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Highlights of the Spring Conference

Jim Stovall relies on insight, drive and serendipity to achieve amazing results in multiple ventures

YOU -

- Have the right to choose (everything we do in life is our fault).
- Change your life when you change your mind. (Some folks go through life and don't make a decision). Mind is a major factor in our life!



The year was 1988. At 29 years old, recently having gone blind from a degenerative eye disease that started at 17, Jim Stovall was sitting in his house, in his hometown of Tulsa, Okla., figuring he'd never leave this 9 x12 room ever again. "Before losing my sight, it was the media room in my house," Stovall says. "I had a TV, a VCR and a pile of old movies. So, one day I was sitting there, and I put in *The Big Sleep*, a famous Bogart film. I'd seen it so many times that I thought I'd be able to follow along. About an hour into the film, someone was shot and a car sped away. It was frustrating, because I couldn't follow it, and I said to myself, 'Somebody ought to do something about that.'"

Chances are that you've probably experienced the fruits of Jim Stovall's "somebody oughta insight" only by accident. "If you push that button on your TV called SAP [second audio program], you'll hear an extra voice—'Jim slowly walks across the room and peers out the window,' which helps people hear what they can't see," Stovall says. Today, his Emmy Award-winning Narrative Television Network creates about 1,000 hours a year of accessible programming for the major networks and 13 million blind and visually impaired people across North America.

For Stovall, the process from dictating to a single person in a room to a cast and crew of 440 people illustrated the importance of collaboration in achieving amazing results. **"It's never going to get any bigger than black ink on white paper until you allow other people to get involved in the process,"** he says. "You've got this little city that pops up, and they're responsible for bringing your thoughts and ideas to the screen. Two hours and 10 bucks later, when someone walks up the aisle, they need to have had the same experience that 4 million people have had when they turn the last page of the book."

"It's great when you can have a business success, and it's great when you can make a difference in the world," Stovall says. "The advantage of being in our business is that you can do both at the same time." **For this unintentional businessman, speaker, author and scriptwriter, there's a bit of intentional comedy at the heart of the serendipity.** "Near the end of the film, there's a brief scene with a limo driver who has a couple of lines—that's me," Stovall says. "I thought it was poetic justice to have the blind guy driving the limo."

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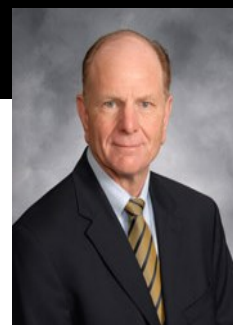
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President's Message

By Tom Linihan



You have the right to make choices, and the choices you make today determine where you are tomorrow. You change your life when you change your mind. Those are the thoughts our featured speaker Mr. Jim Stovall left us with at the spring OKASBO conference. I hope you attended the meeting last month, it was a tremendous conference. Ms. Jo Pettigrew started Wednesday morning off with Ethics in the Workplace, followed by Steven Crawford sharing how to get the most out of the state aid formula. After lunch attendees had an opportunity to go to three breakout sessions applicable to encumbrance clerks and treasurers.

Thursday morning started with a performance by choirs from Yukon Public School. Those young people were great. After our International ASBO vice presidential candidate Ms. Brenda Burkett gave an update, Susan Relland from American Fidelity spoke on Health Care Reform, which was mind boggling, and something everyone in the school business is dealing with. Jim Stovall then took the stage as our keynote speaker and shared his personal story of the loss of his eyesight and the steps he took to move out of his 9' by 12" self-imposed prison and become the president of an Emmy-Award winning TV network, as well as authoring 20 books including three that have been made into movies. After the awards luncheon, 3 breakout sessions were held with outstanding speakers and experts in their field. All day Thursday the vendor area was open for attendees to see the latest in educational products and to interact with the various representatives. Thursday was capped off with the opening night mixer that featured an all-American buffet, Lee Cole's magic-comedy and entertainment by Robin, Jerry, and Band. What a great day!

Friday morning began with an appearance by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Janet Barresi, followed by State Auditor Gary Jones speaking on preventing fraud. Dawn Pearce, CIO from Yukon presented on Educational Technology which made everyone wish she worked for them. The meeting wrapped up with the always exciting Legislative panel.

I wanted to give a short synopsis of the conference to show that if you missed it, you missed one of, if not the best professional development opportunity of the school year. I also want to thank our gracious sponsors who underwrite the costs associated with putting on an event of this magnitude. I traveled home Friday with the feeling that this was the best conference we have ever had.

We were privileged to start the Security Benefit "Strength in Education Scholarship" award this year. Ms. Christina Cole from Norman High School was the first recipient of this \$1500 award. Thank you to Jim Arnold and George Webb of Security Benefit for sponsoring this opportunity for us to reach out and help a deserving senior who is entering the field of education. Let me also encourage you to make sure someone from your school applies next year.

The end of May does bring some good news in the fact that the legislature has to adjourn. A state income tax cut is being passed at a time when common education is underfunded, prisons are overcrowded, and understaffed, roads are in horrible shape, and public safety is being compromised. In 2015, the cut will save everyone a whopping \$82 a year, while costing our state \$136 million in revenue. The next year we will lose another \$101 million. This is happening at a time when public schools are trying to get by with \$200 million a year less than we had 4 years ago, while enrollment has increased by 14,000 students. Makes perfect sense to me.

It is hard to believe the school year has come to a close. With the end of the fiscal year, my year as serving as your president also comes to an end. What a great year it has been, certainly one of the highlights of my educational career. Getting the opportunity to work with our executive director, Ann Wade has been a wonderful experience. The passion she has for OKASBO is contagious and the direction our organization is headed is very exciting. Mr. Steve Shiever, who serves as our educational liaison, has opened up new avenues for our organization to have a stronger impact on education. My fellow board of directors are some of the best people you will ever meet in or outside of education. I am very humbled and blessed to have been able to fill this role the past year. Please get involved in OKASBO, you will benefit professionally and personally, and your school district will reap the rewards. Have a great summer and I'll see you at the fall conference.

Highlights of the Encumbrance Clerks & Treasurer Workshop



Wednesday, April 4, 2012

205 Registered for the Encumbrance Clerks and Treasurer Workshop

ETHICS FOR SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS Jo Pettigrew

Ethics and the State Aid Formula were the hot topics that began our program. Jo Pettigrew and Steve Crawford captivated the audience with ethics exercises and how to maximize districts state aid formula. Five breakout sessions were presented in the afternoon that allowed attendees the time to attend 3 out of the 5 sessions. Lastly, certificates for 6 CPE

STATE AID FORMULA Steven Crawford



hours were distributed.

Investment Policies & Strategies



Roles & Responsibilities for School District Treasurers



Estimate of Needs—and someone even gave out the answers! Say what??

Internal Controls - Can that Happen to Me??



Roles & Responsibilities for Encumbrance Clerks



"Great Job", "I learned that I need to change a few of the procedures used at my district", "Now I understand the estimate of needs", "I learned what my responsibilities are—scary" were just a few comments from attendees. If you liked what the presenters did, drop them an email or note and tell them so. I am sure they will appreciate your thoughtfulness.

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The conference on Thursday was called to order by President Tom Linihan. Students from Yukon Schools posted our flags and opened the general session with a selection of their favorite vocal jazz ensembles. Susan Relland, JD with American Fidelity Assurance Company had us all on the edge of our seats on Health Care Reform—What You Need to Know to Comply Today and Plan for the Future.

The luncheon was full with very few empty chairs. A nice problem to have. The brief program recognized the three schools receiving the SDE's Outstanding Schools in Financial Reporting. The schools awarded were: Elementary School District - South Rock Schools (unable to attend), Small School District - Fargo Schools, Midsize School - Holdenville Schools and Large School District -



Mustang Schools. The final part of the program was posthumous awarding the “School Business Official of the Year” to David Fraser (Award accepted by Donna, David’s wife, - See page 9 for the story), a \$1000 stipend sponsored by DIS, to Lori Smith, CFO, Edmond Schools and presenting the first “Strength In Education Scholarship” to Christina Cole, a senior student from Norman High School. (See page 10 for the story).

Thursday afternoon was spent in breakout sessions. These session lasted 45 minutes and rotated three times. The topics chosen were ones to provide needed information for these times: Social Media—Legal Ramifications, State Wave for School Business Officials, Tax Preference Bonds & Federal Compliance Requirements, “H.S.A. , OCAS Updates, Make Your Life Easier—Time Clocks and a 2-hour session (especially designed for new superintendents) Everything You Need to Know About School Finance and a Career Technology meeting. A busy and productive time.

After the breakout sessions, we all gathered to the Vendor Showcase for one last chance to visit with the associate members, a chance to win sponsored prizes and a chance to win a little money in the ever-so-popular Money Machine (sponsored by our associate members.) See pages 11-12 for details.

Thursday evening we attended the Opening Mixer. There was plenty of food, beverage, music, and great



Highlights of the Spring Conference, Continued

door prizes. I am going to attend until I win one! (Ha) Lee Cole, magician/comedian, provided the MagiComedy act and was enjoyed by all. Or, most everyone...some were a little apprehensive as shown in the pictures above. But, most of all, the Opening Mixer provided



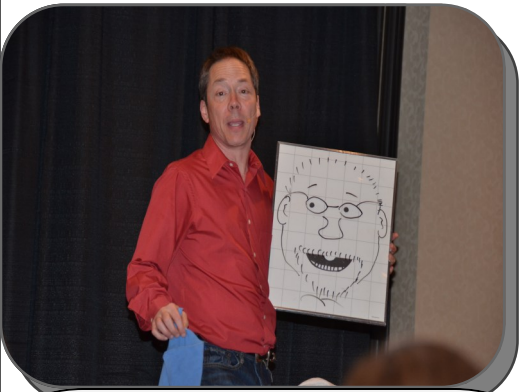
Tim—what happened to your tie?? AND what's up with the rope around your neck?



Kevin - where's the trust?? NOT!



Steve - Blindfolded and searching..for what?



An early retirement gift for...Tim Green is that really you???

us
the opportunity to catch-up with friends, make new friends, network with peers and a little downtime to relax. What a wonderful event to close the day.

Friday morning, the second general session was chaired by President Elect Cindy Shiever. State Superintendent, Janet Baressi began the day with updates on : Third-grade graduation requirements , New academic standards and assessments, Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Evaluation System, A-F School report cards and the 2014 budget.

Thank you for taking the time to attend our conference.



Next, Gary Jones, State Auditor & Inspector talked to us on Internal Controls -

Preventing Fraud. He provided us with the top ten things to strengthen Internal Controls in the office.



- 1 - Ensure Duties Are Segregated
- 2 - Develop Adequate Physical Control of Assets
- 3 - Identify Risks in Your Office
- 4- Correct Errors Promptly
- 5 - Develop Written Policies and Procedures
- 6- Perform Reconciliations Regularly
- 7 - Review and Approve Processes/Transactions
- 8 - Maintain Adequate Supporting Documentation
- 9 - Provide Adequate Training
- 10 - Perform a Self-Evaluation of Your Internal Control

Next , a presentation on Education Technology, Theory and Practice, by Dawn Pearce ,Yukon Public Schools. Focus points presented were:

- ◆ Technology is focused around improving learning through creating, using and managing technological processes
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Highlights of the Spring Conference, Continued

- ♦ Educational Technology has evolved over the years from Behaviorism, to Cognitivism and what we now recognize as Constructivism.
- ♦ Constructivism allows for learners to construct their own meaning from new information.
- ♦ Tools that help support this approach would include: Blogs, digital media, and online collaboration.
- ♦ Research shows that the use of mentors to support Education Technology initiatives are very important.
- ♦ Suggestions on how to produce a Culture of Change and Growth..1) Build a Vision. 2) Collaborate 3) Identify Roles and Directions of members. 4) Be Project Driven. 5) Provide Continuous Training
- ♦ Lastly: Communicate, Communicate, Communicate.



After a brief refreshment break, the Legislative Panel presented legislative updates on education funding. The legislative panel is always good. The panelists were Rep. Jason Nelson, (District 87) Rep. Tom Newell, (District 28) and Senator Clark Jolly (District 41) Moderator was Steve Shiever, OkASBO Education Liaison. See page 12 for 2014 budget details.

the nominating committee, composed of three OkASBO Board members to the membership as the new board member effective July 1, 2013. He will be replacing Bill Denton whose term expires June 30, 2013. A motion was made by Dr. Penny Haynes and seconded by Tom Linihan and was unanimously approved by the membership during the business meeting held on Friday, April 19, 2013.

Mr. Hime serves as the Superintendent of Clinton Public Schools. His wife, Stephanie, serves as a 3rd grade teacher. They have three amazing children, Erika, Bailey and Brock. Erika is an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Texas. Bailey is currently completing a teaching degree and is married to Brady, a Teacher/Coach and son Brock is a junior at UALR where he runs Cross Country and Track. **Welcome to the Board of Directors!**



The meeting closed with the drawing for door prizes. You had to be present to win. See who won on page 10. The Board of Directors met for the regular scheduled meeting immediately following the conference.

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David Fraser Selected as School Business Official



David's wife, Donna Fraser, accepted the SBO award presented by OkASBO President, Tom Linihan.



OkASBO President, Tom Linihan presented a check for \$1000 sponsored by DIS, to Lori Smith, CFO, Edmond Public Schools.

David Fraser was a consummate professional who set high expectations of himself and very naturally passed along that sense of purpose and direction to all with whom he worked.

David's first eleven years in common education were with Lawton Public Schools, first as a Systems Analyst, then as Director of Business Operations, before joining Edmond Public Schools in 1990 as their Director of Administrative Services. In 2001 David was appointed Director of Technology and focused his direction on the ever-changing needs for technology in all areas of school operations. In 2004 David was asked to serve as Chief Financial Officer of the District.

During his twenty-two years at Edmond Public Schools, David skillfully guided the business and financial operations of the rapidly growing school district, continually implementing new technology to successfully position the District to handle the demands brought on by growth. David had a visionary approach which looked beyond the immediate problem or crisis and more toward the long-term goal. His vast accumulated knowledge in the areas of school business operations, finance, technology, child nutrition, and regulatory requirements in addition to his natural business sense, inquisitiveness, and conservatism garnered him respect from school board members, administrators, staff colleagues and peers. And David returned that respect and fondness for his friends in Oklahoma ASBO. His relationships in this group meant a great deal to David, not only for the professional networking, but for the friendships and golfing.

David Fraser's integrity, delightful personality, genuine concern for people, and his leadership and relationship abilities were a source of inspiration to all.

The second part of this award, a \$1000 stipend sponsored by DIS, was awarded to Lori Smith, CFO for Edmond Public Schools. Lori worked side by side with David serving as comptroller for the district. Lori and David have presented several sessions at OkASBO as a team and the opportunity for Lori to attend a national conference is exactly what David would have wanted. The stipend will help defray the expenses to ASBO International to Boston, MA in October.

Although, we will miss seeing David walk through our doors, he will not be forgotten. He shared his smile, his humor, his knowledge, his time, with us creating the memories that will be in our hearts forever. What an honor it has been for me to be a part of the group he held so dear...OkASBO!

Strength in Education Scholarship Winner

Christina Cole,
is the Scholarship Honoree!

Security Benefit, in part-**ASBO**, granted a one-time \$1,500 semester) scholarship to Christina school senior, who plans to pursue a or in an occupation that directly sup- and must be from a school district OkASBO.



Norman High School,

nership with **Oklahoma** per year (\$750 per academic Cole, a graduating high certified degree in education ports the educational system that is a member of

The OkASBO board of Benefits associates chose the recipient based on their application, accompanying letter and a letter of recommendation. The following is Christina's application letter.

Education is a field that I have always been interested in, starting when I was young child. Like many children, I would read books to stuffed animals or pretend I was teaching imaginary students from my black board. But this initial childhood desire to teach has never left me; I have always anticipated one day being able to teach an actual class of students and inspire them to one day become educated and successful individuals.

It is my belief that education is the future, and educating students will create the pathway for success throughout the world. This process needs to start with teachers, and I believe that I would be an exceptional teacher. I am more than willing to take the time that students need to grasp concepts and ultimately learn, and I will even go beyond that time to ensure the well-being of the student. It is a teacher's job and sacrifice of their time that they make to devote to their students, and that is the most important part of being a teacher: taking time. I want to use my time as a teacher to help students learn, to motivate them, and to discover new ideas every day.

I became interested in the field of mathematics when I realized that I could help others by doing math with them. It is a subject that most students feel they are not sufficient at and I have heard all too many times how much students dislike math. I believe this is because they have not been exposed to learning math the way that a teacher should instruct it, and this is why I want to be that teacher than can change those students' minds. It hurts me when I hear that students believe they aren't smart or not good at math or can't learn it, because this is entirely not true. One time had an experience where I helped a fellow student of mine in my math class and after the test she came to me and said, "Christina, I just wanted to let you know I got 100% on the test, ad it's all thanks to you." The humbleness and gratification that I felt in that moment made me realize that this is what I truly want to do. I want to take all the time that is need to assist these students and help them realize that they can use formulas, integrate numbers, derive variables, and hopefully add all of this together and feel good about what they are doing.

Learning is not something that should just take place in the classroom. There are everyday struggles that we all face and hardship that we must endure, but my goal is to change as much of that I can through teaching. I believe that through teaching math I can reach students in a way that will truly help them feel better about themselves and learn something that is challenging and fund along the way. My classroom will be an environment that students will feel comfortable in and where they can feel accepted. If I can use my classroom as this type of learning environment, I can also transcend this into a life-learning process. I want this to impact education in a way that all teachers will want to have this effect, and students will make a difference in their lives and the world. Math is indeed something that runs our world, but to me math is a journey—a journey that I want to take through my life by teaching students.

There is truly an art to teaching that I believe I possess and use to influence the lives of students in the world today and for years to come. I realize that not every student is going to appreciate learning math in the way that I do, but if I can reach as many students as possible by doing what I love to do, then I know that I will have been successful.

Need I say more why she was selected. Outstanding letter, Outstanding student! This scholarship will allow the opportunity for OkASBO and Security Benefit to be a part of Christina's journey achieving her goal as a math teacher.

Congratulations Christina!

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

We had 34 exhibitors that participated in the showcase . The room was filled with materials, equipment and services beneficial for your district. On behalf of OkASBO, we appreciate you being a member of our team. YOU made a difference in our conference. We hope we made a difference for you...I apologize in advance if I left anyone off the list. I am really trying to keep up with the last minute changes BUT stuff happens...

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	\$50 Best Buy gift card	Pat Groves—Okemah Schools
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Document Imaging Solutions, LLC	Flat screen TV	Bill Casey—Jenks Schools
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	\$25 Cash	Gary Potter—Tulsa Schools
	\$25 Cash	Cody Way—Jenks Schools

Note: If the prize and winner is not listed—I failed to get it documented before the conference was over. Please forgive my error. We appreciate you very much . As I have stated before...YOU are a major part of our conference and we appreciate everything you do for us!

Money Machine Winners = \$1,275

\$165	Aimee Davenport—Jenks Schools	\$ 10	Terry Garrett—Tahlequah Schools
\$ 63	Patricia Smith—Pocola Schools	\$ 10	Cody Way—Jenks Schools
\$106	Lois Welch—Kiamichi Tech Center	\$ 23	Rick Peters—Caney Valley Schools
\$108	Carol Fadaiepour—Francis Tuttle Tech Center	\$ 14	Cindy Thomas—Southwest Tech Center
\$ 82	Star Canfield—Moore Schools	\$ 69	Sandra Ladra - Gordon Cooper Tech Center
\$ 20	Pat Groves—Okemah Schools	\$ 10	Kelly Davis—Inola Schools
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\$ 20	Jennifer Nichols—Tahlequah Schools	\$10	Cathy Smart—Union Schools
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\$ 94	Richard Wood—Canadian Valley Tech Center	\$ 10	Heather Brennan—Central Tech Center
\$ 41	Cassie Farr—Southwest Tech Center	\$ 15	Sandra James - Southwest Tech Center
\$ 16	Teena Anderson—Central Tech Center	\$ 65	Stacey Butterfield—Jenks Schools
\$ 13	Wendi Fassio—Haileyville Schools	\$ 10	Verna Adams—Edmond Schools
\$ 14	Audra Champion—Haileyville Schools	\$ 10	Kay Metcalf—Mid-Del Schools
\$ 67	Erin Erdman—Okemah Schools	\$ 11	Donna Campo—Liberty Schools
\$ 50	Becky Marrs—Drumright Schools	\$ 10	Kim Thomas—Caney Valley Schools

Searching for a Safe and Seamless Cash Investment Tool?

Let's face it, there are not a lot of places offering a good return on your deposits. Banks are facing many obstacles that are forcing them to keep rates very low, such as increased regulations on the collateralization of deposits. With minimal earnings available, the task of finding a place to invest school funds has become more of an obstacle than ever before. Time is valuable, and a pooled investment program can be a very good solution in the current financial environment.

A simple solution would be to invest your funds in the Oklahoma Liquid Asset Pool (OLAP), which has the ability to handle deposits of any size, no matter how small or large. It is also a seamless process that can be done by placing a phone call or a point and click on the internet. Once your district has opened an account with OLAP you will have the ease of moving funds into OLAP as you please. With daily liquidity, you also have the ability to withdraw those funds at any time.

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- Role/Responsibility of School Business Officials
- Sources of Revenue/State Aid • School budgets and the budgeting process • Legal foundations, policies and government relations, • Communications (internal, external and media) • Basic principles of school finance
- Accounting and control concepts • Audit, fraud and abuse • Introduction to OCAS • Activity Funds
- Leadership • Technology Implementation • Survival Skills

Schedule for 2013-2014

- ✓ Superintendents' Academy Sept 11-12
- ✓ Introductory Level 1 Sept 25-26 and Jan 29-30 \$375
- ✓ Treasurers - Oct 2 \$100
- ✓ Encumbrance Clerks Oct 3 \$100
- ✓ Treasurers and Encumbrance Clerks Oct 2-3 \$195
- ✓ Intermediate Level 2 Oct 9-10 and Mar 12-13 \$345
- ✓ Advanced Level 3 Oct 23-24 and Apr 9-10 \$345
- ✓ Personnel & Payroll Nov 13-14 \$195
- ✓ Graduate Level 4 Dec 4-5 \$195
- ✓ Activity Funds Aug 7 (Tulsa) and Aug 8 (OKC) \$95
- ✓ Treasurer and Encumbrance Clerks Feb 19-20 \$195
- ✓ School Auditors Workshop June 5 \$110

Mail or fax registration form with Purchase Order number to: Dr. Stephoni Case, Oklahoma Center for School Business Management, OSU/College of Education, 316 Willard, Stillwater, OK 74078-4045. FAX 405-744-7758. For more information email stephoni.case@okstate.edu or call 405-744-8501



What can OCSBM do for you?

Soon after I was hired in January of 2010 into my first School Business position, I was told the District was going to send me to these school business classes, which would help me understand school business, law, and anything I would need to know about working for a public school district.

How great this program has been for me! I had "grown up" in oil and gas accounting and had been "retired" for many years before getting back into the work force, and to be welcomed into the world of school finance was a blessing, especially to have the opportunity to be well-trained!

I have learned so much through the OCSBM program, and hope to attend as many future classes as the District will allow me to attend! Being able to see how my little piece of the pie fits with and affects the other areas of the District has been invaluable. Thank you for keeping this program going, and doing it so successfully!

Julie Harkrider • Accounts Payable Manager
• Union Public Schools

Last name	First	Job Title	School/Organization Name
School Address	City/Zip	Email Address	
Work Phone Number	Fax Number	Alternate Phone number	PO #

OSU • The Center for School Business Management Schedule for 2013 - 2014

Legislative Updates ...

by Steve Shiever



In reference to the proposed 2014 State Budget, (CCOSA, OSSBA, USSA, OkASBO, & OROS) all supported a proposed budget request of \$117, 698,574 which in reality was a level funding request. Our request did not include the anticipated federal sequester impact of an additional \$19,336,103.

2014 BUDGET

The budget request included the following:

SDE FBA Supplemental Request	\$ 6,900,000
SDE RSA Supplemental Request	\$ 6,952,869
Ad Valorem Reimbursement Request	\$ 8,400,000
Sub-Total	<u>\$ 22,252,869</u>
Proposed Legislative Supplemental	<u>\$ 16,947,673</u>
	(\$ 5,305,196)

Annualize FBA & Increased Costs	\$ 23,616,881
SDE Request for Reform Implementation	\$ 13,477,892
Level Fund Formula Dollars	\$ 58,350,932
Total Request	<u>\$ 95,445,705</u>
Proposed Legislative Appropriation	<u>\$ 74,000,000</u>
	(\$ 21,445,705)

Total anticipated shortfall for 2014 **(\$ 26,750,901)**

As you are aware, the real impact of SQ 766 will not be realized until late June after the legislature has adjourned and tax collections are confirmed. To date, we only \$21.4 Million is appropriated to flow thru the formula.

TEACHER RETIREMENT

As you are aware, Governor Fallin and State Treasurer Miller partnered in an effort to consolidate the seven major Oklahoma retirement systems under the pretense of saving \$50M per year. The proposal was highly flawed. It has now been announced that retirement consolidation legislation will not be introduced this year but an interim study will be approved to review the potential benefits.

2008-2014 Appropriation Analysis

These are the official appropriations numbers for 2008 - 2014. As you can see, we are on a continuing decline in revenue. This trend MUST change. (Current year numbers do not consider the potential Federal \$19M in sequester cuts).

Also, the .25% tax cut in 2014 and .15 % cut in 2015 will reduce state revenue by \$237 M with another \$120M that will be placed in the Capitol Improvement fund.

Fiscal Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
State Budget	\$6,950,000,000	\$7,089,100,000	\$6,589,800,000	\$6,707,470,032	\$6,504,270,090	\$6,846,509,856	\$7,113,700,501
Common Education	\$2,510,412,567	\$2,531,702,553	\$2,572,007,202	\$2,378,356,186	\$2,278,158,382	\$2,333,604,082	\$2,407,604,082
Federal Stabilization			\$204,711,616	\$139,521,635	\$121,000,000		
<u>Total Common Ed</u>	<u>\$2,510,412,567</u>	<u>\$2,531,702,553</u>	<u>\$2,572,007,202</u>	<u>\$2,378,356,186</u>	<u>\$2,399,158,382</u>	<u>\$2,333,604,082</u>	<u>\$2,407,604,082</u>
Common Ed % of State	36.12%	35.71%	39.03%	35.46%	36.89%	34.08%	33.84%
Federal Source			Stabilization (State)	Stabilization (State)	Ed Jobs (Direct)		

Associate Member Scholarship to Attend ASBO Intl Conference

The scholarship(s) will be awarded to an OkASBO member who is working to improve their skills and working to improve and promote Oklahoma ASBO. The scholarship will pay for room, transportation, registration and dues (if needed) for the recipient to attend the ASBO International Conference. The value and number of awards will vary by year, depending on the location of the international conference and the funds available.

This scholarship will be funded by our Associate Members who are exhibitors at our conferences. The recipient(s) will be chosen by the Board of Directors during their July meeting.

This year the ASBO International Conference is scheduled for October 25-28, 2013, Boston, MA.

You cannot win without completing the application—so get it, complete it, mail it and have a chance to be a winner! Don't be left out. An application is included in the newsletter and our website at www.okasbo.org.

The deadline for the application is July 1, 2013.

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And verb agree to make a difference.
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Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Oklahoma Association of School Business Officials Scholarship Application

to attend the annual **Association of School Business Officials International** Conference. This Scholarship is funded by our Associate Members and others interested in the promoting the purposes of Oklahoma ASBO.



Date: _____

Applicant Name: _____

Position: _____

School District: _____

Address: _____

ASSURANCES

I am a current member of the Oklahoma Association of School Business Officials.

I have been a continuous member for ____ years.

I ____ have ____ have not attended an Association of School Business Officials International Conference.

I will write an article for the *OkASBO News*, or offer a Breakout Session at the OkASBO Conference on an issue addressed at the Intl. conference or other applicable topic. *Please initial* _____

This grant pays for room, transportation, registration and dues (if needed). Other additional personal expenses will be paid by my school district or by me. *Please initial* _____

NARRATIVE

Attach a one-page narrative stating why you should receive this scholarship and what you will do with the knowledge gained by attending the conference.

Applicant Signature _____

Superintendent/Supervisor Signature _____

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Just Sayin!

by Ann Wade



We have recently completed the Spring Conference for OkASBO and another year is coming to a close. I hope you enjoyed the conference format and made at least one new friend.

We are constantly told that one of the keys to success is to become a lifelong learner. All of us learn and experience new things each and every day. One of the best things about being an OkASBO member is that it provides each of us with multiple learning opportunities, which makes us better at doing our jobs and better people in general.

As I reflect back on my 2nd year as Executive Director, I look back to the beginning of this experience and the learning curve I had to work through. Though we work with school boards regularly and have a pretty good idea how they operate, I found myself listening and learning as much about how the process works as I did about the issues. You receive a lot of information in a relatively short period of time. I remember thinking, this is a lot of information—how on earth am I going to remember it all. Calendars and notes can only take you so far. And then I started thinking about the processes I learned throughout the years being a member of OkASBO. Time management, organizational skills, team building...sound familiar?

There are many other items that help make our group successful throughout the year, but I would be remiss if I didn't say that it is the passion and commitment of our entire membership that truly makes our group successful and helps all of us deal with the challenges and struggles in our own districts so that we can ensure educational opportunities are available for ALL students to achieve their full potential.

At a time in public education when the transparency and accountability of our positions leave us feeling exposed and sometimes wounded, it is a comfort to know that my "friends/colleagues" members of OkASBO are supportive and ready to help. I encourage everyone to become ACTIVE members for the wealth of knowledge that can be gained, the opportunity to network with your peers, and most importantly for the friendships that can be forged.

I urge all of you to keep learning. Become vested in this OkASBO organization. Attend workshops and conferences and participate in the process and when time comes, give back to that same organization that helped you learn and grow. We will all be better for it.

"When we think we know it all, we miss the point."
- Steve Gilliland -

NEW Location —New Fall Conference Dates

September 4-6, 2013 are the dates scheduled for the Fall Conference.

The Conference will be held in a new location due to the Magnuson Hotel and Meridian Convention Center closing on June 30th. Our new location will be:

Just sayin ...

**Sheraton Hotel —Reed Conference Center
5750 Will Rogers Road
Midwest City, Oklahoma.**

I believe you will love the hotel and the Conference Center. With change there are always new procedures to follow—new registration process—cut-off room date to receive the discounted rate of \$81) and lots of new experiences, but isn't that just part of LIFE that our keynote speaker spoke to us about. Change...How we adapt to change...We will survive the move and will welcome our new family and home.

More information will be provided to you by email and/or in the next newsletter

Mark your calendar now...it is just around the corner,

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ASBO International

2013

October 26-29, Boston, MA

2014

September 19-22, Orlando, FL

**Excellent conferences
Make your plans to attend!**

Oklahoma ASBO

2013

April 17-19

NEW September 4-6

2014

April 16-18

October 1-3

See you there!