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Share your expertise and experience as a Capital Conference presenter

OSBA is seeking session presentations for the 2022 Capital Conference, Nov. 13-15, in Columbus. One of the nation's leading education conventions, the event features more than 150 workshops and informational sessions. Workshop proposals are selected based on innovation; relevance; proven success; strong interest; and practical, how-to information. To see tips on submitting a proposal, including a list of learning session focus areas and potential topics, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/31264>. To nominate sessions, visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/nominate>. The session nomination deadline is Tuesday, March 1, at 5 p.m.

Ohio educator a finalist for 2022 National Teacher of the Year

Ohio's Teacher of the Year, **Oberlin City's Kurt Russell**, is a finalist for 2022 National Teacher of the Year honors. Russell teaches multiple courses, including African American history; U.S. history; international baccalaureate history of the Americas; and race, gender and oppression in American and world history. Russell also serves as a lead teacher at the high school and is an adviser for the Black Student Union, student council and junior class. The National Teacher of the Year Program, run by the Council of Chief State School Officers, identifies exceptional teachers, celebrates their outstanding work, amplifies their voices and enables them to take part in policy discussions at the state and national levels.

OSBA launches annual Business Honor Roll program

The association is inviting school districts to submit the names of businesses that support their schools for recognition in the Business Honor Roll program. The program offers districts a way to thank firms for their contributions and helps them maintain and build upon the support they receive from their local business community. For details and a resource kit with recognition ideas, visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/39803> or contact **Wanda Bloch** at (614) 540-4000 or wbloch@ohioschoolboards.org. The nomination deadline is March 11.

Association's spring region conferences kicking off soon

OSBA's spring region conferences begin next month. They feature dinner, awards, student entertainment and updates on key education issues. The meetings also offer opportunities to network with OSBA state and region leaders and staff, as well as leaders from other districts. For details, visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/events.

OSBA Black Caucus accepting scholarship applications

Applications are being accepted for the 2022 OSBA Black Caucus Leo Lucas

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- ☐ Administrators
- ☐ Communications staff
- ☐ Principals
- ☐ Transportation supervisors

Scholarship, a program that provides graduating ethnically diverse high school seniors funds for college. The program is named for the late **Leo Lucas**, a **Dayton City** school board member and educator who founded the caucus. A link to the application is posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/leolucas>. The deadline to apply is March 15. For questions, contact **Mark E. Bobo** at (614) 540-4000, (800) 589-OSBA or mbobo@ohioschoolboards.org.

Districts can apply for Safe Routes to School funding

The Ohio Department of Transportation announced that it will accept applications for the Safe Routes to School grant program through March 4. Projects will be selected based on their ability to demonstrate improved connectivity and safety, the impact on school trips and need. Additionally, projects will be

Lakeview students help set record, bring awareness

Students at **Lakeview Local's (Trumbull)** Lakeview High School can call themselves "Guinness World Record holders."

Several ninth-graders joined others from across the world to set a record for the most people online completing a 3D printing lesson. In all, 1,816 people, including students, surgeons and engineers, logged on.

The goal was to not only set a world record but also bring awareness to the difference affordable assistive technology can make for those with disabilities. "This activity broadened students' perspectives to realize how they can positively impact people who have a different daily experience than their own," teacher **Kari Milliron** told a local newspaper.

Source: WFMJ-TV

reviewed for accurate cost estimates, program sustainability and overall community commitment to implementing the project or program. School districts can find application guidelines and their Safe Routes to School District contacts at www.transportation.ohio.gov/saferoutes.

Registration opens for virtual BWC safety congress

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) will host a free, online Safety Congress & Expo March 9-10. This event includes dozens of learning sessions on topics such as preventing workplace injuries and reducing workers' compensation claims costs. The digital expo will allow participants to chat virtually with vendors about new and existing products and services. Visit www.ohiosafetycongress.com/index.cfm to register.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org
Not sure whom to call at OSBA with your questions or concerns? The Staff Resources Page lists specific areas of interest with the names of staff members specializing in those areas and their contact information. Access the page at www.ohioschoolboards.org/osba-staff-resources.



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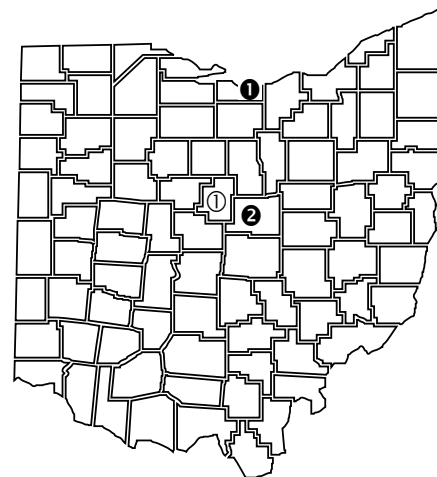
OSBA executive searches

Superintendent

District	Deadline	Contact
① Huron City	Feb. 18	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000
② Fredericktown Local (Knox)	March 18	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000

Treasurer

District	Deadline	Contact
① Cardington-Lincoln Local (Morrow)	Feb. 18	OSBA Search Services, (614) 540-4000



Other searches

Position	Location	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Licking Valley Local (Licking)	Feb. 22	Dale E. Lewellen, superintendent, Licking County ESC, dlewellen@laca.org
Superintendent	Clyde-Green Springs EV	Feb. 23	Brooke Moore, personnel coordinator, North Point ESC, (419) 627-3908
Superintendent	Fairfield Local (Highland)	Feb. 28	Stephanie Huber, administrative assistant to the superintendent, Southern Ohio ESC, (937) 382-6921, ext. 1036
Superintendent	Lowellville Local (Mahoning)	Feb. 18	Steve Mines, HR generalist, ESC of Eastern Ohio, s.mines@esceasternohio.org
Treasurer	Madison Local (Richland)	Feb. 18	Kevin Kimmel, superintendent, Mid-Ohio ESC, (419) 774-2506

National searches

Position	Location	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Ajo, Ariz.	Feb. 18	Dr. Nic Clement, consultant, Arizona School Boards Association, (602) 254-1100

Editor's note

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

Position	Location	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Lake Geneva, Wis.	Feb. 18	George Steffen , search services consultant, Wisconsin Association of School Boards, (815) 353-9441
Superintendent	Halifax, Va.	Feb. 28	Gina Patterson , executive director, Virginia School Boards Association, (434) 295-8722
Superintendent	Carthage, N.C.	March 7	Jim O'Rourke , assistant legal counsel for superintendent searches, North Carolina School Boards Association, (919) 747-6711

Board changes

Brookfield Local (Trumbull) appointed **Derek Mihalcin** to the board effective immediately. He replaced **George Economides**, who resigned in January. ●●● **Coshocton City** Board of Education member **Steve Clark** announced his resignation effective Jan. 15. ●●● **Fairview Park City** appointed **Dorin Jackson** to the board effective Jan. 18. ●●● **Mid-Ohio ESC** appointed **William McFarland** to the board effective Jan. 19. He replaced **Mary Dixon**, who resigned in December. ●●● **Orange City** appointed **Angela Arnold** to the board effective Jan. 10. She replaced **Melanie Weltman**, who resigned in November. ●●● **South-Western City** appointed **Lee Schreiner** to the board effective immediately. He replaced **Robert Wayne Ragland Sr.**, who passed away in December. ●●● **Twinsburg City** appointed **Rob Felber** to the board effective Jan. 19. He replaced **Adrienne Gordon**, who resigned.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Bedford City Superintendent Dr. **Andrea Celico** announced her resignation effective Feb. 3. Current Assistant Superintendent Dr. **Cassandra Johnson** will serve as interim superintendent. ●●● **Clyde-Green Springs EV** Superintendent **Dennis M. Haft** announced his resignation effective immediately. He has taken a position with the Ohio Department of Education. ●●● **Huber Heights City** hired **Kelly Spivey** as interim superintendent effective Jan. 28. She replaced Superintendent **Mario Basora**, who announced his resignation effective Feb. 2. ●●● **Sandusky City** Superintendent Dr. **Eugene T.W. Sanders** announced his retirement effective July 31.

Treasurers

Gahanna-Jefferson City hired **J. Scott Gooding II** as treasurer effective March 1. He will replace **Michael Verlingo**, who resigned effective Jan. 18. Gooding currently is executive director for budget and financial management at **Columbus City**.

Sympathies

Aurora City Board of Education member **Gerald Paul "Jerry" Kohanski** died Jan. 24. He was 73. ●●● Former **Champion Local (Trumbull)** Board of Education member **Linda Joyce Polley Ashelman** died Jan. 18. She was 71. ●●● Former **Elmwood Local (Wood)** Board of Education member **Roger Tim Hoiles** died Jan. 13. He was 79. ●●● Former **Girard City** Board of Education member **Sam F. Pagano** died Jan. 16. He was 91. ●●● Former **Huber Heights City** Board of Education member **Carl Joseph Urbanas Sr.** died Jan. 16. He was 76. ●●● Former **Lorain City** Board of Education member **James J. Smith** died Jan. 9. He was 83. ●●● Former **Medina City** Board of Education member **Calvin D. Wible** died Dec. 9. He was 93. ●●● Former **New Bremen Local (Auglaize)** Board of Education member **William E. "Bill" Tostrick** died Jan. 22. He was 82. ●●● **Rock Hill Local (Lawrence)** Board of Education member **Wanda Pearl Jenkins** died Jan. 19. She was 86. ●●● Former **Southington Local (Trumbull)** Board of Education member **Jack Harlan Elston** died Jan. 5. He was 96. ●●● Former **Toronto City** Board of Education member **John F. Lewis** died Jan. 11. He was 74.

Valuing Evaluations



Thursday, Feb. 24 • 6 p.m.–8 p.m. • Virtual • Cost: \$60

This webinar, appropriate for board members and administrators, will discuss the legal requirements associated with superintendent and treasurer evaluations as well as strategies and best practices to align and prioritize performance objectives to district goals. You'll also learn the value and benefits of board self-evaluation, which is aligned with stated goals and objectives.

6 p.m. Welcome

6:05 p.m. Legal and policy issues

Ralph H. Lusher III, staff attorney, OSBA

6:30 p.m. Benefits of conducting evaluations; the output's only as good as the input; and evaluating the evaluation

Teri Morgan, senior deputy director of board and management services, and Cheryl W. Ryan, director of board and management services, OSBA

To register, visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops



School Finance 101: What Board Members Should Know

Friday, Feb. 25, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. • Columbus or virtual • Cost: \$175

School finance is a complicated subject. As board members, it is important to know the basics. Learn from the experts about state and local funding, levies and five-year forecasts. Become your district's expert and find out how to access data and what questions to ask.

8:45 a.m. Registration

9 a.m. State school-funding formula — What school board members should know

Aaron Rausch, director, Office of Budget and School Funding, Ohio Department of Education

10:30 a.m. Break

10:40 a.m. School funding in Ohio: Past, present and future

Dr. Howard Fleeter, consultant, Ohio Education Policy Institute

12:15 p.m. Lunch

1 p.m. Understanding five-year forecasts

Mike Sobul, senior analytics advisor, and Ryan Ghizzoni, director, Ohio Analytics, Forecast5 Analytics

1:55 p.m. Break

2:15 p.m. Local funding

Mike Sobul and Ryan Ghizzoni

3 p.m. Wrap-up and adjourn

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OSBA Master of Transportation Administration (MTA) Program

Don't miss the remainder of the 2021-22 MTA program. This series of workshops will help those involved in student transportation better understand and perform day-to-day operations.

While all in-person slots have been claimed for the final two workshops, new registrants still can attend the sessions virtually. Each class is \$100 and will be offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/transportation-training-programs to learn about the MTA certification program.



Workshop dates and descriptions

March 2 — Laws, rules and policy — what, how and why

What is the difference between revised code, administrative code and department policy?

Are they all mandates that must be followed, or are they just best practice that should be followed? What happens when they conflict? We will look at the technical aspects of various regulatory controls and the process that is invoked in moving an idea for change into policy, rule or revised code. Is this “government 101”? Perhaps, but it is also important for you to understand in the event you want to help influence the future.

April 6 — Hot topics — safety, trends and statistics

This final session of the year will look at hot topics in the school transportation industry. As part of that review, we will look at the never-ending discussion on passenger restraints, review crash studies completed by the National Transportation Safety Board, look at Ohio school bus accident statistics and leave the door open for attendees to bring up topics that are important in their districts. While we explore these hot topics, an underlying focus is also on how to identify the learning points in each of these areas and to share them with the staff that delivers our front-line transportation services.

Register by contacting **Doug Palmer** at (614) 635-0820, (800) 589-OSBA or mta@ohioschoolboards.org. You also can purchase a subscription plan for all the workshops in this series; contact Palmer for more information.



2022 Capital Conference and Trade Show
Nov. 13-15 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center

Call for Presentations

Do you have a timely topic that will engage, inspire and enlighten Ohio's education leaders?

Share your knowledge and expertise with nearly 9,000 school board members, administrators and education leaders at the 2022 Ohio School Boards Association Capital Conference and Trade Show.

Submit your proposal today!

Deadline: March 1

Visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/nominate>



Board Member 201

Mastering your board leadership skills

A deeper dive for veteran board members and board officers

Based on your board experience to date, especially over the past few years, you understand that there's never a time in which every challenge has been vanquished and every problem solved. There is too much to know and too much at stake to not have access to the latest information, laws and policies. Attend Board Member 201 and engage with other board members and experts on some of the deeper learning you need as you continue leading your district.

Content for this workshop will cover current challenges for board members, new developments in legislation and policy, and strategies to build or maintain strong partnerships with fellow board members and administrators. Legal, legislative and policy experts will answer your questions and provide the tools and knowledge you need to advance achievement in your district.

Details

The last two in-person workshops are being offered **March 5** at the Cleveland Marriott East in Warrensville Heights and the Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center in Lewis Center. You also can choose the virtual option for online learning.

Cost

\$195, which includes breakfast and lunch (on-site only), workshop materials and the "Board Officers' Guidebook."

To register

Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops



OSBA Region Spring Conferences

Register today for your local spring conference! You don't want to miss this professional development opportunity and chance to celebrate achievements from throughout your region.

For more information, visit the link below for your local event. If you have any questions about registration, contact **Melanie Price**, OSBA senior administrative assistant of communication services, at mprice@ohioschoolboards.org or (800) 589-OSBA.

Central Region

March 9 • 5 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Villa Milano, Columbus

Cost: \$40

Reservation deadline: March 1

Make your reservation online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/crspring2022>

Northeast Region (1 of 2)

March 16 • 5 p.m.-8 p.m.

RG Drage Career Center, Massillon

Cost: \$40

Reservation deadline: March 7

Make your reservation online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/nespring2022massillon>

Northeast Region (2 of 2)

March 28 • 5 p.m.-8 p.m.

Dilucia's Catering Services & Banquet Facility, Warren

Cost: \$40

Reservation deadline: March 21

Make your reservation online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/nespring2022warren>

Northwest Region

March 24 • 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Findlay High School, Findlay

Cost: \$40

Reservation deadline: March 17

Make your reservation online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/nwspring2022>

Southeast Region (1 of 2)

March 15 • 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Vinton County High School, McArthur

Cost: \$40

Reservation deadline: March 11

Make your reservation online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/sespring2022mcarthur>

Southeast Region (2 of 2)

March 22 • 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Belmont-Harrison Career Center, St. Clairsville

Cost: \$40

Reservation deadline: March 18

Make your reservation online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/sespring2022stclairsville>

Southwest Region

March 8 • 5 p.m.-8 p.m.

Laurel Oaks Career Campus, Wilmington

Cost: \$40

Reservation deadline: March 1

Make your reservation online at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/swspring2022>

Authority for reimbursement

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

STAR Awards

These conferences entitle board members to five credits for the Training Award.



OSBA Cyberlaw Workshop



Choose in person or virtual

Friday, March 11
9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Cost: \$175
OSBA office, Columbus or virtual

Stay up to date with ever-changing technology and cyberlaws.

Participants will learn about the legal and practical issues surrounding technology use in schools. District technology personnel, superintendents, school attorneys and others are invited to join us to discuss the top cyberlaw concerns facing schools; the current state of website accessibility; district, employee and student app use; and more.

8:30 a.m. Registration

8:50 a.m. Welcome

9 a.m. Social Media Posts — Is it their First Amendment right?

Recent cases have examined the ability of schools to discipline staff and students for their off-campus social media posts. This session will review those cases and provide a framework for schools to use when they are called upon to determine whether such discipline is appropriate under the First Amendment.

Julia A. Bauer, Esq., Scott Scriven LLP

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Sunshine Laws in the Digital World

The law is always slow to catch up to technological advances. This session will walk through the digital application of the Open Meetings Act and public records act and how to avoid potential mistakes and violations. Prepare to test your knowledge of the sunshine laws in this interactive session.

Gary T. Stedronsky, Esq., Ennis Britton Co. LPA

11:45 a.m. Lunch

12:30 p.m. Cybersecurity — Protecting the district

Schools across the state are using computer software, mobile apps and other web-based tools to foster and enhance the learning process, but are they putting their district in jeopardy? This cybersecurity session will incorporate a discussion of Zoom and similar products from a confidentiality perspective and the development of continuity of organizational operation plans and other information security issues.

Scott Peters, Esq., Peters Kalail & Markakis Co. LPA

1:45 p.m. Break

2 p.m. What's hAPPening — Best and worst apps

Get to know the most popular and most dangerous apps students are using right now. This session will highlight some of the recent case law involving technology in schools. Leave with practical advice for how your district can adjust and adapt to the changes that technological advances bring.

Samantha A. Vajskop, Esq., Pepple & Waggoner, Ltd.

3 p.m. Adjourn

To register, visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops

Special Education Law Workshop



Friday, March 25 • 8:45 a.m.–3:10 p.m. • Virtual • Cost: \$105

This popular workshop offers school board members, special education administrators, student services professionals and other district staff the unique opportunity to learn about the latest developments in the laws that govern special education in Ohio. Speakers include experienced attorneys who represent Ohio school districts on special education law matters and staff from the Ohio Department of Education Office for Exceptional Children. Bring your questions.

8:45 a.m. Welcome

8:50 a.m. Ohio Department of Education (ODE) dispute resolution update

ODE is responsible for monitoring and resolving complaints about district compliance with state and federal laws and regulations. ODE's Office for Exceptional Children will provide an update about the type of complaints that are being filed, what they are finding in investigations and how complaints are being resolved.

Heather Clingerman, Esq., and Kelly Barger, education program specialist, ODE

9:50 a.m. Break

10 a.m. Reading the due process road map

Due process is an important component of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, but it isn't the destination anyone prefers. This session will help identify elements showing that a district may be headed for due process and explain the steps to right the course.

Jessica L. Dawso, Esq., and Sandra R. McIntosh, Esq., Scott Scriven LLP

11:15 a.m. Break

11:25 a.m. Ohio Dyslexia Committee overview

The Ohio Dyslexia Committee is responsible for developing the implementation guidelines for Ohio's dyslexia support law. A committee member and an ODE literacy specialist discuss their work to develop best practices and methods for universal screening and remediation for children with dyslexia and the development of a guidebook.

Dr. Trevor R. Thomas, superintendent, Heath City; and Elizabeth Hess, literacy specialist, ODE

12:15 p.m. Lunch

12:45 p.m. Compliant IEPs from a school district attorney's perspective

Knowing what – and what not – to write in individualized education programs (IEPs) can be a challenge for even the most experienced special education professionals. Learn how to write legally compliant IEPs and help teachers and other school professionals avoid practices that can cause problems for schools and educators.

Susan E. Geary, Esq., Bricker & Eckler LLP

1:45 p.m. Break

1:55 p.m. Now's the day and now's the hour: Successful transitions

Assisting students who are in the transitional stage of their school experience is one of the most challenging and rewarding parts of being a special education professional. This session will focus on practical steps to facilitate legal compliance while engaging in this critically important work.

Jeremy J. Neff, Esq., Ennis Britton Co. LPA

3:10 p.m. Closing and adjourn until next year

To register

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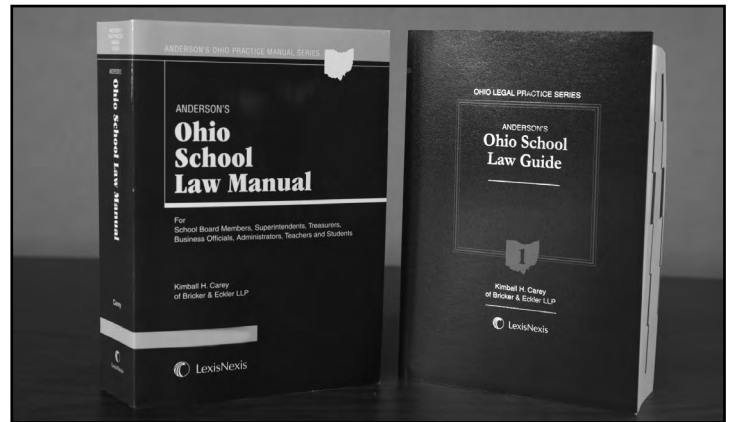
The workshop will be submitted to the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education (CLE) for CLE credit.

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

Stay up to date with the latest legal publications

Ohio's most comprehensive school law publication has been revised for 2022. Written by Kimball H. Carey, the 2022 Ohio School Law Guide, a four-volume set, offers basic, easy-to-understand interpretations of Ohio statutes and regulations that govern public school operations.

Also revised is the 2022 Ohio School Law Manual. This convenient version contains interpretive text that appears in the Ohio School Law Guide. The handbook is a perfect reference for anyone involved with education.



Title	Quantity	Limited-time price*	Price	Total
2022 Ohio School Law Guide		\$765*	\$814	
2022 Ohio School Law Manual		\$295*	\$315	
Shipping		\$22.95	\$22.95	

* Limited-time price valid through March 4, 2022. Orders received after March 4, 2022, will be billed the full price of \$814 and \$315, plus a shipping charge of \$22.95. Mail orders must be postmarked by March 4, 2022. Limited-time price not offered on OSBA website; you must use this form to receive limited-time price.

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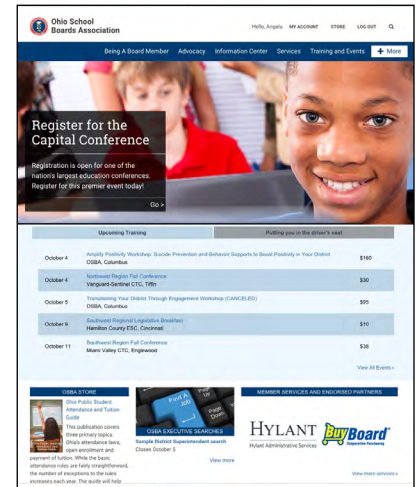
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If it says "We could not find your email address," or if this is your first time logging in to the site, click "Create new account." At the username prompt, enter your email address, select your affiliation and school district, and click "Submit." Create a password and add your job title on the next screen. An email with a link to activate your account will be sent to you. Click on the link to activate your account, and you will be directed to a home screen.



NEWS

by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

Veteran OSBA staff leave lasting legacies following retirements

Two longtime OSBA staff members recently retired with a combined tenure of more than 50 years of association service.

Senior Staff Attorney **Van D. Keating** completed his career after more than 32 years, and Senior Editorial Manager **Gary Motz** spent more than 20 years with OSBA.

Keating, who joined the association in March 1989, served in many roles, including director of management services, which is now OSBA's Division of Board and Management Services. He also was deputy director of labor relations and a labor relations specialist.

"Van's experiences in each of these positions gave him a unique perspective on what it takes to manage and run a school," OSBA Chief Legal Counsel **Sara C. Clark** said. "He understood the intricacies and complexities of labor relations, policy development, collective bargaining, human resources, school law, transportation and finance."

Clark also noted that Keating, a graduate of The Citadel and Capital University Law School, served association members from a "very practical perspective."

"He knew what the law says,

but he also knew how it actually is implemented by those working in the schools," she said. "This made him an incredibly valuable resource for our members."

OSBA Chief Executive Officer **Rick Lewis** said Keating made "an enormous difference for our members and staff" and closed his career as the third most senior employee in the association's 67-year history.

"I can't begin to count the number of labor contract years Van negotiated or the number of phone calls he received over his

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career,” Lewis said.

Likewise, Motz’s played a key role in keeping members up to date on association news and education trends. He was a seasoned writer and editor, who wrote hundreds of articles and press releases promoting the value of public education and the work being done in districts to advance student achievement.

His byline appeared in numerous publications, including the Journal magazine and Briefcase newsletter.

“I sincerely believe he

transformed all of our writing through his keen editing skills, and could turn anybody’s draft work into an ‘A’ with ease,” Lewis said. “Our Journal magazine and other publications received many public accolades because of his contributions. As a writer, his skills are second to none.”

Motz’s editorial skills strengthened all of the association’s publications, according to OSBA Director of Communication Services **Jeff Chambers**.

“His abilities facilitated the move to themed issues of the

Journal,” Chambers said of the bimonthly magazine. “He was a great person to work with, and his numerous contributions will be missed.”

Motz also snapped thousands of photographs of board members, student performing groups, award winners and others at fall and spring region conferences, the OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show and other events.

Both Keating and Motz will be missed, professionally and personally, by association staff and members alike.



Board members and administrators — protect yourself and your family anytime, anywhere!

OSBA provides all school board members with a free \$100,000 accidental death and dismemberment (AD&D) insurance policy that covers them while they are performing their duties as board members. The association also offers school board members, district administrators and their families the opportunity to purchase low-cost AD&D insurance that covers them at all times.

Open enrollment runs through Feb. 28, and annual coverage begins March 1. Enrollment and beneficiary forms are available at www.ohioschoolboards.org/insurance-programs.

For more information, contact the OSBA Division of Business and Finance at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Will Schwartz, deputy director of legislative services

Lawmakers set to restore virtual board meetings

State lawmakers again appear poised to grant boards of education and other public bodies the temporary authority to conduct and hold meetings virtually. House Bill (HB) 51, which was pending a Feb. 9 concurrence vote in the House, would temporarily restore the same flexibility provisions that were in effect from March 9, 2020, through July 1, 2021, because of several pieces of emergency pandemic legislation.

HB 51 originally revised the process for adjusting property values due to instances of injury or property destruction, but the Senate Ways and Means Committee amended the bill on Jan. 25 to include the virtual meeting flexibility. Sen. **Louis W.**

Blessing III (R-Colerain Township), who chairs the committee, offered the amendment, which was accepted without objection. The bill was subsequently passed by the committee and unanimously approved by the full Senate the next day. The virtual meeting provision in HB 51 includes an emergency clause, which means it would take immediate effect upon the governor's signature.

Under HB 51, members of a public body, including a board of education, may hold and attend meetings and may conduct and attend hearings by means of teleconference, video conference or any other similar electronic technology. The bill prescribes the

following conditions:

- Any resolution, rule or formal action of any kind has the same effect as if it occurred during an open meeting or hearing of the public body.
- Members of a public body who attend meetings or hearings by virtual means are to be considered present as if in person at the meeting or hearing, are to be permitted to vote and are to be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting or hearing.
- Public bodies must provide notification of meetings and hearings held under this section to the public; to the media that have requested notification of a meeting;

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OSBA is accepting applications for the 2022 OSBA Black Caucus Leo Lucas Scholarship, a program that provides graduating ethnically and culturally diverse high school seniors funds for college.

Visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/60508> to download an application. The deadline is March 15.

For more information, contact **Mark E. Bobo** at (614) 540-4000 or mbobo@ohioschoolboards.org.



Leo Lucas Scholarship deadline is March 15



PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

Goshen Local students build, deliver beds to children

Students in a carpentry class at **Goshen Local's (Clermont)** Goshen High School have joined forces with a national organization to build and deliver beds to children and families in need.

Through a friend, teacher **Brian Russell** was connected with Sleep in Heavenly Peace, which builds, assembles and delivers bunk beds to families.

About 14 students helped assemble the beds and fully outfit them with fun, child-themed

bedding, Russell told a local newspaper.

"It started with the goal of getting one child off of the floor before Christmas," Russell said. "The Saturday before Christmas, we delivered seven beds. We had seven children sleep in a bed for Christmas, and in some situations, for the very first time in their life."

Senior **Alex Rupp** said the project was a life-changing event for himself and his classmates.

"It made us feel so good to

know that we were building beds for a child in our town," Rupp said. "The experience of delivering and watching kids run into their rooms to see their towering beds and their shark bed sheets is something I will never forget. I don't get involved in my community often. This project made me realize that I need to."

The class already has donated 15 beds and plans to make 10 more.

Source: The Clermont Sun

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and to the parties required to be notified of a hearing at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting or hearing by reasonable methods by which any person may determine the time, location and the manner by which the meeting or hearing will be conducted, except in the event of an emergency requiring immediate official action. In the event of an emergency, HB 51 requires the public body to immediately notify media that have requested notification or the parties required to be notified of a hearing of the time, place and purpose of the meeting or hearing.

- The public body must provide public access to a meeting or

hearing held with any component of the virtual flexibility granted under HB 51 that the public would otherwise be entitled to attend, commensurate with the method in which the meeting or hearing is being conducted, including examples such as livestreaming by means of the internet, local radio, television, cable or public access channels, call-in information for a teleconference or by means of any other similar electronic technology.

- The public body must ensure that the public can observe, when applicable, and hear the discussions and deliberations of all the members of the public body, whether the member is

participating in person or electronically.

HB 51 also requires that the public body establish a means, using electronic equipment that is widely available to the public, to converse with witnesses and to receive documentary testimony and physical evidence when the virtual meeting option is used.

The virtual meetings provisions of HB 51 would remain in effect until June 30, 2022. The bill must be approved by the House before heading to Gov. **Mike DeWine** for his signature.

Editor's note: Information in this article was current as of Feb. 7, 2022.

February 2022

- 15 Coffee Chat: District finances, sustainability & ROI..... Virtual
- 15 School Construction Law: The Fundamentals.....Webinar
- 16 In the Beginning ... School Facility ProjectsWebinar
- 17 How to win your cyber insurance renewal? Virtual
- 22 OSBA Town Hall..... Virtual
- 23 Capital Financing — School Construction — Voted or Unvoted? Putting the financing in place for your facilities projectWebinar
- 24 Capital Financing — School Construction — Understanding the Debt Issuance ProcessWebinar
- 24 Valuing Evaluations..... Columbus
- 24 Honest Talk About Cyber Security..... Virtual
- 25 School Finance 101Columbus and Virtual
- 25 OSBA Executive Committee meeting..... Columbus
- 26 OSBA Board of Trustees meeting.....TBD

March 2022

- 1 Last day to take action and deliver written notice of nonrenewal of superintendent's contract — RC 3319.01; last day to take action on and deliver written notice of

- nonrenewal of treasurer's contract — RC 3313.22; last day to publish joint statement describing how district's business advisory council has fulfilled its responsibilities — RC 3313.821.
- 2 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration: Laws, rules and policy — what, how and whyColumbus or Virtual
- 2 School Construction: Construction Phase — Bonds & InsuranceWebinar
- 3 School Construction: Construction Phase — Project AdministrationWebinar
- 5 Board Member 201: A deeper dive Lewis Center and Warrensville Heights
- 8 OSBA Southwest Region Spring Conference Wilmington
- 9 OSBA Central Region Spring Conference Columbus
- 11 Cyberlaw workshopColumbus and Virtual
- 15 OSBA Southeast Region Spring Conference (1 of 2)McArthur
- 16 OSBA Northeast Region Spring Conference (1 of 2) Massillon
- 21 OSBA Town Hall..... Virtual
- 22 OSBA Southeast Region Spring Conference (2 of 2)St. Clairsville
- 22 Coffee Chat: Have you heard about Ohio SchoolComp?..... Virtual

- 24 OSBA Northwest Region Spring Conference Findlay
- 25 Special Education Law workshopColumbus and Virtual
- 28 OSBA Northeast Region Spring Conference (2 of 2)Warren
- 31 End of second ADM reporting period — RC 3317.03(A).

April 2022

- 4 Last day for voter registration for May election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30 days prior to election).
- 6 OSBA Master of Transportation Administration: Hot topics — safety, trends and statistics..... Virtual
- 19 Coffee Chat: Are you compliant with HB123? Virtual
- 24 OSBA Southeast Region Executive Committee meeting Zanesville
- 25 Last day to submit certification for income tax levy to Ohio Department of Taxation for August election — RC 5748.02(A) (100 days prior to the election).
- 26 OSBA Town Hall..... Virtual
- 29 Last day to submit August emergency or current operating expenses levy to county auditor for August election — RC 5705.194, 5705.195, 5705.213 (95 days prior to the election).