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State Board of Education recognizes Ohio's National Title I Distinguished Schools

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A message from State Board of Education Vice President Deborah Cain

The State Board of Education had the pleasure of welcoming special guests from Ohio's National Title I Distinguished Schools at our April meeting. I joined Superintendent Delisle in recognizing Central Primary Elementary School in the Logan-Hocking School District and **Horizon Science Academy in Cleveland** for receiving this honor from the National Association of State Title I Directors.

National Title I Distinguished Schools are selected for having a poverty rate of 35 percent or higher; demonstrating high academic achievement for two or more consecutive years; and meeting or exceeding state standards for making Adequate Yearly Progress for two or more consecutive years. Central Primary Elementary School was honored in the category of exceptional student performance for two or more years and Horizon Science Academy was honored for closing the achievement gap between student groups.

One of the highlights of this recognition event was hearing representatives from the schools speak about some of the programs that have helped them achieve success. From initiatives such as using data to track student achievement, rigorous curriculum offerings, tutoring programs and parent involvement, it is clear Central Primary Elementary School and Horizon Science Academy are striving for all students to reach higher academic achievement.

During our April meeting, the State Board's 21st Century Learning Subcommittee and Advocacy and Outreach Subcommittee continued their respective work on planning the Board's upcoming July retreat and looking for ways for Board members to engage with our many important stakeholders.

Report from the Superintendent of Public Instruction

On Tuesday, Superintendent of Public Instruction Deborah S. Delisle presented information to the Board about several recent education reports; her visit to the Liberty-Benton School District; the Ohio Hi-Y Youth in Government event; the state budget and the federal stimulus plan.

Education Week and the Editorial Projects in Education Research Center recently released the 2009 Technology Counts Report. Superintendent Delisle highlighted some of the areas in which Ohio ranked well in the report, including use of technology, access to technology and the capacity to use technology with incorporating technology standards in teacher license requirements.

Another recent education report issued was the Education Trust *Education Watch 2009 State Report*, which provided information on student achievement, high school and college attainment and educational opportunities for individual states and the nation. The superintendent stated the report illustrated promising aspects of Ohio's educational system, including areas in which minority and economically disadvantaged student populations are achieving academic success.

Superintendent Delisle complimented the Board on the previous work regarding technology in education and improving academic achievement, and pledged to continue work around these important areas.

On April 7, Superintendent Delisle made her first school visit as state superintendent to the Liberty Benton Local School District in Findlay. She thanked State Board member Ann Jacobs for participating with her. During the visit, Superintendent Delisle observed how district administrators and teachers use

data to develop learning activities and ensure student achievement continues to improve. She reported she was very impressed with the programs and the climate of the school, and enjoyed the opportunity to visit with students and engage in dialogue with the administrators and teachers at Liberty Benton.

Superintendent Delisle also talked about her participation in the Ohio Hi-Y Youth in Government event, held on April 2 at the Statehouse. This program provides students from across Ohio the opportunity to hold a mock legislative session and learn about the various responsibilities of different government officials. During the event, Superintendent Delisle enjoyed talking to students and stated she was enthused by the maturity of the students and their commitment to volunteering in their communities.

Finally, Superintendent Delisle provided information about the state budget bill and federal stimulus plan. She reported that the Ohio House of Representatives is expected to issue a substitute bill for House Bill 1 in the upcoming week, and expects to see some changes in the bill based on testimony that was received by the House Finance Committee. Staff has also been working on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds related to education. The governor will be issuing details about when ARRA funds can be distributed and, once the funds are released, ODE will work to distribute funds to districts through the regular CCIP process. Superintendent Delisle thanked the staff members for their hard work on the state budget and federal stimulus plan.

State Board Business Meeting

During the business meeting on Tuesday, the Board voted on the following items:

- Resolution to amend Rule 3301-14-01 of the Administrative Code entitled *Rule for the Operation of the Education Management Information System*.
- Resolution to amend Rules 3301-19-01 and 3301-19-03 of the Administrative Code regarding school district expenditure flow reports.
- Resolution to rescind and adopt Rules 3301-21-05, 3301-21-06 and 3301-21-07 of the Administrative Code regarding college and university preparation of teachers.
- Resolution to appoint Andrea Titkin-Fanti to the State Library Board.
- Motion for the State Board of Education to declare its support for the concept of interactive distance learning, commend Representative Phillips and Representative Garrison for their active interest in this topic, and encourage them to revise House Bill 4 to provide greater flexibility for schools in methods of instructional delivery.
- Motion to take a proponent position on Substitute Senate Bill 59.
- Resolution authorizing the partial settlement of the *John Doe v. State of Ohio* litigation.

The Board voted on the following personnel items:

- Ashley R. Brooks, permanent revocation of two-year provisional intervention specialist teaching license, based on failing to maintain a professional relationship with a student (voluntary surrender).
- Mark A. Common, permanent revocation of three-year pupil activity supervisor permit and two-year provisional early childhood teaching license, based on indictment for two felony counts of sexual battery (voluntary surrender).
- Mark A. Dewey, permanent revocation of eight-year professional vocational education teaching certificate, based on violation of appropriate student/teacher boundaries (voluntary surrender);
- Matthew T. Finster, permanent denial of one-year supplemental intervention specialist teaching license application and permanent revocation of five-year professional multi-age teaching license, based on misdemeanor convictions of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, resisting arrest, domestic violence, violating a protection order and disorderly conduct and for falsifying his pending application (voluntary surrender).
- Joseph R. Infante, Jr., permanent revocation of three-year pupil activity supervisor permit, based on allegations of engaging in conduct unbecoming to the teaching profession (voluntary surrender).
- Jonah A. Popa, permanent revocation of five-year elementary teaching license and three-year pupil activity supervisor permit, based on engaging in a pattern of sexually inappropriate behavior

with a minor; a no contest plea to one misdemeanor count of sexual imposition and participation in court adult diversion program.

- Richard G. Roloff, permanent revocation of three-year pupil activity permit and five-year professional high school teaching license, based on failing to behave in a professional manner while performing his teaching duties (voluntary surrender).
- Robert L. Wilson, permanent revocation of five-year professional kindergarten-primary teaching license and five-year professional elementary teaching license, based on indictment of one felony count of gross sexual imposition (voluntary surrender).
- Donald H. Bolen, denial of one-year substitute teaching license application, based on engaging in public indecency in a state park public restroom.
- Ralph E. Franfelter, permanent revocation of three-year pupil activity supervisor permit, based on conviction of one felony count of importuning and one felony count of possession of criminal tools.
- Mary Beth Rebarchick, permanent revocation of permanent kindergarten-elementary teaching certificate, based on conviction of one felony count of theft and two misdemeanor counts of passing bad checks.
- James D. Watson, permanent revocation of five-year professional high-school teaching license, based on failing to maintain a professional relationship with students.
- Brent E. Wygant, permanent revocation of five-year professional elementary teaching license, based on conviction of two felony counts of pandering sexually-oriented material involving a minor.

Committee Meetings

The Board's Achievement and Capacity committees met on Monday.

The Achievement Committee discussed the following items:

- Heard an update on Financial Literacy;
- Heard a presentation on the NASBE Grant – High School Reform; and
- Heard an update on the development of benchmarks and indicators for Physical Education Standards.

The Capacity Committee discussed the following items:

- Discussed Rules 3301-20-01, -03 and 3301-83-23, Employee/Applicant Rehabilitation Standards; and
- Discussed Rule 3301-27-01 Pupil Activity Program.

The next regular State Board of Education meeting will be May 11-12 at the Ohio School for the Deaf in Columbus.

The State Board of Education has set education policy and directed the planning and evaluative functions of Ohio's public schools, as well as appointed and evaluated the Superintendent of Public Instruction since 1956. The vision of the State Board is to ensure higher achievement for all students. The State Board is made up of 19 members, including 11 elected and eight appointed members. The chairs of the education committees of the Ohio House of Representatives and Ohio Senate serve as ex-officio members.

State Board of Education meetings are open to the public. Members of the public have opportunities to address the Board during the Chapter 119 hearing on Monday afternoon, and during the business meeting on Tuesday.

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