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# HOT TOPICS

## Table #1

### Board Member Stipends

*Spencer Lewis, OSBA Policy Services Director*

In 2023, the Oregon Legislature approved board member stipends, but ethics laws stalled implementation. In 2025, another bill was passed to assist boards that choose to do this. Come discuss considerations and caveats for your board.

## Table #2

### PACE 101: What It Is and How It Protects You

*Dave Harvey, PACE Administration Director, OSBA*

If you're part of a school district, ESD or charter school, chances are PACE is your insurance trust. Hosted by OSBA, PACE provides comprehensive coverage and tools to help prevent claims before they happen. Join us for a quick overview of how PACE protects you and supports your work with legal resources, training and more.

## Table #3

### Sharing School Successes as a Counter to Crises

*Jake Arnold, OSBA Communications and News Specialist*

When a crisis happens, it's impossible to control the narrative in a splintered news and social media world saturated with negative stories about public education. Learn how to start writing your district's story now so that when bad things come up, the story won't set fire to your community.

## Table #4

### From Legislation to Implementation

*Stacy Michaelson, OSBA Government Relations and Communications Director*

We'll dig into key bills from the 2025 legislative session, what they mean for school districts, and what you need to be prepared for as school board members.

## Table #5

### Oregon's Cell Phone Ban in School

*Adrienne Pierce and Alexa Pearson, Oregon Department of Education Office of Teaching, Learning and Assessment*  
ODE staff will share the latest guidance, timelines and implementation strategies to support districts in meeting the Oct. 31 policy adoption deadline and full implementation by Jan. 1.

## Table #6

### Evaluating Leadership for Student Success

*Vince Adams, OSBA Board Development Specialist*

Effective evaluation of both the school board and superintendent is essential for strong leadership and better results for students. Evidence-based evaluation frameworks — one for the board and one for the superintendent — can drive continuous improvement, clarify roles and align leadership efforts with the ultimate goal: improving student outcomes.

## Table #7

### Exciting new opportunities from Board Development

*Kristen Miles, OSBA Board Development Director*

You know the OSBA Board Development department delivers services in customized training, board governance essentials, strategic planning, superintendent and board evaluations, executive search, and charter school sponsor process, but do you know what's on the horizon? Learn about how we're working to reach our members better through interactive online classes, regionally based trainers and a new Leadership Institute track.

## Table #8

### What is PACE Legal (aka Preloss)?

*Michael Miller, OSBA Interim Director Legal Services*

Learn about what services are provided (and not provided) through PACE Legal Services (aka "preloss"). The more you know, the less you might need them.

## Table #9

### Oregon School Board Members of Color Caucus Update

*José Gamero-Georgeson, Oregon School Board Members of Color Caucus Treasurer, David Douglas School Board Member*

Learn about the work, accomplishments and initiatives of the caucus and the vital role that it plays in Oregon schools.

## Table #10

### Oregon Rural School Board Members Caucus Update

*Nichole Schott, Oregon Rural School Board Members Caucus President, Condon School Board Member*

Learn more about the caucus and how it is becoming the voice for Oregon's small and rural school districts within OSBA.

## Table #11

### LGBTQIA2S+ Caucus Development

*Katrina Doughty, OSBA Board Member, Multnomah ESD Board Member*

In fall 2023, the OSBA Board voted to support the establishment of a LGBTQIA2S+ Advisory Committee. With significant education community feedback showing clear student, staff and board need, committee members plan to present to the OSBA Board in September for a caucus formation vote. Come ask questions, get updates and find out how to support our work.

## Table #12

### Improving Mental Health in Schools

*Charisse Elliott, Salem-Keizer School District PBIS Coach*

The Northwest PBIS Network on Supporting Mental Health Integration in Schools wants to share regional examples of policies that support mental health prevention and response in school districts and the challenges of implementing them.

## Table #13

### Oregon's Accountability Bill Implementation: What School Board Members Can Expect

*Dan Farley, Oregon Department of Education Office of Research, Assess, Data, Account and Reporting*

Hear an overview of Oregon's accountability work in Senate Bill 141 adopted during the 2025 legislative session as well as updates on implementation.

## Table #14

### Book Bans

*Leslie Fisher, OSBA Policy Services Specialist; Adrienne Anderson, OSBA Government Relations Counsel*

What does Oregon's new "Freedom to Read" bill mean and how does the recent Supreme Court decision in *Mahmoud v. Taylor* allowing parents to opt out of certain curriculum impact the new law?

## Table #15

### School Boards' Role in Lifting Literacy

*Angelica Cruz, Oregon Department of Education Office of Teaching, Learning and Assessment*

Learn about statewide efforts to support core instruction through the implementation of high-quality instructional materials and school boards' role in knowing and understanding the process for selection and implementation.

## Table #16

### Stepping Into Leadership on the OSBA Board

*OSBA executive committee*

Are you curious about serving on the OSBA Board but not sure where to start? Join us to ask questions, connect with current OSBA Board members, and learn about the opportunities that come with leadership.

## Table #17

### Starting Strong: Onboarding New Board Members with Purpose and Planning

*Jenn Nelson, OSBA Board Development Specialist*

Explore OSBA's new 12-Month Orientation Plan and customizable Board Member Manual designed to support effective onboarding. Share strategies and tools for setting expectations, building board culture and fostering early engagement from day one.

## Table #18

### Public Comment Procedures

*Kara Parker, OSBA Assistant Legal Counsel*

Let's discuss public comment at your board meetings. We'll look at what the law says about restrictions placed on public comments, best practices for your public comment policies and procedures, and much more.