



Ohio School Boards Association Capital Conference and Trade Show

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Columbus, Ohio

Ohio School Funding Advisory Council update

Finance/facilities

Wednesday, November 10, 2010

9:00 a.m.

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Carey McDonald, SFAC Coordinator, ODE

Robyn Essman, executive director of budget & financial management, Columbus City

George Wood, high school principal, Federal Hocking Local (Athens)

Treasurers' Clinics

Mark your calendars for the OSBA's Annual Treasurers' Clinics in 2011.

Keep an eye out for detailed and important information on the 2011 clinics to be held in September. OSBA, in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Education, auditor of the state's office and the Ohio Association of School Business Officials, will share the most up-to-date information for treasurers.

For more information, contact Van Keating at (614) 540-4000 or (800) 589-OSBA.

OSBA Mission

OSBA leads the way to educational excellence by serving Ohio's public school board members and the diverse districts they represent through superior service and creative solutions.

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Charge

“Recommend modifications to the components of Ohio’s evidence-based school funding system. These recommendations must be based on current, high quality research, information provided by school districts, and best practices in operational efficiencies.”

Created in 2009 House Bill 1 as part of a broad Education Reform Package, the Council is required to report on recommendations for improving Ohio’s school funding system every even-numbered year. Its first set of recommendations is due Dec. 1, 2010, and must address the following areas:

- special education
- gifted education
- arts education
- ELL education
- career-technical education
- regional systems, ESCs
- teacher compensation
- open enrollment
- early college high schools
- per-pupil funding systems
- financial requirements for STEM and community schools
- collaboration between traditional public and community schools

Organization

Staffed and coordinated by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE), the Council has received input from a broad variety of independent groups, researchers and stakeholders, including public comments through its website. The Council has convened approximately twice a month through 2010 in the Columbus area, generally at the Ohio School Boards Association. All meetings of the Council are subject to Ohio’s public meetings law and open to the public.

Visit the website for more information on meeting times and locations or to find out more about on the Council’s members, research and subcommittees. Contact the Coordinator with any questions or to join the Council’s email list.

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<http://sfac.education.ohio.gov>

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Membership

The Council is comprised of twenty-eight members, including education experts and stakeholders from across the state, and is chaired by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Appointments are made by the Governor, the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate.

Deborah S. Delisle, chair	David Huelsman	Adrienne O'Neill
Dayvenia Chesney	Alan Hutchinson	Richard Petrick
Michael Dawson	JoAnn JohnTony	Jack Pierson
Nathan DeRolph	Jan Kennedy	The Hon. Tom Sawyer
The Hon. Stephen Dyer	Bill Leibensperger	John Scheu
Lynn Elfner	Kathryn Lorenz	John Stanford
Robyn Essman	Richard Lukich	Sue Taylor
The Hon. Randy Gardner	James McClure	George Wood
Neil Gupta	Renee Middleton	
Bill Hiller	Richard Murray	

These members also participate in the Council's six subcommittees, which were tasked with making recommendations in specific areas for the full Council to consider:

- Special Needs* – special education, gifted education, ELL education
- Education Linkages* – career-technical education, early college high schools
- Regional Variation* – regional services and ESCs, open enrollment
- Learning Environments* – teacher compensation, arts education
- Traditional Public/Community School Collaboration*
- Education Reform Tracking*

Some of the subcommittees include additionally appointed members that represent key stakeholder groups. A full list of subcommittee members and reports is available at <http://sfac.education.ohio.gov>.

Next Steps

The Council's recommendations will be presented to the Ohio General Assembly, the State Board of Education and the general public on Dec. 1, 2010. After receiving the Council's feedback on the school funding system, it will be up to the Governor and the legislature to decide what the next steps will be in the difficult budget climate. Established in law as an ongoing body, the Council has also identified a number of areas which its members hope to investigate in future years.