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Another speaker announced for 2021 Capital Conference

Brandon Miller, a goalkeeper for the USL Championship soccer league's Charlotte Independence, is the keynote speaker at the OSBA Capital Conference Monday Luncheon. Olympic gymnasts **Nadia Comaneci** and **Bart Conner** are headlining the Opening General Session. Miller, who began his pro soccer career in 2010, works with numerous nonprofit organizations and founded the Black Players Alliance of the USL. His philanthropic work focuses on underserved communities and empowering those whose voices aren't always heard. The Capital Conference, which this year is returning as an in-person event, runs Nov. 7-9 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. It features stellar keynote speakers, 130 learning sessions, the Student Achievement Fair, a world-class Trade Show and plenty of networking. Registration opens July 19. For more information, visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org>.

Resources available for federal Emergency Connectivity Fund

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 established the Emergency Connectivity Fund. The \$7.17 billion program provides relief to students, schools and libraries that lack access to a stable internet connection or the technology needed to support remote learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds will be distributed through the federal E-rate program. The Federal Communications Commission webpage, at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/25785>, has been updated with information about the Emergency Connectivity Fund. Additionally, Ohio's E-rate coordinator developed a webpage with a library of resources and information about the program for Ohio's schools and libraries. That information is posted at <https://ohio-k12.help/ecf>.

USDOE site offers resources, information for safely reopening schools

The U.S. Department of Education has launched the Safer Schools and Campuses Best Practices Clearinghouse, a website that highlights the innovative work underway nationwide in continuing to reopen K-12 schools, early childhood centers and postsecondary institutions. Through the clearinghouse, the department is providing examples of how schools and other educational institutions can safely reopen as communities continue recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic. The information focuses on three main areas: safe and healthy environments; supports for students; and faculty and staff well-being, professional development and supports. Learn more at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/20209>.

Former OSBA president tapped as interim president-elect

The OSBA Nominating Committee has selected **Susie Lawson**, Tri-County ESC and Wayne County Schools Career Center, as 2021 interim president-elect. **Chris Varwig**,

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Toledo City, was named the alternate should Lawson be unable to complete her term. Lawson served as OSBA president in 2014. The need for an interim arose when President-elect **Robert M. Heard Sr., Cleveland Municipal**, became president in May. The Nominating Committee will reconvene on Aug. 7 to select the 2022 president-elect nominee, who will stand for election during the Annual Business Meeting of the OSBA Delegate Assembly at this year's Capital Conference.

OSBA still accepting Student Achievement Fair nominations

The OSBA Student Achievement Fair at the Capital Conference offers many opportunities for districts to showcase their students and programs. The fair highlights outstanding student performing groups, student artwork and innovative education initiatives from public school districts across

Gallipolis student provides daily reading, inspiration

Bella Roe has been a Facebook regular during the pandemic. Bella, who will be a sixth-grader at **Gallipolis City's** Gallia Academy Middle School in the fall, has been reading books aloud on social media to share encouragement.

"I wanted to start reading aloud on Facebook to brighten people's days during a rough time," Bella told a local newspaper.

She started by reading each day on her mother's Facebook page, but now she has her own Facebook group, **Bella Roe's Daily Reading and Inspiration**, to share her readings and videos.

June 8 marked her 447th appearance on social media.

Bella, who was recognized by the board of education, says she plans to continue reading on social media for "as long as possible."

Source: Gallipolis Daily Tribune

the state. The deadline to nominate performing groups has passed, but districts still can nominate student programs and artwork. The conference runs Nov. 7-9, with the fair set for Nov. 8. For details and to make nominations, visit <http://conference.ohioschoolboards.org/student-achievement-fair>.

OhioMeansJobs survey seeks feedback from educators

The OhioMeansJobs annual survey is now open to educators who are interested in providing feedback on tools and resources available on the newly redesigned **OhioMeansJobs.com** K-12 website. That site provides resources for students, employers and individuals seeking jobs. The survey is posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/58223>. OhioMeansJobs is Ohio's free, online career counseling center that connects businesses to job seekers and provides career resources to K-12 students and other Ohioans.

OSBA online

● www.ohioschoolboards.org

The digital issue of June 2021 Journal is now available. The theme of the June magazine is "Education after the pandemic." It's posted at <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/15415>.



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BULLETIN BOARD

compiled by Melanie Price, senior administrative assistant of communication services

National searches

Position	Location	Deadline	Contact
Superintendent	Rowena, Texas	July 14	Butch Felkner , executive search services director, Texas Association of School Boards, (800) 580-8272

Board changes

Ashland City Board of Education member Dr. **James R. Wolfe** announced his resignation effective June 14. ●●● **Avon Local (Lorain)** appointed **Matt Canning** to the board effective June 1. He replaced **Heather Mahoney**, who resigned in May. ●●● **Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Local (Greene)** appointed **Michael Loy Kinsey** to the board effective immediately. He replaced **Karen Long**, who resigned in May. ●●● **Bucyrus City** Board of Education member **David L. Jones Jr.** announced his resignation effective June 1. ●●● **Forest Hills Local (Hamilton)** Board of Education member **Patty Taylor** announced her resignation effective June 3.

Administrative changes

Superintendents

Bellevue City Superintendent **Kim Schubert** announced her retirement effective Jan. 1. ●●● **Loveland City** hired **Michael R. Broadwater** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace Interim Superintendent **Bradley C. Neavin**. Broadwater currently is assistant superintendent at **Forest Hills Local (Hamilton)**. ●●● **North Olmsted City** hired **David J. Brand** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace Dr. **Michael Zalar**, who is retiring. Brand currently is superintendent at **New Philadelphia City**. ●●● **North Ridgeville City** hired Director of Curriculum and Instruction **David Pritt** as assistant superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Keith Ahearn**, who took the superintendent position at **Fairview Park City**. ●●● **Pickaway-Ross Career & Technology Center** hired **Jonathan Davis** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Dennis L. Franks**, who is retiring effective July 31. Davis currently is superintendent at **Circleville City**. ●●● **Preble-Shawnee Local (Preble)** hired **Todd Bowling** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace Dr. **Matt Bishop**, who is resigning. Bowling currently is superintendent at **Northwest Local (Hamilton)**. ●●● **Strasburg-Franklin Local (Tuscarawus)** hired Strasburg Middle School/High School Principal **Adam Hall** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Cindy Brown**, who is retiring. ●●● **Teays Valley Local (Pickaway)** hired Assistant Superintendent **Kyle Wolfe** as superintendent effective Dec. 1. He will replace **Robin Halley**, who is retiring in November. ●●● **Tolles Career & Technical Center** hired Dr. **Todd F. Hoadley** as superintendent effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Emmy Beeson**, who is resigning. Hoadley previously was superintendent at **Dublin City**.

Editor's note

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

Treasurers

Ashland City hired **Kyle Klingler** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. He will replace **Sheryl Shaw Stewart**, who is retiring. Klingler currently is with the state auditor's office. ●●● **Botkins Local (Shelby)** hired Secretary to Superintendent/Elementary Secretary **Julie Schneider** as assistant treasurer/EMIS liaison effective Aug. 1. She will replace **Kimberly**

P. Card, who is resigning effective Aug. 15. ●●● **Loveland City** Treasurer **Kevin Hawley** announced his resignation effective July 31. ●●● **Mentor EV** hired Director of Business Operations **Bill Wade** as treasurer effective Aug. 1. He will replace Interim Treasurer **Steven Vasek**.

Sympathies

Former **Anthony Wayne Local (Lucas)** Board of Education member **Charles “Chuck” Edwin Allen Jr.** died April 28. He was 79. ●●● Former **Coshocton City** Superintendent **Dennis Michael Demcho** died May 24. He was 78. ●●● Former **East Palestine City and Columbiana County Career Center** Board of Education member **George “Bub” Stewart Wilson** died June 6. He was 92. ●●● Former **Geneva Area City** Board of Education member **Peter Alverso Pasqualone** died June 6. He was 98. ●●● Former **Miller City-Cleveland Local (Putnam)** Board of Education member **William R. Hermiller Jr.** died May 29. He was 84. ●●● Former **Xenia Community City** Board of Education member **Pauline Clark** died May 22. She was 88.



NEWS

by Angela Penquite, deputy director of communication services

OSBA Aptitude Award tests board members' knowledge of governance

A new component of OSBA's STAR Awards program — the Aptitude Award — allows board members to demonstrate understanding and comprehension of a variety of board governance skills based on six leadership areas:

- vision;
- accountability;
- policy;

- community engagement;
- relationships;
- advocacy.

To receive the Aptitude Award, board members must receive an 80% passing score on an online assessment. Board members may complete the assessment at their convenience through July 9, 2021. The assessment may be taken multiple times during this period

should a board member's first attempt not result in an 80% score. Aptitude awards will be presented at the regional fall conferences.

Registering for the assessment

The assessment is free but requires registration. To register,

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OSBA Contract Analysis Service

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

Contact **Van D. Keating** at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA for more information.



Board Member 101

Saturday, July 24 • 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

OSBA office, Columbus or Virtual • Cost: \$170

Recently appointed to your school board? Attend this one-day workshop for first-term board members and get up to speed on hot topics. You will hear from experienced OSBA staff in this one-day condensed workshop that will focus on boardmanship; governance; and legal, policy and advocacy issues. Learn about the important aspects of board work, frequently asked legal questions, how board policies help govern your district and how to be an effective legislative and student achievement advocate for your students. Discover the resources OSBA has to help you in your first year, your first term and beyond.

Agenda

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

9 a.m. Welcome

9:10 a.m. Boardmanship — roles, responsibilities and ethics for board members

Effective board service begins with a clear understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the board and administration. Ethical conduct and strong communication among the members of the board define the governance of the district and ultimately set the leadership team up for success.
Steve Horton, OSBA senior board and management services consultant

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Legislative advocacy

Learn about the legislative process and the important advocacy role you play as a board member.

Nicole Piscitani, OSBA lobbyist

11:30 a.m. School finance for new board members

A solid foundational understanding of the intricacies of public school funding is crucial for board members. This session will introduce you to the history of Ohio school funding and offer insight into changes occurring in the new biennial budget bill.

Nicole Piscitani, OSBA lobbyist

Noon Lunch (provided)

12:45 p.m. What new board members need to know about policy

Effective policies are an essential tool for effective district governance. This session will review best practices for policy development and implementation. Interactive discussions of pitfalls and possibilities boards face in policy will help you improve student success and district operations through policy governance.

Kenna S. Haycox, OSBA senior policy consultant

1:30 p.m. New board members and the law, part 1

To become an effective school board member, it is important to understand some basic laws that surround boards and the school districts they serve, such as meeting requirements, voting, parliamentary procedure, conflicts of interest and ethics. This session will focus on these and other related areas of law as well as provide an opportunity for attendees to learn about OSBA's Division of Legal Services.

Van D. Keating, OSBA senior staff attorney

2:30 p.m. Break

2:45 p.m. New board members and the law, part 2

Van D. Keating

3:30 p.m. Closing remarks, questions and adjourn

To register

Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops or email **Melanie Price** at mprice@ohioschoolboards.org.

OSBA Pre-Board Candidate Webinar

Saturday, July 10 • 10 a.m.–noon • Cost: Free

Know someone who is thinking of running for your school board or someone who would be an asset to your board? Encourage them to attend this free webinar to learn the responsibilities of board service.

This session is for people who are thinking about running for their school board and current board of education members appointed to office who must now run for election. It reviews the roles and responsibilities of running for a school board and the requirements for running for a seat on a local board of education. This webinar will be led by two veteran OSBA staff members and include time for questions.

To register

Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops



**Wednesday, Aug. 4 • In-person at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris, Columbus or virtual
9 a.m.–3:15 p.m. • Cost: \$195**

Attend the Budget Analysis and Discussion (BAD) Seminar for the most in-depth analysis on the 2022-23 state budget. This comprehensive seminar will provide insights on the budget process and final version of the legislation.

Key takeaways:

- Learn about the school-funding changes in the biennial budget bill and what's to come.
- Hear about provisions in the budget bill that will impact schools and how they will be implemented.
- Get all of your budget questions answered.

You can attend this workshop virtually or in-person at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris, 8700 Lyra Drive, Columbus, 43240. Register online at www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops; on that webpage, select the "in-person" or "virtual" event. Unauthorized audio recording or videotaping of any session is strictly prohibited.

Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law Workshop



Friday, Aug. 6 • 8:50 a.m.–3:45 p.m. • Cost: \$185
Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center, Lewis Center

This workshop is a great opportunity for EMIS professionals and other school staff who handle enrollment and attendance to get answers for their toughest questions from school law experts. Come join us and bring your questions!



Agenda

8:50 a.m. Welcome and overview

9 a.m. Divorce decrees, share parenting agreements, custody orders and other court documents

When registering their students, parents, grandparents, legal custodians and guardians may present court orders or other official documents. Sometimes, rather than providing clarity and guidance to school personnel, these documents create a new raft of questions. In this perennial favorite session, learn how to review and understand court documents and determine when you need to ask more questions or seek legal advice.
Jennifer Flint, Esq., Bricker & Eckler

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Attendance updates from ODE

The 2020-21 school year was a lot. Classes were held in person, through remote instruction or a hybrid combination of both. Through it all, EMIS officers and school administrators were on the front lines, tackling attendance questions that no one would have even imagined two years ago. This session will reflect on what schools learned and examine what they still need to know with two Ohio Department of Education (ODE) administrators who will share ODE's most up-to-date attendance guidance for the 2021-22 school year.

Brian C. Knight, M.Ed., Ohio's attendance advisor, and Marianne Mottley, director, Report Card Project, ODE

11:45 a.m. Lunch

12:45 p.m. Enrollment A-Z: From the welcome center to the classroom

This session will discuss everything you ever wanted to know about enrollment. Among the topics covered will be students whose parents were not married; proving residency; students whose parents are undocumented immigrants; homeless students and students in foster care; emancipated students; married students; and more of the myriad exceptions in the enrollment statute. Please bring your questions.

David S. Hirt, Peters Kalail & Markakis Co. L.P.A.

2 p.m. Break

2:15 p.m. "I'm back!" Handling students returning from atypical attendance situations

Giselle Spencer, Ennis Britton; Janie Gildersleeve, truant officer/home school coordinator, Ashtabula County ESC; Wendy Hartzell, assistant superintendent, Warren City

3:45 p.m. Adjourn

To register

Visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/workshops

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OSBA has secured a room block at the Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center. Mention OSBA to get a rate of \$134 for a single room. Call (614) 880-4300 for reservations. Room reservations must be made by July 6 to receive the special rate.



WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

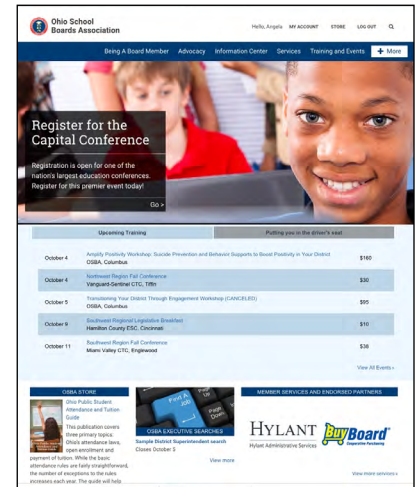
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OSBA members can access member-only information, including workshop registration, by logging in to the OSBA website.

How to log in

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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.



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log into the OSBA website. Once logged in, visit www.ohioschoolboards.org/aptitude-award and click the assessment registration link.

After registering, board members will receive an email with a link for the assessment, which is facilitated through Moodle. Click the link provided in the email to access the assessment and use your OSBA username and password to begin.

Completing the assessment

Each assessment is 50 questions worth two points each. Questions are a blend of multiple choice and true/false focusing on board governance. The assessment is open-book, allowing board

members to use any resources on the OSBA website or from OSBA publications to assist them. Sample questions and resources to help prepare may be viewed at www.ohioschoolboards.org/aptitude-award.

We expect it to take approximately an hour to complete the assessment. The assessment is timed, and a maximum of three hours is allowed. Board members must complete the assessment before logging out. The assessment will be scored upon completion.

Board members may retake the assessment within the assessment period — June 14 to July 9 — if they do not receive an 80% passing score. To retake the

assessment, click “Re-attempt quiz” in Moodle, the online assessment platform.

Visit <http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/69777> to access a guide to the registration process, logging in to Moodle to complete the assessment, finishing and submitting the assessment attempt and retaking the assessment.

If you have questions on the Aptitude Award, the assessment or other components of the STAR Awards, contact **Gwen Samet**, OSBA administrative assistant of board and management services, at (614) 540-4000 or gsamet@ohioschoolboards.org. Information on the STAR Awards is available at www.ohioschoolboards.org/STAR-Awards.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by Will Schwartz, deputy director of legislative services

Old data raises questions about Senate school-funding plan

An analysis of the Ohio Senate’s proposal to enact a school-funding formula reveals fundamental flaws that will pose problems for future lawmakers. Dr. **Howard Fleeter**, economist and consultant for the Ohio Education Policy Institute, published a report on June 14 analyzing the Senate’s funding proposal, which was introduced on June 1 as part of the state’s biennial budget process.

As widely expected, the Senate removed the House’s school-funding formula and replaced it with its own formula contained in House Bill 110, the state biennial budget bill for the fiscal year (FY) 2022-23 biennium.

Fleeter identifies four major areas of concern with the Senate’s formula:

- the use of outdated property valuation and income data;

- the use of outdated teacher salary data;
- the use of a base cost per pupil amount that does not keep pace with inflation from the time it was previously used;
- the use of the State Share Index (SSI) as the mechanism to determine a school district’s state share of funding.

Fleeter reveals that the plan

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restores the SSI from the FY 2018 and 2019 biennium, which relies on property values from 2014, 2015 and 2016; Federal Adjusted Gross Income data from 2013, 2014 and 2015; and median income data from 2015. It is unclear why the data was not updated since property value data is currently available through 2020 and income data is available through 2019.

Fleeter also notes that the Senate's recalculation of the years-old SSI uses 2017 student counts to compute the SSI, further reinforcing the flaw of the mechanism by relying on outdated data. Student data counts are available through FY 2020 and are generally considered to be the most reliable student counts since the forthcoming FY 2021 count was abnormal due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Fleeter recommends that the Senate proposal should update property values and income data to the most current years and then divide these figures by FY 2020 enrollment to yield the per pupil numbers necessary for the computation of the revised SSI contained in its funding plan.

The second area of concern — the use of outdated teacher salary data — can be applied to both chambers' formulas. The House used FY 2018 teacher salary data for its formula, the purpose for which is unclear. The reason for the Senate's use of outdated FY 2019 teacher salary data is also unclear, because FY 2020 data is available. Fleeter posits that the choice not to update the

data could be to conform with the use of older data across the board.

Fleeter writes that his third area of concern is with the base cost per pupil amount. The House established a variable per pupil base cost amount, with the statewide average being \$7,202. The Senate, meanwhile, established a uniform base cost amount of \$6,065 in FY 2020 and \$6,110 in FY 2021.

Fleeter notes that these amounts do not keep pace with inflation when judged against the FY 2019 per pupil amount of \$6,020 or the FY 2009 per pupil amount of \$5,732 — the last year in which Ohio employed a base cost methodology.

"Measuring inflation from July 2008 (the beginning of FY 2009) until April 2021 reveals a 21.4% inflation rate," writes Fleeter. "In contrast, \$6,110 divided by \$5,732 shows an increase of only 6.6%. Thus, inflation since FY '09 has been more than three times the rate of increase in the foundation level proposed by the Senate.

"Looked at another way, if the \$5,732 per pupil amount from FY '09 were simply increased by inflation it would have reached \$6,959 as of April 2021, implying it would be nearly \$7,000 per pupil by the time that FY '22 begins."

Fleeter also evaluated what an inflation adjusted per pupil amount would be if the formula used FY 2019 as the foundation.

"Taking a shorter-run view, inflation since FY '19 (measured both from the beginning or the middle of FY 2019) has been

6.0%," he states. "However, the increase from \$6,020 to \$6,110 is only 1.5%. Thus, the Senate proposal would increase the foundation level by only one-fourth the rate of inflation since 2019. Adjusting the FY '19 base cost of \$6,020 for inflation would result in a base cost figure of \$6,381 for FY '22. A second adjustment set at 2.0% as an estimate of an additional year of inflation would result in a base cost figure of \$6,509 for FY '23."

The fourth and final area of concern surrounds the upper chamber's decision to reemploy the SSI. Fleeter explains a fundamental problem that exists with that mechanism is its inconsistent use of income in determining how much funding each district receives from the state.

"Not only is the SSI significantly more complicated, but the SSI also functions by creating a wealth index which serves to intertwine Ohio's 609 school districts with one another," Fleeter writes. "This means that changes in property values (and income) in some districts will affect the amount of state aid received in other districts."

Fleeter defends the use of the House's mechanism to determine the state and local share of funding, which uses income for all districts.

"The state/local share mechanism included in the House's FY '22-23 school funding proposal is not only simpler than the SSI but it also avoids the two problems discussed immediately

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORK!

compiled by Scott Gerfen, assistant editor

Valley View STEM students send seeds and soil soaring

High above the Miami Valley, a weather balloon carrying seeds and soil made its way into the stratosphere.

"I've learned more about the atmosphere and how different all of the layers of the atmosphere can be," **Valley View Local (Montgomery)** seventh-grader **Cheyenne Bird** told a local TV station.

Valley View Junior High School STEM students sent the seeds and soil into the stratosphere to learn

how space travel might impact plant growth.

A grant from the Bayer Fund's America's Farmers Grow Rural Education helped STEM Teacher **Jill Weaver** purchase more materials and launch another weather balloon aloft.

By late May, students had launched three balloons with the help of Wright State University.

"It's super exciting for me to be able to offer opportunities like this for kids," Weaver said. "Having

that grant funded was very pivotal in them having these kinds of experiences."

For the third launch, the students also added soil that simulates the surface of Mars. "They actually did some rock hammering and crushed up some lava rock and some other things," Weaver said.

The balloons were tracked and retrieved and the seeds are growing in a greenhouse at the school.

Source: WDTN-TV

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above," Fleeter states. "Under the House funding plan, districts will see their state aid change from year to year based only upon how their property value and income have changed while changes in the circumstances of other districts will have no impact.

"Additionally, the House's income factor is applied to all districts in an equitable manner. As a final note, the House's state/local share calculation is based upon the most currently available data, as is their Targeted Assistance calculation."

Editor's note: Information in this article was current as of June 21, 2021.

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Strategic Planning
Ohio School Boards Association

June 2021

30 2020-21 school year ends — RC 3313.62;
end of third ADM reporting period — RC
3317.03(A).

July 2021

1 2021-22 school year begins — RC 3313.62;
last day for board to notify teaching and
nonteaching employees of succeeding
year salaries — RC 3319.082, 3319.12;
board may begin to adopt appropriation
measure, which may be temporary — RC
5705.38(B); treasurer must certify available
revenue in funds to county auditor — RC
5705.36(A)(1).

6 Last day for voter registration for August
election — RC 3503.01, 3503.19(A) (30
days prior to election).

10 Pre-Board Candidate Webinar... Virtual

10 Last day for termination of teaching
contract by a teacher without consent of the
board of education — RC 3319.15.

15 Last day to adopt school library district tax
budget on behalf of a library district — RC
5705.28(B)(1).

16 OSBA Executive Committee
meeting..... Virtual

17 OSBA Board of Trustees
meeting..... Virtual

24 Board Member
101 Columbus or Virtual

24 OSBA Black Caucus meeting Virtual

26 Last day to submit certification for
November income tax levy to Ohio
Department of Taxation — RC 5748.02(A)
(100 days prior to election).

30 Last day for board of education to adopt
a plan to require students to access
and complete online classroom lessons
("blizzard bags") in order to make up
hours for which it is necessary to close
schools — RC 3313.482(A)(1); semiannual
campaign finance reports must be filed by
certain candidates (by 4 p.m.) detailing
contributions and expenditures made
through June 30, 2021 — RC 3517.10(A)
(4); last day to submit emergency, current
operating expenses or conversion levy
to county auditor for November general
election — RC 5705.194, 5705.195,
5705.213, 5705.219(C) (95 days prior to
election).

31 OSBA Legislative Platform Committee
meeting..... Virtual

August 2021

1 Last day to file statistical report with Ohio
Department of Education — RC 3319.33.

2 OSBA Southwest Region Executive
Committee meeting..... TBD

3 Special Election Day — RC 3501.01 (first
Tuesday after the first Monday).

4 Budget Analysis and Discussion

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4 OSBA Central Region Executive
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4 OSBA Northeast Region Executive
Committee meeting..... TBD

4 Last day to file (by 4 p.m.) a nominating
petition as a board of education candidate
for the November general election — RC
3513.254, 3513.255; 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 November election — RC
133.18(D); last day for county auditor to
certify school district bond levy terms for
November election — RC 133.18(C); last
day to submit continuing replacement,
permanent improvement or operating levy
for November election to board of elections
— RC 5705.192, 5705.21, 5705.25; last
day to certify resolution for school district
income tax levy or renewal of conversion
levy for November election to board of
elections — RC 5748.02(C), 5705.219(G);
last day to submit emergency levy for
November election to board of elections —
RC 5705.195; last day to submit phased-in
levy or current operating expenses levy for
November election to board of elections —
RC 5705.251(A) (90 days prior to election).