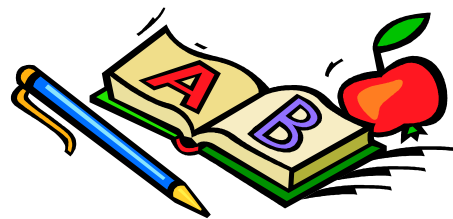


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2012-2013 NCOEA Leadership Team

Patty Levingston	President
Jen Lepard	Vice-President
Sue Jarvis	Recording Sec.
Brad Strong	OEA Director
Becky Cashell	Executive Sec. - Treas.

NCOEA 2012-2013 Calendar

- August 16 Treasurer's Workshop,**
Mansfield Sr. H.S. 8:30 a.m.
- September 13 *NCOEA Executive Comm.,
(If needed)**
- October 4 *NCOEA Executive Comm.**
- November 1 *NCOEA Executive Comm**
- November 12 NCOEA Fall RA**
Mansfield Sr. H.S., 5:00 pm, Registration required
- December 1 OEA Fall RA,**
Veterans Memorial, 9:00am
- February 7 *NCOEA Executive Comm.**
- March 21 *NCOEA Executive Comm.**
- April 22 NCOEA Spring RA,**
Springmill Learning Center, 5:00 pm, Registration
required
- May 2 *NCOEA Executive Comm.**
- May 10-11 OEA Spring RA,**
Veterans Memorial, 9:00am
- June NCOEA Retreat, TBA**
- June 30 - July 6 NEA Representative
Assembly, Atlanta, Georgia**
- August 5-7 OEA Leadership Academy**
Hyatt Regency, Columbus

***All NCOEA Executive Committee Meetings**
begin at 6:00 pm, at St. Timothy's Lutheran
Church, at Route 42 North and Route 30 East in
Mansfield. All **NCOEA** members are welcome to
attend. Pizza, salad and snacks are served at 5:15
p.m.

President's Column – Patty Levingston

As we wrap up the school year with the students and staff getting excited about being out for the summer, we still need to be aware of what is going on around us and in Columbus. Many of us may be in negotiations with our locals, while keeping an eye on our brothers and sisters in Strongsville to see what the outcome will be for the first strike after the defeat of Senate Bill 5/Issue 2. They are the leading the way for the rest of us and we need to stay together.

The Governor's Budget and his promise of more money to locals have been misleading because some of the schools that received the money are richer school districts, where some of the poorer districts didn't receive any money at all. Another messed up issue we have to struggle to understand and try to fix after it has come out.

And finally the next battle has started to surface. This "So Called Right to Work" issue that has been made law in some surrounding states has been looked at for Ohio by "friends" of the Governor and himself. A fellow OEA member best described this "So Called Right to Work" as Senate Bill 5 on steroids. We need to stay together on this issue. If this becomes law in Ohio, administration can have you work over, and if you don't, they can fire you, or if they want to change your job assignment, they can no questions asks. If this "So Called Right to Work" comes to Ohio the final sentence in a contract may as well read: "And other duties as assigned by administration." So as we get ready for the end of the year be aware of what is going on around you and the state for you may be called to action at any time.

I also would like to take a moment to thank all of you for allowing me to serve as your NCOEA President the past two years. It was an honor and a privilege to represent you here in North Central Ohio and in Columbus.

**Patty Levingston,
NCOEA President**



OEA Legislative Watch

Senate Bill 21 Heading to the Governor

On Wednesday, May 22, 2013, the Ohio Senate agreed to the version of Senate Bill 21 that passed the House a week earlier. The bill, sponsored by Senator Peggy Lehner (R-Kettering), makes a number of changes to the Third Grade Reading Guarantee. Specifically, the bill alters the teacher qualifications required for those assigned struggling readers who have been retained or are under a reading improvement plan. Under current law, the teacher qualification requirements are far too rigid. Senate Bill 21 adds additional flexibility to the qualifications. Further, the bill offers districts the option of up to three additional years of using a “staffing plan” (waiver) in lieu of the staffing requirements. The bill contains an emergency clause and will go into effect upon being signed into law.

In the area of teacher qualifications, the House version of SB 21 has the following requirements:

After July 1, 2013, third grade students who have been retained or are on a reading improvement plan shall be assigned to a teacher who has at least one year of teaching experience and satisfies one of the following criteria:

- K-12 reading endorsement on their teaching license.
- Master’s degree in reading or literacy.
- Rated “most effective” for reading instruction for the most recent two years based on student growth measures.
- Rated “above expected value added” in reading instruction as determined by criteria established by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) for the most recent consecutive school years.
- Passed a rigorous test of principles of scientifically research-based reading instruction approved by the State Board of Education.
- Holds a teaching license for P-3 or 4-9 issued on or after July 1, 2017.

The House version limited or did away with qualifications in the Senate version that allowed for evidence of completion of a program of scientifically research-based reading instruction programs approved by the department (limited to until July 1, 2016) or the teacher is an effective reading instructor as determined by criteria established by the department (eliminated). Representative Teresa Fedor (D-Toledo) offered an OEA-supported amendment on the House Floor to restore those options as permanent qualifications. The amendment was tabled by a vote of 59-39.

The House version of the bill also expands who may offer services in the following ways:

- A teacher with less than one year of experience provided they meet one of the qualifications and is assigned a teacher mentor who meets one of the qualifications.
- Through July 1, 2016, a teacher who has successfully completed training on reading instruction approved by the department.
- A teacher other than the classroom teacher to whom the student is assigned provided the teacher meets the qualifications, the teacher and the principal agree and the assignment is documented in the student’s reading improvement plan.
- A speech language pathologist may provide reading intervention and remediation services.

Additionally, the House version of the bill allows school districts who cannot furnish the number of teachers to satisfy the qualifications to submit a staffing plan to the Ohio Department of Education. ODE may grant extensions of district staffing plans through the 2015-2016 school year.

OEA Spring Representative Assembly



Jen Lepard with Ed Schultz of MSNBC Ed Shultz show. Ed was OEA Friend of Education recipient for 2013.



FCPE Award Winners Dan Rueger and Eileen Eilbacher. Mark Tuel not pictured



This was a busy time for OEA. A new President and Vice-President were elected. We honored Ed Schultz as OEA Friend of Education. While addressing the assembly Schultz said, "There is an unparalleled, unprecedented, relentless attack on public education and public school educators. You can't cut 6,000 teachers out of a state budget and expect to have the same results." Delegates also welcomed special guest NEA President Dennis Van Roekel. Van Roekel praised the leadership of outgoing OEA President, Patricia Frost-Brooks saying, "She has led OEA members through some difficult times but she hasn't been content to survive. She has constantly demanded that we set our sights higher, strengthen our professions, and transform public education. The strength of OEA lies in its' members, when they come together to collectively advocate for public education and students."

Elected:

- Becky Higgins, President (3-year term)
- Scott DiMauro, Vice President (3-year term)
- Brian McConnell, NEA Director #3 (by acclamation; 3-year term)
- Gretchen Washington, NEA Director #4 (by acclamation; 3-year term)
- Tammy Koontz, Board of Director At-Large (by acclamation; 3-year term)
- Elton Burrus, Board of Director At-Large (by acclamation; 3-year term)

Approved the proposed 2013-2014 Resolutions Report.

Approved Proposal 1 to amend Bylaw 8-3(c)(5) and (c)(6), Committees.

Adopted the following OEA Proposed Core Values - We believe in: Democracy, Collective Action, Fairness, Inclusion, Integrity, Professionalism.

Approved the following New Business Items:

- #1 - The OEA will support careful implementation of the Common Core State Standards for English language arts and mathematics as an initiative that can engage students in a coherent, challenging curriculum to help them succeed at college and careers
- #2 - The OEA calls on Ohio's state and local education policy makers and administrators to allocate more funding and expanded services to ensure the successful implementation of the Common Core State Standards for English language arts and mathematics, which offer a robust and challenging curriculum to prepare students for college and careers.
- #3 - The OEA demands immediate passage of legislation and administrative rules to end the testing of students on the existing, outdated academic content standards.

Approved the appointment of Tom Beck to the OEA Appeals Board with a term ending August 31, 2020.

Informational:

- There were 1,058 registered delegates at the assembly.
- Delegates contributed \$43,970.50 to the OEA Fund for Children and Public Education.

FCPE giveaway winners:

- Cruise – Kevin Carlin (Lakota E.A.)
- \$300 – Christine Bartzis (Brecksville-Broadview Hts. E.A.)
- \$300 – Kelli Green (Perry C.T.A.)
- \$200 – Suzanne Hoyt (Worthington Classified)
- \$100 – Susan Hagerty (Belpre E.A.) and Tom Redman (Retired)

The following Constitution articles were read by title for amendment at the December 2013 RA: Article I – Names, Goals and Objectives, and Authorities for Governance; Article II – Membership; Article III – Governance Structure; Article IV – Representative Assembly; Article V – Board of Directors; Article VI – Officers; Article VII – Appeals Board; Article VIII – Committees; Article IX – Affiliates; Article X – Amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws; Article XI – Indemnification; Article XII – Savings Clause.

In order to keep the costs of the newsletter as low as possible, there will only be 1 newsletter mailed each year. That will be the one in the Fall.

If you have any information for the newsletter please email it to me. The deadlines for submission are:

November 15: Winter
February 1: Spring
May 1: Summer

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Thank you for your help.
Shelly Barr
Chalkdust Editor

Treasure's Workshop
August 12 from 9 - Noon

We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://ncoea.ohea.us/>

OEA Retired

Why Join OEA/NEA-R, Pre-Retired?

You are a life-long educator and supporter of Public Education. You are concerned about the future of Public Schools, your community and our nation's future. The strength of our democracy depends on an informed and educated citizen base. You believe in fairness and inclusiveness. All children deserve a good education. These are the fundamental principles of OEA/NEA and you know the value of a collective voice. You want to continue your support for Public Education even after retirement.

There are also personal benefits in joining now, as Pre-retired. The cost of a LIFETIME membership to both organizations is only \$350. Joining later will probably cost more. You will be kept in the loop with information and opportunities to mentor in schools and lobby for strong public education legislation. Simply call OEA to let them know when you retire. The transition is seamless and you never pay again.

You are still eligible for OEA Member Access offering discounts on travel, recreation and restaurants, reduced rates on tax and legal help, and you will continue to receive Schools Ohio and access to the OEA web page @ www.ohea.org and www.ohea.org/oea-r-district-websites.

You continue to be eligible for NEA Member Benefits like affordable liability, health, travel, long-term and accident insurance, low-interest credit cards or loans, and high interest investment opportunities. You will continue to receive NEA Today along with Active Life for retirees. And you will still have access to www.nea.org.

Join on-line @ www.nea.org/JoinNea and encourage you colleagues to help support Public Education with a Life Time membership. Or contact jskocci@hotmail.com or cswank44@embarqmail.com for more information or an application.

Attention Members,

June 11 is an OEA Lobby. This will give you a chance to speak to Representatives and Senators about education issues.

We have appointments with Representative David Hall and Senator Larry Obhoff or a representative from their office.

Day's Schedule: 9am- Breifing at the OEA Building-2nd floor Media Center
11:30am- Representative David Hall- 11th floor Rice Building
12:30pm- Senator Larry Obhoff- rm 220 Capital Building

If you would like to join us please email Becky Mayer manateemayer@gmail.com AND Patty Levingston levingston74@aol.com by Monday June 10th in the afternoon at the latest so we know for sure who to expect.

If you would like to speak to different legislators you are more than welcome to make your own meeting times with them.