

BRIEF CASE

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Report: State budget cuts to schools endanger U.S. economic growth

A new study by the nonpartisan Center on Budget and Policy Priorities reports that deepening state funding cuts to public education are hindering schools' ability to provide a high-quality education and diminishing U.S. economic competitiveness. The report ranked per-pupil cuts in Ohio the seventh highest in the nation in 2012, after the state chopped \$1.8 billion in aid to schools to help balance its budget. Download the report at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/83899>.

New group with similar name *not* affiliated with OSBA

There have been reports of confusion regarding a new group calling itself the Ohio School Boards Leadership Council. This organization is *not* affiliated with the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA), any of our subsidiaries or with the Ohio Leadership Advisory Council. Founded in 1955, OSBA represents nearly 100% of Ohio's more than 700 public boards of education and is governed by school board members from around the state. For more on OSBA's outstanding service to Ohio school boards, see page 4 or visit www.ohioschoolboards.org.

New data shows food insecurity for Ohio families remains high

A recent report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) found that 15.5% of Ohio households were unable to feed themselves adequately at some time between 2009 and 2011. The national food insecurity rate was 14.9%. The report defines food insecurity as reduced food intake and disrupted eating patterns caused by the lack of money and other resources for food. According to the Ohio Association of Food Banks, Ohio's food insecurity rate has increased nearly 60% in the last 15 years. The foundation cited the importance of the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (food stamps) and urged Congress not to cut funding for the program.

USDA program helps high-poverty schools provide meals to all students

Several hundred high-poverty Ohio schools are benefiting from a USDA program that helps them provide free meals to all students. In addition to funding support, the Community Eligibility Option program cuts costs by eliminating paperwork for the meal programs. Ohio is one of six states chosen for early enrollment in the program, which will open to additional states in the 2013-14 school year and all states in 2014-2015. For details, visit www.education.ohio.gov and search "Community Eligibility."

Conference Region Resource Center features info, networking, raffles

The OSBA Capital Conference Region Resource Center offers the latest information on regional services and events. Regional managers and officers will be on hand to

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Route workshop information to:

- ☐ Administrators
- ☐ Assistant treasurers
- ☐ Communication directors
- ☐ Principals

answer questions and help you enter regional raffles for a chance to win prizes for your district. For details on the Nov. 11-14 conference, visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/2012-capital-conference.

OSBA invites high schools to enter student video contest

As part of its Public Schools Make A Difference campaign, OSBA is hosting its first-ever student video contest. High school video teams are asked to submit a 90-second video focusing on the great things happening in Ohio public schools. Entry forms recently were emailed to superintendents at all OSBA-member districts. Winning schools will receive cash prizes for their video production programs, and have their videos posted on OSBA's website and screened at the Capital Conference in November. The entry deadline is

Weather disrupts school in more than 100 Ohio districts

Winter is still far away, but a number of Ohio school districts have already used at least one weather-related calamity day this school year.

On Sept. 5, 109 districts delayed classes and 22 canceled them. The reason, however, was fog, not snow. Virtually zero visibility was reported in some areas of northwest Ohio due to heavy fog.

Evergreen Local (Fulton) Superintendent **James Wyse** explained the district's decision to cancel classes to a local TV station.

"Around 8 (a.m.) when we had to make our final decision, probably half of our district, the northern half, was pretty severe. We ended up canceling. ... In this case, it looked like it was going to lift, but it settled back in, so I think we made the right call."

Source: WTVG-TV

Oct. 15. For more information, contact **Crystal Davis Hutchins** at (614) 540-4000 or cdavishutchins@ohioschoolboards.org.

Deadline for Magna Awards entries drawing near

The nomination deadline for the *American School Board Journal's*

annual Magna Awards is Oct. 31. The prestigious national competition recognizes exemplary programs developed or supported by school boards. Only online nominations are accepted. Visit www.asbj.com/magna to learn more and submit nominations. Winners will be recognized at the 2013 National School Boards Association Annual Conference.



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OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

With election campaigns in full swing, OSBA is offering a newly revised grassroots lobbying handbook. It is filled with tips on everything from communicating with legislators to setting up your own grassroots programs to simple ways to get involved in the legislative process. The handbook also includes the Candidates' Night Kit. Download *Grassroots lobbying: A handbook for school board members* at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/52048>.



BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, administrative assistant of communication services

OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

District

① Canal Winchester Local
(Franklin)

Deadline

Oct. 4

Contact

OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

Treasurer

District

① Fostoria City

Deadline

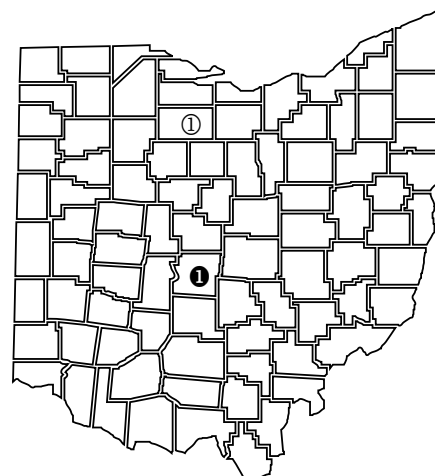
Sept. 28

Contact

OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

① = Superintendent

① = Treasurer



Other searches

Position

Treasurer

District

Newcomerstown EV

Deadline

Sept. 28

Contact

Kevin Spears, superintendent, East
Central Ohio ESC, (330) 308-9939

Board changes

Ottawa Hills Local (Lucas) appointed David Arnold to the board effective Aug. 30. He replaced Peggy Herman, who resigned. ●●● Richmond Heights Local (Cuyahoga) Board of Education member Aaron Burko announced his resignation effective Sept. 10. ●●● Ripley-Union-Lewis-Huntington Local (Brown) appointed Barry Sims to the board effective Aug. 21. He replaced Rick Scott, who resigned. ●●● River Valley Local (Marion) Board of Education member Katie Chivington resigned due to moving out of the district. ●●● Winton Woods City appointed Eric Thomas to the board effective Aug. 22. He replaced Brandon Wiers, who resigned.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Buckeye Valley Local (Delaware) hired Mark S. Tingley as interim superintendent effective immediately. He replaces Jamie Grube, who is resigning effective Sept. 30 to take the executive director position at the Metropolitan Education Council. Tingley is currently the district's director of administrative services. ●●● Cardinal Local (Geauga) Superintendent Paul Yocum announced his resignation/retirement effective March 31, 2013. ●●● Chesapeake Union EV hired Jerry McConnell as superintendent effective immediately. He replaced Dr. Scott Howard, who resigned in June. ●●● River Valley Local (Marion) Superintendent Thomas G. Shade announced his retirement effective Aug. 1, 2013. ●●● Shaker

Editor's note

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

Heights City Superintendent **Mark Freeman** announced his retirement effective July 31, 2013.

Treasurers

Chesapeake Union EV Treasurer **Sandee Benson** announced her resignation effective Aug. 28. ●●● **Deer Park Community City** hired **Cynthia Stubenvoll** as assistant to the treasurer effective Sept. 10 and as treasurer effective Jan. 1. She will replace **Dan A. Mpagi**, who is retiring effective Dec. 31. Stubenvoll will continue her duties in the treasurer's office at **Wyoming City**. ●●● **Galion City** hired **Mary "Teri" Day** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. She replaced **Linda Kidwell**, who resigned. Day previously was an area treasurer at **Columbus City**.

Sympathies

Stanley L. Fox, former superintendent at **Berlin-Milan Local (Erie)**, died Sept. 2. He was 87. ●●● Former **ESC of Central Ohio**, **Hamilton Local (Franklin)** and **Eastland-Fairfield Career Technology Center** board member **Richard "Dick" I. Helsel** died Aug. 30. He was 79. ●●● **Harrison Hills City** Board of Education member **Robert "Bob" W. Hugh** died Aug. 26. He was 80. ●●● Former **Heath City** Assistant Treasurer **Mary Lou Rhodes** died Aug. 20. She was 81. ●●● Former **Ottawa Hills Local (Lucas)** Board of Education member **Anna Mary Heywood** died Aug. 29. She was 88. ●●● Former **Toledo City** Board of Education member **Jane Marie Kuebbeler Meinert** died Sept. 3. She was 99. ●●● Former **West Muskingum Local (Muskingum)** and **Mid-East Career and Technology Centers** board member **Richard J. Hoskinson** died Aug. 27. He was 78. ●●● Former **Woodmore Local (Sandusky)** Board of Education member **Gaillard P. "Pete" Willett** died Sept. 1. He was 80.



INFORMATION

by Amanda Finney, senior marketing coordinator

The power is in your hands

OSBA truly is *your* association.

That is a simple but powerful statement. It's simple because of its truth. It's powerful because OSBA always has been — and will continue to be — the only Ohio association working exclusively for public boards of education and governed by members of those boards.

For 57 years OSBA's focus has been on serving school board members and their districts. The association's nearly six-decade commitment to public education remains steadfast, and is reflected in its mission statement:

OSBA leads the way to educational excellence by serving Ohio's public school board members and the diverse districts they represent through superior service and creative solutions.

Created to be member-driven, OSBA's governance structure is made up entirely of school board members who serve on the Board of Trustees, Executive Committee and Delegate Assembly. These groups are responsible for ensuring the association operates effectively and meets member needs.

Every member school board is

entitled to appoint one representative as a delegate to attend the Annual Business Meeting of the OSBA Delegate Assembly at the Capital Conference. All delegates are authorized to vote and let their district's voice be heard at the business meeting.

The Delegate Assembly has a crucial role in association operations. Via majority vote, delegates may amend the OSBA Constitution or OSBA Bylaws, as well as determine association policies.

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Ohio Teacher Evaluation System and Common Core regional workshops



Attention board members — plan now to attend one of the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System and Common Core regional workshops. These meetings will provide valuable information about changes coming to Ohio school districts.

The workshops will focus on what board members should know about the new Ohio Teacher Evaluation System, what the law requires, the Ohio Department of Education's model policy and OSBA's recommendations for your board's policy. The discussion also will include the "whats" and "whys" of Common Core, focusing on information most vital to board members.

These meetings will provide important insight on board policy implications, as well as the impact on labor contract negotiations and other anticipated consequences as these changes roll out.

The workshops will be held at sites around Ohio, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The cost is \$85, which includes workshop materials, boxed meals and refreshments. Register by contacting **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, ext. 284; (800) 589-OSBA, ext. 284; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

Dates and locations:

Tuesday, Oct. 2
Muskingum Valley ESC, Zanesville

Thursday, Oct. 4
Penta Career Center, Perrysburg

Tuesday, Oct. 9
OSBA office, Columbus



Urban Schools Workshop — Grow Your Own

Thursday, Oct. 4
OSBA office, Columbus

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Cost: \$85

National studies and numerous Ohio surveys have shown that the number of minority teachers has declined as student populations have become more diverse. Since colleges and universities are not graduating enough minority teachers, "grow-your-own" programs are needed to help create pools of minority teacher candidates to meet the needs of Ohio school districts.

Join a team from **Mansfield City Schools** and The Ohio State University-Mansfield Campus to learn about the district's program to increase the number of minority teachers. Presenters also will discuss the results of a grow-your-own program developed by Ashland University and eight Ohio public school districts, which was supported by an Ohio Department of Education grant.

To register, contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, ext. 284; (800) 589-OSBA, ext. 284; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.



ODE Helps You Communicate Major Education Changes

Teacher evaluations, the Common Core and more

Tuesday, Oct. 2

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

Major changes are on the way for Ohio's schools in the next two years, and the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) wants to help you effectively communicate them. This ODE-led workshop will provide tools and information that will enhance districts' communication of the following major education initiatives: new curriculum standards, the new teacher evaluation system and the future of assessments, state report cards and measures such as the Performance Index. ODE also will recommend actions that districts can take this school year. Participants will have a chance to suggest additional products that may need to be developed to help them best communicate these changes.

The cost of this workshop is \$145, which includes registration, continental breakfast, lunch and materials. You can register by contacting **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, ext. 284; (800) 589-OSBA, ext. 284; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

Agenda

8:30 a.m.	Registration opens	Noon	Lunch
9 a.m.	Introductions/welcome	1 p.m.	The tools we have A review of fact sheets, talking points and videos that are available or in the pipeline.
9:15 a.m.	The big picture Breaking down the changes: new curriculum standards; the new teacher evaluation system; and the future of assessments, report cards and other measures.	1:30 p.m.	The best minds Participants will break into roundtable discussions to evaluate current communication tools and propose new ones.
10:30 a.m.	Q and A		
11 a.m.	By the numbers An overview of recent data gathered on current attitudes about education reforms, including findings from other states.	3 p.m.	Adjourn

Working Well with Your Board of Education

*A workshop for administrative
assistants and professionals*

Wednesday, Oct. 10 OSBA office, Columbus
10 a.m.-2 p.m. Cost is \$85



Don't miss this new workshop developed for administrative assistants and professionals working with board of education members and superintendents.

When it comes to the central office in a school district, the superintendent's administrative assistant, as well as any other staff who work with the superintendent and board of education, are key to maintaining a smooth and positive relationship with the community.

To help administrative assistants and professionals be more effective in their roles, this workshop will focus on training in areas like parliamentary procedure, student privacy laws, understanding the board's key responsibilities, public records laws and the best ways to work with the media. Other topics include strategies and tools to build trust and enable open communication between staff and the board of education.

To register, contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, ext. 284; (800) 589-OSBA, ext. 284; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

Free webinars for Capital Conference presenters, moderators and Student Achievement Fair participants

2012 Capital Conference breakout session presenter and moderator webinar

Tuesday, Oct. 9 at 11 a.m. • Free webinar

This webinar will cover the responsibilities of breakout session presenters and moderators. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions about their assignment. Visit <http://osba.adobeconnect.com/cc100912> to participate in the webinar on Oct. 9.

2012 Student Achievement Fair participants webinar

Friday, Oct. 12 at 9 a.m. • Free webinar

This informational webinar is for staff responsible for their district's Student Achievement Fair booth or performing groups. Visit <http://osba.adobeconnect.com/saf101212> to participate in the webinar on Oct. 12.





Innocent Targets: Protect Your Students

Wednesday, Oct. 17
Cost: \$145

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
OSBA office, Columbus

OSBA invites you to attend a practical and intensive seminar on lethal threats to students. This hard-hitting day will focus on incident command systems for schools; schools as “soft targets” for acts of violence; explosives; and active shooters. Participate in a tabletop exercise that gives you first-hand experience in school emergency response. This is an excellent follow-up for those who attended the Ohio School Safety Summit in July.

Presenters

Lt. **Reno Contipelli** is a 21-year veteran of the Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department and seven-year veteran of the Brooklyn Heights Fire Department. He serves as lieutenant/paramedic, is a hazmat/WMD/technician trained in chemical, biological, radiological and IED emergencies, and is a member of the Cuyahoga County Type 1 Hazmat/WMD response team. Contipelli has been a Cuyahoga Heights Local (Cuyahoga) board of education member since 1994 and currently is the board president.

Dr. **Richard J. Caster** served five years as executive director and instructor for the National Association of School Resource Officers. He holds instructor certification from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in Terrorist Bombings and Suicide Bomber Prevention, as well as Firearms Instructor certification from the Ohio Peace Officers Training Commission. For 35 years, he served as a school administrator at the building and central office levels, and currently is an OSBA senior school board services consultant.

To register, contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000, ext. 284; (800) 589-OSBA, ext. 284; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.

Agenda

8:30 a.m.	Registration and continental breakfast	10:45 a.m.	Lethal threats: active shooter, explosives, and response to threats
9:00 a.m.	Incident command systems for schools		
9:30 a.m.	Chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive readiness	Noon	Lunch (provided)
		1 p.m.	Tabletop exercise
10:30 a.m.	Break	3:30 p.m.	Debrief and adjourn

School Law for Treasurers Workshop



Friday, Oct. 19
Embassy Suites, Columbus
Cost: \$145

Join OSBA for the annual School Law for Treasurers Workshop. Tailored exclusively for treasurers, this workshop will give you the tools you need to stay current.

Focusing on the cutting-edge issues important to you in the 2012-13 school year, presenters will share the latest legal developments for you to take back to your district.

Treasurers, assistant treasurers, business managers, board members and administrative teams are encouraged to attend.

8:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast

9 a.m. OHSAA update

The Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) will offer suggestions for accountability over extracurricular activities, including tournaments and summer camps. An overview of OHSAA's booster summit also will be provided.
Jeffrey M. Jordan, chief financial officer, OHSAA

10 a.m. Hidden in the clouds: sunshine law for schools

Compliance with public records laws can be difficult, particularly as requests for records become more sophisticated. This session will share strategies to help districts address unique requests for public records.
Mark H. Troutman, Esq., Isaac, Brant, Ledman & Teetor LLP, Columbus

10:45 a.m. Break

11 a.m. Classification of service providers

How should nurses, substitutes, aides and other school service providers be classified? May districts share service providers? This session will answer these questions and provide practical advice for handling issues

such as workers' comp and liability, among others.

Nicole M. Donovsky, Esq., Means, Bichimer, Burkholder & Baker Co. LPA, Columbus

Noon

Lunch (provided)

1 p.m.

Human resources for treasurers

This session will review some of the most common and frequently litigated human resources tasks that treasurers are asked to do, including nonrenewing employees, handling licensure lapses and more.
Giselle S. Spencer, Esq., Britton, Smith, Peters & Kalail Co. LPA, Cleveland

1:45 p.m.

Break

2 p.m.

Treasurer horror stories

Using real-life examples, this session will share financial horror stories, provide a list of common auditable offenses and identify the steps districts can take to avoid their own financial horrors.

David J. Lampe, Esq., Bricker & Eckler LLP, West Chester

3:15 p.m. Adjourn

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

The workshop will be conducted at the Embassy Suites, 2700 Corporate Exchange Drive, Columbus. The phone number is (614) 890-8600. To register, contact **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (614) 540-4000 or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.



2012 OSBA Intensive Legal Workshop

Wednesday, Oct. 24 • 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

OSBA office, 8050 N. High St., Columbus

Cost: \$145

Agenda

8:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast

9 a.m. Exit strategy – teacher separation settlement, resignation and termination
An Ohio Education Association (OEA) representative and a management lawyer discuss the process of successfully exiting personnel from the school district.
John E. Britton, Esq., Britton, Smith, Peters & Kalail Co. LPA, Cleveland; and OEA representative

10:15 a.m. Legal update on teacher evaluation and collective bargaining
The new teacher evaluation system presents legal issues and bargaining concerns. Gain more information you can take home to use in your district.
Renee L. Fambro, Esq., deputy director of labor relations, and Kenna S. Haycox, policy consultant, OSBA

11 a.m. Break

11:10 a.m. Public records case law update
This year has seen a number of judicial decisions affecting public records law. Get a handle on the latest developments, including the attorney general's mediation program for public records complaints.
Hollie F. Reedy, chief legal counsel, OSBA

11:45 a.m. Lunch (provided)

12:45 p.m. Hit it and quit it – need-to-know fall legal grab bag
Quick, practical updates on this fall's legal issues – staff and student political activity, ethics and nepotism, sick and part-time intermittent leave, holiday legal issues and disposal of property.
Rhonda J. Porter, Esq., Akron City Schools; and W. Joseph Scholler, Esq., Frost Brown Todd LLC, West Chester

1:45 p.m. Break

2 p.m. Nonrenewals – getting to no
Long-term unsatisfactory employee? Principals failed to document poor performance for many years? Have an attorney tell you what he wants to see, what he wishes he didn't and what is critical to building a case.
James P. Burnes, Esq., Bricker & Eckler LLP, Columbus

3 p.m. Adjourn

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Save the date

Mark your calendar for these important workshops.

September 25

*Ohio Teacher Evaluation System and
Common Core regional workshop*
Ashtabula County ESC, Ashtabula
\$85, half day

September 27

Treasurers' Clinic
Hilton Garden Inn, Perrysburg
\$145, full day

October 2

*ODE Helps You Communicate Major
Education Changes Workshop*
OSBA office, Columbus
\$145, full day

October 2

*Ohio Teacher Evaluation System and
Common Core regional workshop*
Muskingum Valley ESC, Zanesville
\$85, half day

October 4

*Urban Schools Workshop — Grow
Your Own*
OSBA office, Columbus
\$85, half day

October 4

*Ohio Teacher Evaluation System and
Common Core regional workshop*
Penta Career Center, Perrysburg
\$85, half day

October 9

*Ohio Teacher Evaluation System and
Common Core regional workshop*
OSBA office, Columbus
\$85, half day

October 10

*Working well with your board
of education: a workshop for
administrative professionals*
OSBA office, Columbus
\$85, half day

October 17

*Innocent Targets: Protect Your Students
Workshop*
OSBA office, Columbus
\$145, full day

October 19

School Law for Treasurers
Embassy Suites, Columbus
\$145, full day

October 24

Intensive Legal Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
\$145, full day

December 4

PR Forum
OSBA office, Columbus
\$40, half day

December 5

Diversity Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
\$85, half day

December 7

School Finance Seminar
TBD, Columbus
\$145, full day

December 14

SchoolComp Safety Seminar
OSBA office, Columbus
\$145, full day

January 12

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

January 26

Board Presidents Workshop
OSBA office, Columbus
\$160, full day

January 26

Board Presidents Workshop
Findlay Inn & Conference Center,
Findlay
\$160, full day

February 2

Board Presidents Workshop
Northeast Ohio Medical University,
Rootstown
\$160, full day

February 2

Board Presidents Workshop
Southwest Ohio
\$160, full day



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Ohio Teacher Evaluation System and Common Core regional workshops

- ☐ Oct. 2, Zanesville, \$85
- ☐ Oct. 4, Perrysburg, \$85
- ☐ Oct. 9, Columbus, \$85

ODE Helps You Communicate Major Education Changes Workshop

- ☐ Oct. 2, Columbus, \$145

Urban Schools Workshop — Grow Your Own

- ☐ Oct. 4, Columbus, \$85

Working Well with Your Board of Education Workshop

- ☐ Oct. 10, Columbus, \$85

Innocent Targets: Protect Your Students Workshop

- ☐ Oct. 17, Columbus, \$145

School Law for Treasurers Workshop

- ☐ Oct. 19, Columbus, \$145

2012 OSBA Intensive Legal Workshop

- ☐ Oct. 24, Columbus, \$145

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.



_____ 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.



Mail



Phone or fax



OSBA
8050 N. High St.,
Suite 100, Columbus, OH
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OSBA Registration Hotline,
(614) 540-4000, ext. 300;
toll free (800) 589-OSBA,
ext. 300; or fax us at
(614) 540-4100.

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

You may register on our website at www.ohioschoolboards.org. Events are listed at the bottom of the page. You will need a username and password.

Cancellation and refund policy

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

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The assembly also is charged with voting on planks in the OSBA Legislative Platform, which publicly states the association's positions on a variety of issues facing public education and guides OSBA's advocacy efforts. At least 75% of the voting delegates must approve any changes to the platform.

If your board has not done so already, please nominate a delegate to represent your district. The Official Business booklet will be mailed to districts in early October. OSBA encourages all

board members to review the booklet, discuss the business items and let their Delegate Assembly representative know where their board stands on the resolutions. Your district's voice can be heard and acted upon at the annual business meeting.

OSBA is recognized both statewide and nationally as a leader in public education. When outside groups, organizations or individuals talk about OSBA, they are talking about you — Ohio's school board members — and recognizing your leadership and

commitment to public education. Without exceptional members like you, OSBA would not have the strong reputation it has today. The fact that nearly 100% of Ohio's public school boards are members speaks volumes about the value of OSBA membership.

Remember, no matter the circumstances, OSBA truly is working for you. For further information on any of OSBA's programs or services, please call (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or visit www.ohioschoolboards.org.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

compiled by Angela Penquite, assistant editor

Rewarding entrepreneurial skills

The Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Leavey Awards for Excellence in Private Enterprise Education honor outstanding educators for bringing passion and creativity to their classrooms as they teach students about entrepreneurship and the free enterprise system.

Maximum awards: \$15,000

Eligibility: U.S. citizens or permanent residents employed full-time as an educator at an accredited American school

Deadline: Nov. 1

Contact: www.freedomsfoundation.org/Leavy-Awards.cfm

Voices of Democracy contest

Sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program is an audio-essay contest for high school students. The program is designed to foster patriotism by allowing students the opportunity to voice their opinion in a three-to-five minute essay based on this year's theme, "Is our Constitution still relevant?"

Maximum awards: \$30,000 scholarship

Eligibility: students in grades nine to 12

Deadline: Nov. 1

Contact: www.vfw.org/Community/Voice-of-Democracy

Recognizing students

The Nestlé USA Very Best in Youth Program honors young people who have excelled in school and are making their community and the world a better place. Contestants also must demonstrate good citizenship, a strong academic record and show how they have made a special contribution to their school, church or community.

Maximum awards: \$1,000

donation in the name of each winner to the charity of his or her choice

Eligibility: youth ages 14-18

Deadline: Nov. 8

Contact: <http://verybestinyouth.nestleusa.com/About/Default.aspx>



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Michelle Francis, deputy director of legislative services

General Assembly returns to pass pension legislation

The Ohio House and Senate recently returned from fall recess to put the finishing touches on pension reform legislation. The House passed the five pension reform bills on Sept. 12, including Senate Bill (SB) 341, which addressed the School Employees Retirement System (SERS), and SB 342, dealing with the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS). Because the House committee made minor changes to the legislation, the Senate followed the House's approval with a successful concurrence vote later in the day.

Generally, House changes to the original proposals involved the bills' effective dates, but did not affect the actual effective dates for the age, length of service and benefit changes as previously adopted by the Senate.

Sen. President **Thomas Niehaus** (R-New Richmond) made a rare floor speech during debate on the bills and said the legislation makes difficult, but important changes to the systems. He indicated that additional adjustments would likely be needed in the future.

The Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) and the Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO) provided joint testimony in support of SB 341 and SB 342. OSBA's testimony and

charts showing the proposed changes to SERS and STRS can be found by visiting the OSBA BillTracker page at www.ohioschoolboards.org/129th-general-assembly and searching "SB 341" and "SB 342."

Oil & Gas Summit

OSBA is joining with the Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA), OASBO, the County Commissioners Association of Ohio and the Ohio Township Association to host a summit on Oct. 1 to discuss the public policy implications of Ohio's new oil and gas boom.

The development of hydraulic fracturing has made Ohio a focus of the oil and gas industry's expansion into the Utica and Marcellus shale regions. While increased economic activity can be a positive thing for the state — especially in the specific areas where the shale is located — there are many other ways communities will be affected by this industry. Schools and local governments are among those that will be impacted. We are hosting this important, informative event to help expand the public policy conversation on this issue.

For additional information and registration details about the Oil & Gas Summit, please visit [http://](http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/11730)

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Poll finds strong support for local schools, school boards

OSBA, BASA and OASBO recently commissioned a survey that found the majority of Ohioans strongly support their local schools, want funding cuts restored to local schools and governments, and oppose public funding for private and parochial school tuition.

The telephone survey was conducted by Fallon Research & Communication Inc. from Sept. 4 to 7. The survey polled 800 likely November general election voters statewide. It has a margin of error of +/- 3.46%.

The poll found nearly two-thirds of Ohioans said they most trust their local school board to make good decisions when it comes to education policies. Fifteen percent said they most trust the state school superintendent, 6.6% said the governor and 3.3% said the state legislature.

Richard Lewis, OSBA executive director, was not surprised about the trust and confidence the public has in local school boards.

"Locally elected boards are the most basic form of American democracy, guarding the education of the community's most precious

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Bryan Bullock, assistant editor

Milford EV teacher brings arctic adventure back to students

A Milford EV teacher is using an arctic expedition she participated in with *National Geographic* magazine to make class come alive for her students.

Milford High School teacher **Katie Hoekzema** was selected as a 2012 National Geographic Grosvenor Teacher Fellow. The fellowships are awarded to teachers who best demonstrate excellence in geography education. Hoekzema was one of 14 K-12 educators nationwide chosen to

travel to Norway and Arctic Svalbard in June.

"This was the most unique experience I've ever had in my life and probably will ever have," Hoekzema told a local newspaper.

During the trip, she explored the arctic region, conferred with naturalists and spotted ample wildlife, including polar bears, seals and whales.

"We saw (a) blue whale, the world's largest," she said. "We saw fin whales. Blue and fin

whales are very similar so we saw them in the same area."

Hoekzema, who teaches ninth-grade physical science and biology, is using the journey to develop activities for her classroom. She encourages students to get outside and explore the world. Hoekzema plans to speak to other schools, groups and organizations about her arctic expedition.

Source: *Community Press & Recorder*

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assets, the children," Lewis said.

A little more than half of Ohioans said new revenue from shale oil and gas taxes should be used to restore cuts to local governments and schools, while about a third said that money should be used to lower state income taxes.

Recent budget cuts, combined with the general economic climate, present major challenges for school districts seeking to maintain a high-quality education.

"Using the revenues from any additional severance (oil and gas) taxes to restore some budget cuts while also reducing the state income taxes would offer a balanced approach and be a very important investment in Ohio's

future," said **David Varda**, OASBO executive director.

The poll found nearly two-thirds of Ohioans oppose using public funds to pay tuition for students to attend private and parochial schools. The survey also looked at public opinion about student assessments and school report cards. Fifty percent of Ohioans said it is a good idea to use student test data to rate the quality of school districts, and 41% said it was a bad idea.

Forty-eight percent of Ohioans said their district's local report card rating was "somewhat" influential when it comes to their opinion about the quality of education being provided to

students; 30% said the rating was "very" influential and 16% said "not at all."

"The survey underscores the principle of local control of education in Ohio," said Dr. **R. Kirk Hamilton**, BASA executive director. "Ohioans appreciate their local schools and support the difficult decisions that must be made by school leaders each day."

The complete statewide survey is available online at: <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/23995>.

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

Editor's note: All information in this article was current as of Sept. 14.

September 2012

- 25 Ohio Teacher Evaluation System and
Common Core workshop..... Ashtabula
- 26 OSBA Central Region Fall
Conference..... Columbus
- 27 OSBA Treasurers' Clinic.....Perrysburg
- 27 OSBA Southeast Region Fall
Conference..... Logan

October 2012

- 1 *Last day for board to adopt annual
appropriation measure — RC 5705.38(B).*
- 2 ODE Helps You Communicate
Major Education Changes
Workshop Columbus
- 2 Ohio Teacher Evaluation System and
Common Core workshop..... Zanesville
- 3 OSBA Northeast Region Fall
Conference.....Wadsworth
- 4 OSBA Urban Schools Workshop —
Grow Your Own Columbus
- 4 Ohio Teacher Evaluation System and
Common Core workshop.....Perrysburg
- 9 Ohio Teacher Evaluation System and
Common Core workshop..... Columbus
- 9 Capital Conference breakout session
presenter and moderator webinar

- 9 *Last day for voter registration for November
election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30
days prior to the election).*
- 10 OSBA Working Well with Your
Board of Education: A workshop for
administrative professionals in the
board office..... Columbus
- 11 OSBA Southwest Region Fall
Conference..... Lebanon
- 12 Capital Conference Student
Achievement Fair participant webinar
- 15 *Last day for certification of average daily
membership — RC 3317.03; last day for
certification of licensed employees to State
Board of Education — RC 3317.061.*
- 17 OSBA Innocent Targets: Protect Your
Students Workshop..... Columbus
- 18 OSBA Northwest Region Fall
Conference..... Van Wert
- 19 OSBA School Law for
Treasurers Columbus
- 24 OSBA Intensive Legal
Workshop Columbus
- 25 *Pre-general election campaign finance
reports must be filed by candidates, political
action committees, caucus committees
(legislative campaign funds) and political
parties (by 4 p.m.) (12 days before general
election) detailing contributions and
expenditures from the last day reflected
in the previous report through Oct. 17,*

2012 — RC 3517.10 (20 days before general
election).

- 29 *Last day to submit certification for February
income tax levy to Ohio Department of
Taxation — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior
to the election).*

November 2012

- 2 *Last day to submit February emergency
levy, current operating expenses levy
or conversion levy to county auditor
for February election — RC 5705.194,
5705.195, 5705.213, 5705.219 (95 days
prior to the election).*
- 6 *General Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first
Tuesday after the first Monday).*
- 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 February election —
RC 133.18(D); last day for county auditor
to certify school district bond levy terms
for February election — RC 133.18(C);
last day to submit continuing replacement,
permanent improvement or operating levy
for February election to board of elections —
RC 5705.192, 5705.21, 5705.25.*