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Ohio Supreme Court rules in OSBA Legal Assistance Fund case

The Ohio Supreme Court has ruled that 10 Cleveland charter schools could not keep property purchased with state funds once their contracts with for-profit charter operator White Hat Management LLC ended. The OSBA Legal Assistance Fund filed an amicus brief in June 2014 in support of the schools. As of the 2010-2011 school year, two of the schools had closed for academic failure, four were on academic watch and one was in academic emergency. The court cited the state legislature's "laissez-faire attitude" toward charter school operators in its ruling, adding that it is up to legislators to determine if laws governing charter schools need to be strengthened. The case will return to the trial court for an inventory of the disputed property and its disposal per the contracts. For details, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/73409>.

Study looks at why schools alone can't close achievement gaps

Social and economic conditions shape children's school and life outcomes and cannot be fixed primarily by school reform, according to a new report by the University of New South Wales and the Economic Policy Institute. The study examines five social class characteristics that hinder students' academic achievement: parenting practices that impede children's intellectual and behavioral development; single parenthood; parents' irregular work schedules; inadequate access to health care; and lead exposure. Read the report at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/27018>.

Deadline for special conference hotel rates just a few weeks away

The deadline to receive special hotel rates for the 2015 OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show is Oct. 16. The online reservation process opened Sept. 3, and you must be registered for the conference to be eligible for the discounted rates. Hotel reservations can only be made with your unique housing code, which was emailed to your district's contact person. For conference registration and hotel reservation details, visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org>.

Ohio National Guard offers to support Red Ribbon Week at schools

The Ohio National Guard Counterdrug Task Force supports Red Ribbon Week by serving as positive, drug-free role models and presenting educational programs. Red Ribbon Week is Oct. 23-31 this year. A limited number of Guard personnel are available to distribute red ribbons at Ohio schools and talk about living a healthy lifestyle and the dangers of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. If you would like the Guard to provide your school with ribbons or other campaign materials, please send a request on school letterhead to: Drug Free Action Alliance, Attn: SFC James Phipps, 6155 Huntley Road, Suite H, Columbus, OH 43229.

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- ☐ Board candidates
- ☐ Communication coordinators
- ☐ Newly appointed board members

Connect with colleagues at Region Resource Center

To learn more about OSBA regional services and events, visit the Region Resource Center at the Capital Conference. Located in the Main Concourse adjacent to the registration area, the center offers opportunities to meet region officers and managers and learn how to get more involved in your region. OSBA's annual conference is Nov. 8-11 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. For details and to register, visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org> or contact OSBA.

Application process opens for Green Ribbon Schools awards

The U.S. Department of Education is accepting applications for its Green Ribbon Schools program. The program recognizes schools and districts for reducing environmental impact and costs; improving student and staff

health; and providing environmental and sustainability education incorporating STEM, civic skills and green career pathways. Ohio can nominate up to four schools or districts. The deadline to apply is Oct. 30; forms are posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/71076>.

Couple's \$1.5 million pledge will buy band instruments

A Columbus couple has pledged \$1.5 million to **Columbus City Schools** to purchase musical instruments for students.

David and Nanci Gobey recently handed the district the first payment, a \$50,000 check that will purchase more than 100 instruments for students this year alone. The funds will continue for three more decades.

Through a trust the couple has set up, students who graduate from high school might be able to keep the instruments the Gobeys have purchased if school administrators approve it and students have met certain academic requirements.

Asked why they're doing it, Mr. Gobey told a local newspaper the answer is simple, "because we live here."

Source: *The Columbus Dispatch*

October is National Bullying Prevention Month

Schools and communities across the U.S. are being asked to observe National Bullying Prevention Month in October. The goal is to urge organizations and people to work together to stop bullying and cyberbullying by increasing awareness of the issue. Numerous websites offer educational resources to help prevent bullying, including: www.stopbullying.gov; www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm; <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/23931>; and <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/34207>.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

The *Journal* magazine, OSBA's flagship publication, is available at www.ohioschoolboards.org/journal. The magazine features student achievement stories, OSBA news, innovative articles and reports of interest to Ohio's education management teams.



Briefcase

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BULLETIN BOARD

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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 Mansfield City	TBD	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



Other searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Elida Local (Allen)	Oct. 30	Dr. Dean Wittwer, superintendent, Allen County ESC, (419) 222-1836, ext. 104

National searches

Position	District	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Cuba, Mo.	Oct. 9	Jeanie Rhoades, superintendent search, Missouri School Boards Association, (800) 221-6722, ext. 308

Board changes

Page Vornbrock was appointed to the Tolles Career Center Board of Education effective Sept. 11. He replaced Stu Harris.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Buckeye Local (Ashtabula) Superintendent **Thomas Diringer** announced his retirement effective July 31, 2016. ●●● **Fairborn City** hired **Terry L. Riley** as interim superintendent effective immediately. He replaced **Dave Scarberry**, who resigned. ●●● **Louisville City** hired **Michele Shaffer** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. She replaced **Stephen Milano**, who took the superintendent position at **Canton Local (Stark)**. Shaffer previously was an elementary school principal in the district. ●●● **Euclid City** hired high school principal Dr. **Charles A. Smialek** as assistant superintendent effective Aug. 1.

Editor's note

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

Treasurers

Buckeye Local (Ashtabula) Treasurer **Michelle Tullai** announced her retirement effective July 31, 2016. ●●● **Coventry Local (Summit)** hired **Matthew Muccio** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. He replaced **Aaron Butts**, who took the treasurer position at **Medina County Career Center**. Muccio was previously the assistant treasurer at **Maple Heights City**. ●●● **Elyria City** hired **John Scott** as interim treasurer effective Sept. 16. He replaced **Katie Henes**, who took the treasurer position at **Avon Local (Lorain)**. Scott will continue to serve as interim treasurer at **Warrensville Heights City**. The district hired **Susan K. Guthrie** as assistant treasurer effective Sept. 9. Guthrie previously was the treasurer at **New London Local (Huron)**. ●●● **Fostoria City** hired **Sue Lehmann** as interim treasurer effective Oct. 1. She will become treasurer effective Nov. 1, replacing **Norman M. Elchert**, who took the treasurer position at **Lakota Local (Sandusky)**. Lehmann will continue to serve as treasurer at **Norwalk City** until Nov. 1. ●●● **Hubbard EV** hired **Amber Babik** as treasurer effective Aug. 31. She replaced **Rhonda L. Baldwin-Amorganos**, who took the treasurer position at **Howland Local (Trumbull)**. Babik previously worked for Huntington Bank. ●●● **New Philadelphia City** hired **Julie A. Erwin** as treasurer effective Jan. 1. She will replace **Steve Sherer**, who is retiring. Erwin currently is the treasurer at **Brown Local (Carroll)**. ●●● **Lima City** hired Assistant Treasurer **Shelly Reiff** as treasurer effective Sept. 10. She replaced **Ryan Stechschulte**, who took the treasurer position at **Toledo City**. ●●● **Bellevue City** hired **Tom Siloy** as assistant treasurer effective Sept. 28. He will replace **Nancy Beier** as treasurer when she retires effective Dec. 31. Siloy currently is an accountant at the **ESC of Lake Erie West**. ●●● **Crestview Local (Van Wert)** Assistant Treasurer **Susan Voltz** announced her retirement effective Nov. 1. The district hired **Amy Gerardot** as assistant treasurer effective Aug. 31.

Sympathies

Former **Arcadia Local (Hancock)** Board of Education member **John Ernest Wolfarth** died Sept. 11. He was 90. ●●● **Floyd R. Hogue**, a former member of the **Tri-Valley Local** and former **Adamsville** School District boards of education in Muskingum County, died Aug. 31. He was 89. ●●● Former **Westerville City** Board of Education member **Don Wilson Miller** died Aug. 28. He was 73.

Register for the 2015 Capital Conference



Don't miss ...

- Nationally acclaimed speakers
- More than 100 learning sessions designed specifically to address education issues and improvement
- The largest education-focused trade show in the nation
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- Exemplary performances and exhibits showcasing the work of Ohio's students

Register today! Call Ann Herritt at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA. For more information, visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org>.



2015 OSBA Capital Conference

Nov. 8-11, 2015 Greater Columbus Convention Center

2015 Treasurers' Clinics

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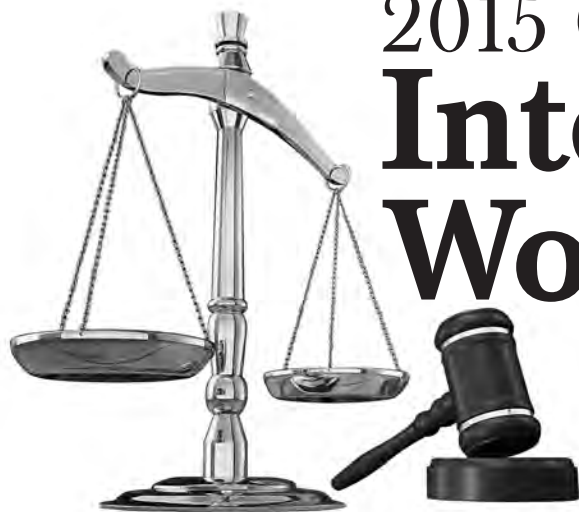
Choose the date and location that best fits your schedule:

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 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., Bricker & Eckler LLP, West Chester

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

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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.



Find the best candidate

OSBA has exclusive rights to the Achiever, a candidate assessment tool used during the executive search process. The Achiever measures six cognitive learning skills with 10 personality dimensions to create a comprehensive candidate profile.

Coupled with OSBA’s extensive experience in executive searches and track record for success, the Achiever can help you determine the right candidate for your district. OSBA’s experienced consultants can help you through this process to ensure your executive search is very successful.

“As one component of the search package offered by OSBA, I appreciated the feedback from the Achiever report. By reflecting on the candidates’ answers, we were able to get a read on personality, interests, strengths and weaknesses. When taken in context of the entire process, the Achiever report yielded meaningful information and guided us in choosing the preferred candidate for the position.

— Rebekah Wright Kulis, board member, Kent City

To learn how the Achiever assessment can help you hire the right candidate for your district, contact **Cheryl W. Ryan** or **Steve Horton** at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA. Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/administrative-searches to learn more.

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

Lunch (provided)

1 p.m.

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.

What to say to your community about Ohio's 2015-16 state tests

Thursday, Oct. 22

1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Free webinar

What are the state tests? Why does Ohio need them? Who takes them? When are they administered and how long are they? OSBA is bringing in testing experts to help prepare you to answer your community's questions about Ohio's state tests for 2015-16. Register for this webinar by visiting www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops. You also can register by contacting **Laurie Miller**, senior events manager, at (800) 589-OSBA; (614) 540-4000; or Lmiller@ohioschoolboards.org.



School Law for Treasurers Workshop



Friday, Oct. 16
Embassy Suites, Columbus
Cost: \$160

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.

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. The Affordable Care Act (ACA): what you need to know now

This ACA update will include a discussion of new reporting requirements for 2015 and health care coverage considerations for retire-rehire employees. *Gregory J. Viviani, Esq., partner, Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP*

10 a.m. After the bonds are issued: assuring post-issuance compliance

Does your district have policies and procedures to ensure compliance with federal securities and tax law after the bonds are issued? Topics will include arbitrage yield restrictions and rebate requirements; annual financial reports and material event filings; and how to resolve past or current noncompliance issues for your district.

Paul S. Rutter, Esq., managing director, Disclosure Advisors LLC

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Public-private partnership opportunities for Ohio schools

Learn how economic development and cooperative statutes allow school districts to maximize resources, achieve savings and generate long-term revenue through public-private partnerships. Topics include use of undeveloped school land; financing alternatives for non-Ohio Facilities Construction Commission projects; and sale-lease-back opportunities.

Kevin K. Malof, Esq., member, and David A. Rogers, Esq., chair, Public and Project Finance Team, Frost Brown Todd LLC

11:45 a.m. Lunch (provided)
12:45 p.m. Understanding antitrust law

This session will help treasurers understand the basics of antitrust law, including unlawful collusion among vendors, some of the most common red flags of collusion by sellers of goods and services to public entities and when and how to report detected anomalies in the purchasing process.

Jennifer L. Pratt, Esq., antitrust section chief, and Anthony Dillard, antitrust investigator, Ohio attorney general's office

1:30 p.m. Legal hot topics

Get answers to some of the most frequently asked questions that attorneys on OSBA's Legal Hotline have fielded from treasurers in the last year.

Shadya Y. Yazback, Esq., deputy director of legal services, Ohio School Boards Association

2:15 p.m.

2:30 p.m.

Break

Do's and don'ts of public contracts: ethics and conflicts of interest

This refresher course on Ohio ethics law will review conflict of interest concerns that can arise in the public contracting process.

Maria J. Armstrong, Esq., chair, Regulated Industries Group, Bricker & Eckler LLP

3:30 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.

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.

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

- ☐ 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

School Law for Treasurers Workshop

- ☐ Oct. 16, Columbus, \$160

OSBA MTA program

- ☐ Oct. 14, Columbus, \$90
- ☐ 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

What to say to your community about Ohio's 2015-16 state tests webinar

- ☐ Oct. 22, free

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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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Jay Smith, deputy director of legislative services

Ohio General Assembly returns from break

The Ohio General Assembly is resuming regularly scheduled sessions this week. Since the state budget legislation was passed and signed by Gov. **John R. Kasich** at the end of June, the legislature has been on a lengthy summer recess.

Upon the legislature's return, one item at the top of the agenda for the House is to take action on House Bill (HB) 2, charter school reform legislation. The Senate amended and unanimously passed the legislation, but the House did not act on it prior to the summer break.

Over the summer, House leadership received a fair amount of criticism from proponents of

the bill, the media and the chief sponsors of the reform legislation, including Rep. **Kristina Roegner** (R-Hudson), Sen. **Tom Sawyer** (D-Akron) and Sen. **Peggy Lehner** (R-Kettering). Critics took the leaders to task for not taking action on the legislation prior to the break and for not clamping down on charter schools prior to the start of the new school year.

According to House leadership, Rep. **Mike Dovilla** (R-Berea) — who is a lead sponsor of HB 2 — has concerns about changes made by the Senate, but expects these differences to be worked out in a conference committee by mid-October. One of the issues

highlighted is the charter school sponsor evaluation language and the method for tracking student achievement. This issue became a hot topic following the Ohio Department of Education's mishandling of and failure to report failing grades for poor performing online and dropout recovery schools in evaluations of charter school sponsors, which is required by law.

In addition to charter school reform, OSBA expects the legislature to discuss other issues such as Planned Parenthood, unemployment compensation and severance taxes.

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As we head into the legislature's fall session, please contact OSBA's Division of

Legislative Services at (800) 589-OSBA with any questions you may have.

Editor's note: All information in this article was current as of Sept. 17.



INFORMATION

by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

Finney steps up as Charles retires from OSBA Trade Show

Overseeing the nation's largest education trade show is a challenging assignment, but **Robin Charles** learned from the best.

When she arrived at OSBA in July 1995, she soon got to know **Phyllis Vore**, who had a front-row seat for much of OSBA's 60-year history and retired in 2002 after 42 years of service.

Vore had watched OSBA evolve from a fledgling association operating out of an old house in

north Columbus to an organization representing nearly all of Ohio's more than 700 public school boards. She also saw the OSBA Capital Conference grow from a convention drawing 2,400 people and 200 Trade Show exhibitors to one that attracted more than 10,000 attendees and more than 600 vendors.

"She was a wonderful mentor," Charles said of Vore, who died in 2005. "She'd seen everything and

left me a great handbook and really prepared me. She was a very smart lady and a very dear friend."

Charles was determined to prepare her successor in the same fashion before retiring on Sept. 15. With 20 years of service, more than half of that time was spent as OSBA's Trade Show coordinator.

During that time, she continued to expand an event that hosted 766 booths in 2006, the largest ever.

In all, Charles processed thousands of business applications and booth spaces for 20 Trade Shows.

"There are a lot of businesses who have been with this show for 40 years," Charles said. "But you have to constantly be looking for new vendors and that takes time and it can be challenging. You're really trying to add 100-200 vendors to the database every year."

That will be the task for **Amanda Finney**, who has been promoted from senior marketing coordinator to senior marketing

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

Big Walnut junior returns to his roots, leaves lasting impression

A **Big Walnut Local (Delaware)** high school junior returned to his elementary school, where he led the effort to leave the playground as he remembered it.

Campbell Allen, a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 192, was searching for an Eagle Scout project when a teacher at Hylen Souders Elementary School suggested that Allen paint the playground.

"I remember going to school here and the painted games on the

blacktop was a big part of the stuff that we did," Allen told a local newspaper.

Allen went to work in designing games for the blacktop area that had been resurfaced last year. They included two basketball courts and lines for tetherball, kickball and hopscotch.

Allen also added a beanbag dart game design and a Big Walnut eagle in the center of the blacktop.

The requirements for

completing an Eagle Scout project include fundraising and recruiting others to help.

The elementary school's PTA donated \$250 to partially fund the \$400 Allen had budgeted for the project, which took five days and 80 hours to complete with the help of five other Boy Scouts.

"Something like this leaves a lasting impression," Hylen Souders Principal **A.J. Hoffman** told a local newspaper.

Source: *Sunbury News*

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and trade show manager.

A graduate of Ohio Northern University with a bachelor of arts in communication with a concentration in public relations and a minor in marketing, Finney arrived at OSBA in August 2006.

"Robin was one of the first people I met at OSBA," said Finney, who was a marketing coordinator for HER Real Living before joining OSBA. "She's definitely carried on the tradition of her mentor. The goal is to never stop growing and I know I have some big shoes to fill."

Charles was "an extremely valuable part of our team," according to OSBA Executive Director **Richard Lewis**.

"From her early work with the OSBA Education Information Center through her vital role in helping build the largest education-related trade exhibition in the nation, she always could be counted on to do everything possible for association members and her colleagues.

"Each and every day she came to work with an upbeat attitude, which carried over to those around her. She will be greatly missed as a team member, mentor and, most of all, a friend. OSBA wishes her and her husband, **Keith**, nothing but the best in the future."

Charles' long career in public education began before her association with OSBA. She also

was a library technician/computer aide for **Worthington City Schools**.

As her career comes to a close, she and her husband are undergoing another life-changing event.

The couple has been building a new home in Woodland Park, Colo., where Charles' husband has family. With an elevation of 8,465 feet, the town is referred to as "The City Above the Clouds."

The area provides spectacular views of Pikes Peak.

"This is something that we've really wanted to do," Charles said. "As for what's next, it's retirement for now, but I'm very active. If I were to do anything else, it will be low key."

September 2015

- 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 What to say to your community about Ohio's 2015-16 state tests webinar
- 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 SchoolComp Safety Seminar Columbus
- 2 Northeast Region Executive Committee Meeting Wadsworth