

OEA Board of Directors
February 18, 2012
SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

By Bill Sears, Retired Member of the OEA Board of Directors

After the seating of alternates and approval of the President's Recommendations, the Board

Approved the placement of Matt Conrad, Kimberly Cosby and Randie Cosby in the UniServ Pre-Employment Pool pending the satisfactory completion of a background check.

Set 2012-2013 dues rates as follows: Students-\$19, **OEA-Retired-\$15**, **OEA- Retired Life-\$100**.

Approved the stipends for the 2012 NEA Representative Assembly as follows: State At-Large-\$1,695; **Retired-\$2,175**; Student-\$1,325.

Voted to support the following proposals at the Spring Representative Assembly:

- Proposal #1 to amend the Constitution - Preamble
- Proposal #2 to amend the Constitution - Article V; § 1 (c). Board of Directors Membership and Qualifications
- Proposal #3 to amend the Constitution - Bylaw 8-3(c). Committees
- Proposal #4 to amend the Constitution - To change the words "MR/DD" to DD throughout the Constitution and Bylaws

Placed Proposal #5 on the ballot at the Spring Representative Assembly to amend Bylaw 8-3 (b)(1). Committees

Affirmed the affiliation of the Ohio Student Education Association Ohio University - Lancaster Campus.

Unanimously supported the effort to secure a constitutional amendment for redistricting in Ohio.

President Pat Frost Brooks presented information about reapportionment, the upcoming election, Core Values, and the need to support President Obama, Senator Brown, and Justice McGee-Brown in there election. Vice President Bill Leibensperger reported the 27 OEA members are running for school boards across the state. A candidate is needed for someone in south central Ohio to run for the State School Board. The Directors of the five public retirement systems were called to Senate President Neihaus's office and were told that the politicians want to have everything settled of pension reform by June. The Charter Schools Task Force has reviewed its recommendation to organize charter schools and will bring the proposal to the Spring RA. Secretary Treasurer JimTimlin reported OEA's financial condition and will bring the budget for 2012-2013 to Board in March. He also reported on the cost of legal services, staff vacancies, the UniServ pool, and grievances. Executive Director Larry Wicks reported on the consideration to eliminate the Regional Coordinating Councils (RCC's). We Are Ohio is operational and will do something after the primary. The focus will be on HB194 (Voter

suppression) and Right to Work legislation in 2013 that will affect private and public unions. There is currently a citizen petition drive to change the way in which Congressional/State Senate/State Representative districts are drawn. The change would be instead of a political party drawing the district lines a group of citizens will be involved in the process. The proposal, if it qualifies and passes, would take effect in 2014. There is no realistic prospect for extra funding for public education as long as the same decision makers are in office. Property tax and income tax are now the only ways to increase funding. In Congress, the Social Security Fairness Act currently has 144 sponsors.

Presentations were given by the Campaign for Fair Redistricting and Progress Ohio.