inn Dayton South, Miamisburg
Wednesday, Oct. 21	Kent State University at Tuscarawas, New Philadelphia

Plan now to attend the 2015 OSBA Treasurers' Clinics to be held in six locations around the state. These clinics provide the most current information on school district fiscal issues. Treasurers, business managers, board members, administrators and treasurer's office personnel are encouraged to attend.

The Treasurers' Clinics offer timely information on a multitude of topics relevant to all members of a district's management team. Attendees also can fulfill their local and state professional development needs, including in-service, LPDC and continuing professional education credits.

Registration and continental breakfast begin at 8 a.m. The fee is \$160, which includes registration, continental breakfast, lunch and materials. You can register by contacting **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000; (800) 589-OSBA; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.



2015 OSBA Intensive Legal Workshop

Thursday, Oct. 1 • 9 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

OSBA office, 8050 N. High St., Columbus

Cost: \$150

8:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast (provided)

9 a.m. Child abuse and neglect: a coordinated response

Child abuse and neglect cases require districts and county children services agencies to work closely together. Learn about reporting requirements, student interviews conducted on district property, potential attendance and tuition issues and more.

Anne C. O'Leary, Esq., general counsel, Franklin County Children Services; Matthew John Markling, Esq., and Patrick Vrobel, Esq., McGown & Markling Co. LPA, Akron; and Janie Gildersleeve, truant officer, Jefferson Area Local (Ashtabula) Schools

10 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. Breaking up with the superintendent or treasurer

Issues may arise when a superintendent or treasurer resigns or is terminated mid-contract. Learn how your district can handle buyouts, settlements, termination proceedings and other public relations concerns that may arise.

Jennifer Stiff Tomlin, Esq., Scott, Scriven & Wahoff LLP, Columbus

11 a.m. Transgender students and staff in schools

Review the legal issues and rights surrounding transgender students and staff and get practical tips for working with students, parents, teachers and communities.
Sara C. Clark, director of legal services, OSBA

11:45 a.m. Lunch (provided)

12:30 p.m. Legislative update

Get up-to-date on recent legislation that directly impacts your school district.
Jennifer Hogue, lobbyist, OSBA

1:15 p.m. Break

1:30 p.m. Employment law update

Review the latest employment law updates, including major changes to the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Family Medical Leave Act and employee health care. Learn how these changes will affect your district.
Beverly A. Meyer, Esq., Cooper, Gentile, Washington & Meyer Co. LPA, Dayton

2:15 p.m. Employees and social media: can they really say that?

District employees are using social media for personal and school purposes. Review a district's ability to discipline employees' use of social media. Leave with practical tips to take back to your district.

Megan D. Maurer, Esq., Pepple & Waggoner Ltd., Cleveland

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

3:15 p.m. Adjourn

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.



School board candidates — get the information you need to run a successful campaign



OSBA is holding a board candidate webinar to explain the roles and responsibilities of boardmanship, the legal obligations of being a board member and campaign finance issues. The webinar will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 30 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Participants will have a chance to ask OSBA staff questions about running for a position on a board of education. This webinar can be purchased after Sept. 30 to view at your convenience. The cost to attend is \$50. Webinar registrants also will receive a Board Candidate Kit, which includes *Candidate: A practical guide to running for school board*; a subscription to the *OSBA Journal*, the premier bimonthly magazine for school board members; and a subscription to *Briefcase*, a semimonthly newsletter.

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.

Social media: How to engage your community before, during and after a crisis

Friday, Oct. 2, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. • Cost \$150

OSBA office, 8050 N. High St., Columbus, (614) 540-4000

In today's technological world, social media can open lines of communication with constituents in ways that encourage feedback and learning while creating advocacy for a district and its schools. In essence, social media is a tool districts must have in their communication tool box to encourage strong, two-way communication; engage community members; provide a more transparent and authentic understanding of a district's mission and goals; and control messages.

In this workshop, attendees will identify potential issues associated with social media and learn how to proactively address unintended consequences using social media best practices. Attendees also will learn how to build their social media audiences by helping individuals with a wide range of perspectives understand proper participation in social media. Finally, school district leaders who have expanded their audiences will show how they used social media to control the message and communicate facts during a crisis. Social media is a strong tool that can engage communities, including senior citizens, and allow districts to be the first to deliver messages.

The cost is \$150, which includes registration, materials, lunch and light refreshments. Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops or contact **Laurie Miller**, OSBA senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.





Administrative Professionals Workshop

Friday, Oct. 9
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

OSBA office, Columbus
Cost is \$90

Administrative assistants often are the backbone of central offices and school buildings. Every program and event runs through their workspaces and every community member who comes in meets them before anyone else. Districts successful in maintaining positive relationships with their communities have very capable staffs.

Agenda

9:30 a.m. Registration and coffee

10 a.m. **When your district is on the ballot**
Best practices for you, other staff members and the board of education.

10:30 a.m. **When the media calls**
What to share and how to share it, including proactive messaging and social media best practices.

11 a.m. **When two heads are better than one**
Small-group scenarios and discussion.

11:30 a.m. Lunch

12:15 p.m. **When your boss changes**

Having the “How I work best” conversation, comparing expectations and cultural orientation for the new person.

1 p.m. **When the paper piles up**

Policies for records and board minutes retention, determining what information can be shared and handling public records requests best practices.

1:45 p.m. **Wrap-up**
Questions and follow-up.

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.

Start employees on the path to success with an employee handbook



Many districts have employee handbooks, but they may be outdated or incomplete. OSBA can help your district create a concise and accurate handbook that is useful for employers and employees.

A handbook:

- provides clear notice of expectations to employees;
- is a handy reference for employees to answer questions and cover basic conditions of employment;
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- supports disciplinary actions when guidelines are not followed;
- is a reference tool for nonunion employees.

OSBA offers three options of tiered services to meet your district's needs, including:

- Standard – electronic template of handbook and sample language;
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- Premium – most complete service to a district.

For more information, contact **Van D. Keating**, director of management services, at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or vkeating@ohioschoolboards.org.

Management Development Series #4

Recent legislative changes and board policy

Thursday, Oct. 15

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

OSBA office, Columbus

Cost is \$90



There have been many board policy updates resulting from recent legislative changes. Is your district in compliance with and aware of the changes that need to be made in the next few months stemming from the budget bill and other legislation? This workshop will provide a foundational overview of some of the recent changes, as well as a more detailed discussion of new programs and requirements. Presenters will provide information about changes to the Ohio teacher and principal evaluation systems, as well as an introduction to the new school counselor evaluation system. The workshop also will include information on recent updates to the third-grade reading guarantee and College Credit Plus program.

9:30 a.m. Registration

9:55 a.m. Welcome and overview

10 a.m. Policy changes stemming from recent legislation

OSBA policy consultants discuss policy changes stemming from the budget bill and other recent legislation. Topics will include details on College Credit Plus, the new school counselor evaluation system and recent changes to the teacher and principal evaluation systems.

10:45 a.m. Break

11 a.m. Legislative perspective

OSBA Lobbyist **Jennifer Hogue** discusses the budget bill and other recent legislative changes impacting schools.

Noon

1 p.m.

Lunch (provided)

Legal update on student issues, including students with disabilities

Attorney **Susan E. Geary** from Bricker and Eckler LLP discusses recent legislation and guidance for implementing the new requirements. Topics include implementing the new career advising requirements and recent Ohio Department of Education guidance on students with diabetes.

2 p.m.

Closing thoughts and adjourn

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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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 but one of the 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

Oct. 14 or 20 — T-reports and state funding

Review the required data and how to report it to the Ohio Department of Education. Learn how the fiscal data is used to calculate school funding. Review driver qualification data, what needs to be entered and how to manage the data once entered.

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 — 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.



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Treasurers' Clinics

- ☐ Sept. 15, Columbus, \$160
- ☐ Sept. 16, Rootstown, \$160
- ☐ Oct. 6, Athens, \$160
- ☐ Oct. 13, Perrysburg, \$160
- ☐ Oct. 15, Miamisburg, \$160
- ☐ Oct. 21, New Philadelphia, \$160

Board Candidate Webinar

- ☐ Sept. 30, \$50

Intensive Legal Workshop

- ☐ Oct. 1, Columbus, \$150

Social media: How to engage your community before, during and after a crisis

- ☐ Oct. 2, Columbus, \$150

Administrative Professionals Workshop

- ☐ Oct. 9, Columbus, \$90

MDS #4: Recent legislative changes and board policy

- ☐ Oct. 15, Columbus, \$90

OSBA MTA program

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- ☐ Oct. 20, Columbus, \$90
- ☐ Nov. 18, Columbus, \$90
- ☐ Nov. 24, Columbus, \$90
- ☐ Dec. 9, 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

OSBA Workshop Registration Form

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

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



_____ Please check here if you require special accommodations. Contact us or attach a written description of needs.

Please photocopy this form for each person

OSBA workshop registration procedures

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

Award of Achievement/LPDC

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

You may register on our website at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops. You will need a username and password.



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



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

Cancellation and refund policy

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



REGIONAL ROUNDUP

by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

Register now for fall region conferences

The five OSBA regions are preparing for their fall conferences. Hundreds of board members, administrators, students and other guests come together for dinner, networking, learning, fellowship and recognition during the events held in the spring and fall each year. Some of the state's top student entertainment groups will perform at the conferences, which also feature elections for the upcoming year's regional officers.

OSBA President **Ed Penrod**,

Logan Hocking Local (Hocking) and Tri-County Career Center, and OSBA Executive Director **Richard Lewis** will make stops at all of the conferences to greet attendees and present association updates. Region officers and other OSBA staff members also will deliver updates and presentations.

Registration forms for the region conferences were published in the July 27 *Briefcase*. Registration forms also are available on the OSBA website **www.ohioschool**

boards.org/regions. Click on your respective region; the conference flier link will be listed under "Downloads."

By attending a regional conference, school board members can earn 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. In addition, Ohio

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Celebrate the stars in your district at the

OSBA Student Achievement Fair

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015 • 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. • Greater Columbus Convention Center

The OSBA Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair highlights outstanding student performance groups and fresh, innovative initiatives from school districts across the state. The fair will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015, during the OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show.

OSBA is accepting nominations for district programs that improve student achievement. For more ideas, visit **http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/60021** to view the list of 2014 Student Achievement Fair district programs.

One hundred programs highlighting student achievement will be selected. The online application is available at **http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/2015/saf-nominations**.



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Revised Code Section 3315.15 authorizes the establishment of a service fund for board members. Such funds can be used for expenses incurred for meetings such as this.

Here is what each region has planned for its conference.

Central Region

The Central Region Fall Conference is Wednesday, Sept. 30, at Villa Milano in Columbus. The social hour begins at 5 p.m., and dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m., with entertainment provided by **Mount Vernon City's** Mount Vernon High School Chamber Orchestra.

Region president Dr. **Marguerite Bennett**, Mount Vernon City and **Knox County Career Center**, will preside over the evening's activities, which will include a keynote address by Dr. **James Mahoney**, executive director of Battelle for Kids.

The region will recognize its outstanding board members and school employees. Others honored will be the Friends of Public Education, the region's outstanding teachers and board members celebrating 35 and 40 years of service.

Registration is \$40 per person or \$320 a table (seats up to eight) for OSBA members, guests and spouses. The registration deadline is Sunday, Sept. 20. For questions, contact Regional Manager **Kim Miller-Smith** at (614) 635-1926 or kmillersmith@ohioschoolboards.org.

Northeast Region

The Northeast Region will hold its event on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at the Galaxy Restaurant in Wadsworth. Region President **John W. Halkias, Plain Local (Stark)**, will preside over the conference.

Registration and socializing begin at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:15 p.m. The program, which starts at 7:15 p.m., will recognize the region's outstanding board members, school boards, school district programs, the Lester Marrison Teacher Education Book Grant recipient and *Kids* PAC donors.

Registration is \$40 each for OSBA members, guests and spouses. The registration deadline is Thursday, Oct. 1. For questions, contact Regional Manager **Reno Contipelli** at (330) 485-3731 or rcontipelli@ohioschoolboards.org.

Northwest Region

The Northwest Region, under the leadership of President **Kevin Landin, Ottoville Local (Putnam)**, will hold two fall conferences. The first is Thursday, Oct. 1, at **Lima City's** Lima Senior High School, where an open house with a tour, art display and appetizers begins at 5 p.m. Registration and a reception begin at 5:30 p.m., and dinner starts at 6 p.m. The evening will feature performances by the Lima Senior High School Jazz Band and the Spartones and the Spartettes.

Penta Career Center in Perrysburg will host the second

conference on Wednesday, Oct. 14, with registration and a reception beginning at 5:30 p.m. Dinner is at 6 p.m., when **Oregon City's** Clay High School Varsity Voices will perform. **Rossford EV** high school student **Camille Karavas** will sing the national anthem.

Those to be recognized at both conferences include outstanding board members; veteran board members; the Northwest Region Educational Book Grant recipients; and recipients of the Northwest Region humanitarian, community service and leadership awards.

Registration is \$30 per person or \$160 for a table of six. The cost is \$15 for students and their parents. The reservation deadline for the Lima conference is Thursday, Sept. 24, and the deadline for the Perrysburg event is Wednesday, Oct. 7. For questions, contact Dr. **Judy Jackson May**, regional manager at (419) 372-8448 or jjacksonmay@ohioschoolboards.org.

Southeast Region

The Southeast Region Fall Conference is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 24 at **Logan City's** Logan High School. Region President **Gail L. Requardt, East Muskingum Local (Muskingum)** and **Mid-East Career and Technology Centers**, will preside over the event, which begins at 5:30 p.m. with registration and socializing.

Welcoming comments and introductions begin at 6:15 p.m., followed by dinner.

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

More than 30 Ohio schools on *Newsweek* top high schools list

More than 30 Ohio high schools made the list of *Newsweek's* America's Top High Schools 2015.

Those among the top 100 were **Ottawa Hills Local's (Lucas)** Ottawa Hills High School; **Oakwood City's** Oakwood High School, **Indian Hill EV's** Indian Hill High School; **Dublin City's** Jerome High School; and **Solon City's** Solon High School.

The complete list can be found at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/80347>.

The magazine creates the list of the top 500 public high schools, which has been publicized for more than a decade, by analyzing the schools' proficiency related to state math and reading tests.

The magazine then issues the rankings based on a variety of factors, including college enrollment and graduation rates and Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate test scores.

"Newsweek's high school

rankings are exceptional because of the many factors we take into consideration when selecting top schools, as well as our look at inequality when it comes to education," **Jim Impoco**, the magazine's editor in chief, said in a news release. "We have unique insight into what public schools across the country are doing to prepare their students for college, which is a critical next step for graduating teens."

Source: *Newsweek*

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The program also features the recognition of veteran board members; the presentation of Southeast Region Outstanding School Board Member awards; the Southeast Region President's Award; the region's recognition awards; and the annual Advocate of Education Award, which this year goes to Vinton County Juvenile/Probate Court Judge N. **Robert Grillo**.

Registration is \$38 each for OSBA members, guests and spouses. The deadline for reservations is Friday, Sept. 18. For questions, contact Regional Manager **Paul D. Mock** at (740) 469-2724 or pmock@ohioschoolboards.org.

Southwest Region

Warren County Career Center in Lebanon will host the Southwest Region Fall Conference on Thursday, Oct. 8. Region President **Gail Martindale**, **Cedar Cliff Local (Greene)** and **Greene County Career Center**, will preside over the conference, which kicks off at 5:20 p.m. with registration and socializing. The Cedar Cliff High School Jazz Band will entertain. A presentation of the colors, Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence will precede a buffet dinner that begins at 6:30 p.m.

The awards portion of the program includes presentations of the annual Friend of Education

Hall of Fame Award to **Mark J. Meister**, president and CEO of the Dayton Society of Natural History; the Al Kettlewell Award for Outstanding Board Members; and certificates to the Ohio Teacher of the Year candidates from the Southwest Region. The 2015 Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair participants and 2015 Southwest Region outstanding student programs also will be recognized.

Registration is \$38 each for OSBA members, guests and spouses. The registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 2. For questions, contact Regional Manager **Ronald J. Diver** at (937) 634-9025 or rdiver@ohioschoolboards.org.

September 2015

- 15 Treasurers' Clinic Columbus
- 16 Treasurers' Clinic Rootstown
- 24 Southeast Region Fall
Conference..... Logan
- 30 Board Candidate Webinar
- 30 Central Region Fall
Conference..... Columbus

October 2015

- 1 Intensive Legal Workshop Columbus
- 1 Northwest Region Fall
Conference..... Lima
- 1 *Last day for board to adopt annual
appropriation measure — RC 5705.38(B).*
- 2 Social media: How to engage your
community before, during and after a
crisis Columbus
- 5 *Last day for voter registration for November
election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30
days prior to the election).*
- 6 Treasurers' Clinic Athens
- 7 Northeast Region Fall
Conference..... Wadsworth
- 8 Southwest Region Fall
Conference..... Lebanon
- 9 Administrative Professionals
Workshop Columbus
- 13 Treasurers' Clinic Perrysburg
- 14 OSBA MTA Program: T-reports and
state funding Columbus

- 14 Northwest Region Fall
Conference..... Perrysburg
- 15 Treasurers' Clinic Miamisburg
- 15 Management Development Series #4
Workshop Columbus
- 15 *Last day for certification of licensed
employees to State Board of Education —
RC 3317.061.*
- 16 School Law for Treasurers
Workshop Columbus
- 20 OSBA MTA Program: T-reports and
state funding Columbus
- 21 Treasurers' Clinic New Philadelphia
- 22 *Pre-general 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 Oct. 14, 2015
— RC 3517.10(A)(1).*
- 31 *End of first ADM reporting period— RC
3317.03(A).*

November 2015

- 1 *Last day for classroom teachers to develop
online classroom lessons ("blizzard bags") to
make up hours for which it was necessary to
close schools — RC 3313.482.*
- 3 *General election day — RC 3501.01 (first
Tuesday after the first Monday).*

- 8-11 OSBA Capital Conference and Trade
Show Columbus
- 8 Northwest Region Executive Committee
meeting..... Columbus
- 8 Southeast Region Executive Committee
meeting..... Columbus
- 8 Southwest 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 *Last day to submit certification for March
conversion levy to tax commissioner — RC
5705.219(B) (105 days prior to the election).*
- 2 Northeast Region Executive Committee
Meeting Wadsworth
- 3 SchoolComp Safety
Seminar Columbus