



# Ohio Association of Pupil Service Administrators

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## Ohio Association of Pupil Services Administrators Business Meeting -- December 9, 2016

- I. Call to Order – 11:45 by Lisa Bruening
- II. Secretary’s Report – Motion to approve: Kim Allen; Seconded: Jen Myers. Approved.
- III. Treasurer’s Report – “healthy” balance; \$33676.95 current. “Thank you” to all for 366 members to date. Motion to approve: Stephanie Morgan; Seconded: Donna Steltzer. Approved.
- IV. Program’s Report – The upcoming two-day Feb. conference will primarily be Courtney Clark ( on day 1 with OSEP following on day 2. May’s meeting should be interactive around “working smarter, not harder.”
- V. Past President’s News – President’s Reception after day 1 in February.
- VI. Communications Report – Val requested that anyone who is not receiving the email updates to contact her to ensure she has the correct email addresses set up in her distribution list.
- VII. Executive Director Report – John Opperman presented his full report for online distribution and summarized the following:
  - a. Communicated with Courtney Clark, who is a cancer survivor and brain aneurysm survivor, and understands her message to be one of resilience. He thinks she will be “amazing” in her presentation.
  - b. Committee of Practitioner’s Conference Calls in both September and today. Every Student Succeeds Act is a primary discussion focus, especially as OH prepares to submit the state plan for implementation over the next few months. Assessment is changing to be more flexible in how states demonstrate student performance so that accountability is not always as punitive toward district achievement levels.
  - c. Reported that an RFP to fund a parent mentor came out within the past month or so. The Coalition did bid on the RFP, but other vendors did as well. An announcement within the next two months should indicate which vendor will be awarded the grant.
  - d. No updates on Medicaid reimbursement for schools, although some indication that it is active and a decision may be coming soon.
  - e. The School Psychology shortage continues to be a problem for many areas of the state. There are not many specific solutions available if districts are currently short. Columbus City hired a large number of school



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psychologists this past spring and a large number of retirements occurred, so state-wide the supply plummeted rather quickly. All but one of the programs to train school psychologists in the state are full-time programs, meaning that it is difficult for gaining new personnel who might already be employed in other fields. John requested updates on how OAPSA members are functioning so that he can communicate with Ann Brennan from OSPA (OH School Psychologists Association).

- f. Ashland credit is still possible, even in February, for those wishing to earn 1 credit for attendance at three meetings.

## VIII. Committee Reports

- a. State Advisory Panel for Exceptional Children – Christy Evan is the SAPEC representative for OAPSA for the remainder of this school year. Her report is available on the ClubRunner site.
- b. NAPSAs- James Tatman: encouraged joining NAPSAs to provide additional benefit to members. Mentioned the personal/professional liability insurance that is included in membership dues. Shared that the National Conference in Pittsburgh in October brought in 85 attendees, with over 20 being from OH. Next year's conference is October 15-18 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Virginia Beach, Virginia.
- c. Ohio Coalition – Dr. John Opperman (shared above)
- d. OCALI Update – Sarah Walker (not present)
- e. Title I Committee of Practitioners: Dr. Karen Hall (in conference call)
- f. Historian – Kathy Brand (not present)

## IX. Old Business

- a. Reminders: Upcoming OAPSA Conference Dates: 2017: February 9th and 10; May 5th

## X. New Business

- a. Entering into negotiations for future sites; contract with Quest is almost concluded so the opportunity to look for other sites is open.
- b. Nominations for Secretary will be in February, if interested contact Dr. Valerie Riedthaler.

XI. Adjournment - Motion to Adjourn: Sue Gelder; Second: Gordona Damacchia. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Paul M. Kidd, Secretary