

**Our Vision:**

OASBO and its members are the leading experts in school finance and business operations, resulting in efficient and effective schools.

**Our Mission:**

An association of Ohio school business officials empowering members by providing advocacy, collaboration, and innovative education

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August 2, 2019

**1. Budget Bill**

OASBO's advocacy efforts were critical in the budget process. More specifically the following provisions:

- Elimination of the provisions from HB 75 (BOR bill)
- Elimination of the provisions from HB 76 (changes to ballot language) ~ vetoed by Governor
- Elimination of the provisions from HB 149 (tax subsidies for residential developers) ~ vetoed by Governor
- Elimination of the provisions from HB 187 (would have removed August Special Election)
- Veto on amendment that would have given tax break to residents in a specific village in the Orange City Schools
- "Fix" for districts with School District Earned Income Tax (removes the exemption for small business income from the tax)
- Provision in the bill that provides some additional funding for districts with growing enrollment (not as much as we had hoped, but some help)
- Elimination of the requirement that districts achieve certain participation levels of kids eating breakfast
- Current moratorium extended on Storm Shelter requirement to September 2020
- Expansion of the list of areas for which the new Student Wellness and Success Funds (SWSFs) can be spent
- Clarification on which data from FY 2019 will be used to pay school districts for FY 2020-2021

Of course, there were things that didn't get changed:

- Voucher expansion
- Elimination of Academic Distress Commissions (ADCs) (the bill has a moratorium on any new ones, but the existing ones are still in place)
- Prohibits districts from reducing pupil transportation services after the school year starts
- ESC Funding flatlined
- JVS districts lost provision from current law that didn't put guarantees or caps on the career tech weighted funding
- Per-pupil Funding Guarantee (guaranteed that districts would not receive less funding from the state than private schools) ~ vetoed by Governor
- No new school funding formula



We expect the Speaker of the House to turn his attention to HB 305. He has promised Representatives Cupp and Patterson that he'll work on school funding behind the scenes over the summer. There will likely be hearings on the bill in September, after the summer recess. The Speaker has expressed his desire to make sure low wealth/rural districts are funded adequately through the new formula and that the changes address equity. I expect he'll be examining the current version of HB 305 to see if his priorities are addressed and proposing any changes that he deems necessary.

## **2. Employee Verification Forms**

We are finalizing the licensure verification forms with ODE. Two forms have been developed:

- Licensure Status Verification for Certified Positions Form (New Employees and Employees in a New Position)
  - Includes teachers, substitute teachers, substitute educational assistants, pupil activity permits
- Licensure Status Verification for Certified Positions Form Multiple Employees

## **3. OASBO Auditor of State Advisory Committee**

- Updates will be provided on Ohio Compliance Supplement and GASB 84
- OASBO Membership questions include:
  - Untimely issuance of financial statements
  - AOS plans to train their staff on the USAS-R and USPS-R software so they can run reports like they do with the classic and web versions
  - AOS position of HB 291 (Liability insurance and surety bond)
  - Any audit considerations with the new treasurer liability provisions of HB491
  - Guidance on where to account for Student Wellness and Success Funds and their view on auditing these funds

## **4. OASBO's Licensure Pathway Option 3**

- 18 candidates in the program
- 2-week bootcamp held in July
- Assessment and capstone project underway

## **5. ODE Licensure Assessment – Treasurer License**

- ODE is working with Pearson to develop a new assessment for obtaining a treasurer's license. We anticipate practitioner involvement and have shared our official curriculum. It could take a few years to develop.

## **6. OASBO Professional Development**

- Leadership Development
- Webinars
- Integrating official curriculum into NT101-104



## **7. OASBO Annual Conference & Trade Show**

- April 21-24
- Receptions/Parties moving back to Convention Center

## **8. Committee Signups**

- Consider signing up for a committee. Legislative Committee now open to all members. Contact Kay

## **9. ASBO Election**

- Ryan Stechschulte is running for ASBO Director to take office in 2020.
- ASBO Conference – Washington DC – National Harbor – October 25-28
- Voting opens electronically Sept 25-Oct 9
- Texas, Massachusetts and Virginia are running against us
- ASBO membership is \$230/year
- If your contract allows for a membership in ASBO, we would greatly appreciate you joining and supporting Ryan
- If you are interested in serving on the ASBO Committee, please contact Kay

## **10. OASBO Staffing Changes**

- Emily Hilty, Events Specialist is leaving OASBO to pursue a teaching degree. Emily works with Nadeen in facilitating all OASBO seminars
- Kay Bosovic, Administrative Assistant is retiring on 11/1

## **11. New OASBO Facility**

- OASBO purchased a new facility on July 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Facility 9,100 square foot
- Features a conference center, office space, outdoor patio and ample storage space
- 75 parking spots on site
- 98 Commerce Park Drive, Westerville, Ohio 43082
- Anticipate moving mid – October
- All PD except for regional offerings and conferences will be held at the new facility

## **12. Questions?**