

OEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

The OEA Board of Directors met on February 21, 2014 with OEA President Becky Higgins presiding. Due to inclement weather the agenda for the meeting was revised to expedite the proceedings, specifically postponing some Board group work. President Higgins alerted the Board to alert members that the ODE is monitoring members' social media postings, such as Facebook. Concern was expressed that some members are posting their "happiness" at not having school when OEA is expressing to the Department our concern that we do not have enough time to teach. She also reported that she will be having a conversation with Dr. Ross concerning "shared attribution" as defined by the Department. She offered testimony on HB2.

Mr. DiMauro reported on the School Breakfast Challenge, Collaboration with Associate Organizations, Healthcare and Pension Advocates and Retirement Systems Advocacy, Congressional Contact Teams, Reauthorization of ESEA, and HB 64 (State Budget), HB2 (Charter School Reform), SB3 (Testing Changes and Deregulation of High Performing Districts), HB7 (Student Safe Harbor), and HB74 (Primary and Secondary Assessments). He also reported on the State Board's final action of the 5 of 8 rule due in April and the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Committee. Lobby Days have been established for March 18, April 14, May 13, and possibly June 10. I inquired about two bills facing the U.S. Congress concerning GPO/WEP; these are HR 711 which gradually implements elimination and HR 973 which immediately implements elimination. NEA is backing HR 973

Mr. Myers reported that membership is currently at 121,667, which is greater than the projected membership of 120,082 which has resulted in a budget surplus of \$195,010. The Board accepted the financial reports, set the Retired stipend for delegates to the NEA RA at \$1,823, set the 2015-16 annual OEA-R dues at \$15 and the OEA-R life dues at \$100, and accepted the hiring of Patty Nyquist at the Director of Education Policy Research and Member Advocacy. 18 applications for affiliate grants have been received.

The Board voted to place the following Constitution and Bylaws amendments on the ballot for the Spring RA:

- Proposal 1: To permit one RA as determined by the Board of Directors
- Proposal 2: To allow the student representative on the BOD to become a voting member
- Proposal 3 To allow the development of language to determine dues for organizing locals
- Proposal 4: To change the terms of office of the OEA Officers

FCPE: Spring 2015 has been targeted for FCPE drives. A 5% increase in contributors and contributions is the target.