



NEWS, NOTES & Notices



OHIO SCHOOLS COUNCIL

GREATER CLEVELAND SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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OSC SAVINGS SPOTLIGHT: STOW-MUNROE FALLS CITY SCHOOLS SAVE THOUSANDS THROUGH OSC NATURAL GAS TRANSPORTATION AUDIT

The value of OSC program participation and membership extends far beyond excellent rates and program opportunities for our partners across the state.

At the Ohio Schools Council, we strive to also be your advocate. Whether that means representing your district before the PUCO (Public Utilities Commission of Ohio), making sure you're getting the best prices available or checking the accuracy of your energy bills – we're here to help.

Take for example a recent audit conducted by the OSC staff designed to analyze transportation costs for our Natural Gas customers.

After a month-long concerted effort of collecting and analyzing gas bills for all members, the OSC staff identified additional savings for many districts related to a change in the PUCO approved Transportation Rate for Dominion East Ohio and Columbia of Ohio customers. The OSC staff switched districts to a lower Transportation Rate, thus saving districts tens of thousands of dollars annually.

Stow-Munroe Falls City Schools saved nearly \$1,700/month in natural gas expenses due to the audit. **OSC Natural Gas Program members will save a total of \$31,000/month.**

"I have been a Business Manager member of OSC while at Parma CSD, Warrensville Heights CSD, and now here at Stow-Munroe Falls CSD. At each stop along the way I have partnered with the OSC to save money and increase revenue for the district I served," said Mark Fritz, Business Manager at Stow-Munroe Falls City Schools. "In this case, my administrative Assistant, Betty Bradshaw, worked diligently to uncover all the bills and submit for the audit. The savings are a direct result of her efforts in tandem with the OSC. The benefits to our district can't be overstated currently and for the future."

Currently, 150+ educational institutions across the state participate in our Natural Gas Program, which provides excellent rates and service. Interested in learning more? Contact Barb DelRoso at bdelroso@osconline.org.

"Being a member of OSC has saved us tens of thousands of dollars," said Dave Osborne, Treasurer at Stow-Munroe Falls City Schools. "A district can't go wrong by taking advantage of membership in OSC."



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Natural Gas Program



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW

FALL LEGAL HOTLINE SEMINAR

Presented by:

Smith Peters Kalail Co., L.P.A.

Monday, October 10 2016; 8 a.m. to 12:35 p.m.

at the Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County
(ESCCC) Essex Place, 6393 Oak Tree Blvd., Independence.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Privacy of student data in the cloud
- Crowdfunding as an alternative money source
- Ask an attorney from OCR about "Dear Colleague" guidance on transgender students, racial disparity, and more!

There is no cost to OSC Legal Hotline Program member districts to attend the Fall Legal Hotline Seminar. The non-member cost is \$30/person, payable to Smith Peters Kalail Co., L.P.A., 6480 Rockside Woods Blvd. South, Cleveland, OH 44131. Additional seminars outlined below are free for all OSC and GCSSA members.

ADDITIONAL LEGAL SEMINARS:

- **November 29, 2016 – 11:00 a.m. to Noon.** "Social Media, Public School Teachers and the First Amendment."
- **December 14, 2016 – 9-10 a.m. Webinar Wednesday** "Legal Issues Related to Website Accessibility"
- **January 18, 2017 – 9-10 a.m. Webinar Wednesday** "Hot Topics in Special Education Law"
- **February 15, 2017 – 9-10 a.m. Webinar Wednesday** "Making the Most at Your County Board of Revision"
- **March 7, 2017 – 11:00 a.m. to noon** "Legislative Update"
- **April 5, 2017 – 9-10 a.m. Webinar Wednesday** "What's New at the State Employment Relations Board?"
- **May 11, 2017 – 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** - David Smith will present with Squires Patton Boggs at the Spring Legal Update Seminar. Topic to be determined.

Register online: www.osconline.org.



*We'll be at the OSBA Trade Show!
Stop by and see us in Booth 1503.*



OSC REGIONAL ROAD TOUR

Enjoy lunch, network with colleagues and learn about programs and services that can save your district thousands during the upcoming Ohio Schools Council Regional Road Tour!



We will be making 6 stops across northern Ohio, so make sure you make plans to see us! A delicious lunch will be provided and there is no cost to attend.

TOUR STOPS:

Perrysburg: Tuesday, September 27; 11:30 a.m.

Holiday Inn French Quarter (10630 Fremont Pike, Perrysburg, OH 43551)

Norwalk: Wednesday, October 12; 11:30 a.m.

Eagle Creek Golf Club (2406 New State Rd N., Norwalk, OH 44857)

Findlay: Tuesday, October 18; 11:30 a.m.

Findlay Country Club (1500 Country Club Dr., Findlay, OH 45840)

Cleveland/East: Wednesday, October 19; 11:30 a.m.

Maggiano's Beachwood (Beachwood Place, 26300 Cedar Rd., Beachwood, OH 44122)

Ashtabula/Trumbull County: Thursday, October 20; 11:30 a.m.

The Lodge & Conference Center at Geneva-on-the-Lake (4888 N Broadway, Geneva, OH 44041)

Boardman: Wednesday, October 26; 11:30 a.m.

Springfield Grille (7413 Tiffany South, Youngstown, OH 44514)

Register online: www.osconline.org.

PREPARE FOR THE USDA AUDIT LEARN ABOUT USDA PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The OSC, in partnership with Pisanick Partners, LLC., will once again be offering regional Food Service/Nutrition Service Training to assist school districts in meeting the new Federal USDA professional standards requirements for School Food Service staff. This no cost training will be available to all member school districts through OSC Preferred Partner, Pisanick Partners, LLC. Initial meetings will be held at the Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County (ESCCC) Essex Place, 6393 Oak Tree Blvd., Independence. The OSC will bring these meetings to other ESCs upon request. Don't miss this opportunity; call us to schedule.

Register online: www.osconline.org.

Training Dates:

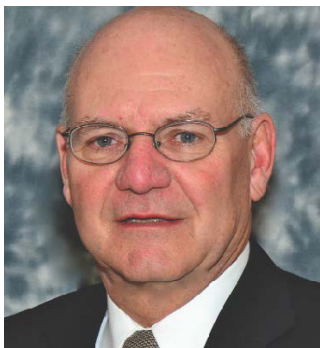
- AR Training Series I: Thursday, September 22; 2-4pm; Room: C
- AR Training Series II: Wednesday, October 5; 2-4pm; Room: F
- AR Training Series I: Thursday, November 10; 2-4pm; Room: F
- AR Training Series II: Wednesday, December 7; 2-4pm; Room: F

GCSSA Events: OCTOBER REGULAR IN-SERVICE MEETING

Tuesday, October 11, 2016; 9 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.
ESC of Cuyahoga County 6393 Oak Tree Blvd.,
Independence

“Contracts, Transitions and Moving On”

Presented by Paul Pendleton of Finding Leaders



OSC Assembly Meeting at 11 a.m.

Cost: FREE

Register online: www.gcssaohio.org.

GCSSA Events: NOVEMBER REGULAR IN-SERVICE MEETING

Tuesday, November 29, 2016; 9 a.m. — 11:00 a.m. at the
ESC of Cuyahoga County 6393 Oak Tree Blvd.,
Independence

“Change is in your HANDS - the role of Social Media in Education”

Presented by Dr. Enrico Gandolfi, Research Center for
Educational Technology at Kent State University



Program in partnership with Kent State University
College of Education and Health

Cost: FREE

Register online: www.gcssaohio.org.



SOMETHING GOOD IS HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOLS

By: **Dr. Christina Dinklocker**

Superintendent, Mogadore Local Schools

It started as an annual Art Fair, grew into a Music/Art Festival then evolved into the annual Mogadore Community Fair! Through a collaborative committee of staff members, parents, students and community representatives, the Fair has become the April “go to” place as we welcome spring together. Guests view an art exhibit of work produced by each child in the district, listen to continuous music performed by our student groups, purchase books in the school library book sale, visit booths staffed by community organizations, agencies, vendors and crafters. Basket raffles and food concessions are facilitated by student and staff volunteers.

Much of the Community Fair concept has emerged from the monthly Superintendent’s Community Leaders’ Breakfast participants who work together to create collaborative opportunities for the schools and community. The breakfast group consists of local clergy, school principals, Village Council members, heads of school and community organizations, retail and corporate leaders, representatives of the local service clubs and student ambassadors. Each individual provides news, needs and resources and we come out of each meeting with energy, ideas and momentum of benefit to the school system and community. The monthly breakfast has been referred to as the “best meeting in town”!

The Community Fair has become a part of a year-long cycle of community celebrations that are most often connected to the school system. Our Alumni Association hosts a Fall Craft Fair in the schools followed by a community-wide Christmas in the Village created by the local library, Rotary Club, Village, area corporations and our school system. After the winter break, we begin work on the Spring Community Fair followed by a summer community-wide village parade and festival. Our staff and students take a lead in each event with our Mogadore Village volunteer committees. Our newest project “in the works” is a community-wide Back to School Celebration in August that is being created by one of our lead teachers. Most importantly, new relationships are developed and strengthened as we all work, learn and play together resulting in all good things for the schools and community...and yes, it does take a Village!



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following OSC member districts on being named 2016 NSPRA National School Communication Award Recipients. Congratulations on your achievement!

Cleveland Heights - University Heights City Schools

Award Category: Website (<http://www.chuh.org/>)

Shaker Heights Schools

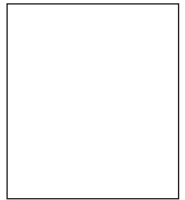
Award Category: Website (<http://www.shaker.org/>)



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OSC BOARD MEETING MINUTES: JUNE 10

**OSC Governing Board Meeting; June 10, 2016;
Approval of the following:**

- May 13, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes
- May 2016 Financial Report
- June 2016 Appropriation Adjustments
- Approval of Cooperative Purchasing Program Awards
- Authorization for Executive Director to enter into contract with Gasoline/Diesel fuel vendors
- Approval of \$100.00 Vouchers
- Approval to extend the contract with Behnke Landscape Architecture for NEORS D Projects
- Approval of OSC Contractor for Transportation Services
- Approval of 2016-17 Board Meeting Dates
- Approval of Copier Contract
- Approval of Extension of Agreement between OSC and Brewer-Garrett (BG) for Design and Criteria Architect/Engineer Services effective August 1, 2016 through July 31, 2018
- Approval of GPS Vendors
- Acceptance of resignation of LEEMC Program Manager
- Approval of Executive Director to hire staff during the June-August 2016 time period
- Approval to increase Preferred Partner Membership Fee for FY17
- Authorization for Executive Director to enter into a contract with Razor Marketing
- Authorization for Executive Director to enter into contracts with EcoChem and Affiliate Companies
- Authorization for Executive Director to negotiate additional vendor contracts for 2016-17

Discussion items:

- Organizational Study
- Finding Leader Financials
- Equal Level Marketplace
- Power4Schools Program
- Preferred Partner Program
- Life Insurance Program
- Organic Produce
- Trade Fair

GCSSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES: JUNE 10

**The GCSSA Executive Committee Meeting; June 10, 2016;
Approval of the following:**

- May 13, 2016 GCSSA Board Meeting Minutes
- May 2016 Financial Report
- Approval of 2016-17 Board Meeting Dates
- Approval to increase Associate Membership Fee for FY17
- Approval of 2015-16 Administrative Fee

Discussion items:

- 50th Anniversary Celebration
- 2016-17 Programming