



Increasing the Knowledge, Skills and Effectiveness of Ohio's CHARTER SCHOOL BOARDS

“THE BOARD DOCTOR” SHARES KEY TO AVOIDING CHARTER SCHOOL CLOSURES

The second session of BCSB's dynamic Winter Board Development Series – scheduled for February 17 from noon to 1 p.m. – will feature nationally recognized charter school expert **Dr. Brian L. Carpenter**, author of *Charter School Board University* and his recently published book, *Save Your Ship!: How to Protect Your Charter School Through Systematic Risk Management*.

He will share the results of his research on charter school closures and on the importance of using an enterprise risk management (ERM) framework to proactively identify and assess risk, reducing exposure before it occurs.

This informative BCSB session is in partnership with the National Charter Schools Institute (NCSI) and is one Ohio charter school board members won't want to miss! [Click here](#) to register.

According to ODE, 318 Ohio charter schools have closed since 2000. Help ensure that your school never lands on the CLOSED school list with Dr. Brian Carpenter's enterprise risk management framework!

LEGISLATURE LIKELY TO RE-AUTHORIZE REMOTE PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Ohio Senate recently amended and passed H.B. 1 to re-authorize virtual meetings for public entities, including charter school boards. The virtual meetings re-authorization mirrors that previously in place, which expired July 1, 2021. Once approved by the House and signed into law by Governor Mike DeWine, as expected, H.B. 1 will re-authorize virtual public meetings through June 30, 2022, effective immediately.



SESSION FOCUSED ON IMPORTANCE OF SUPPORTING SCHOOL LEADERS AND TEACHERS

Charter school board members from throughout the Buckeye State participated in the first session of BCSB's Winter Board Development Series

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featuring Lori Goins – a school staffing expert who shared her unique perspective on the importance of supporting school leaders and teachers, now and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic.

Goins shared shocking statistics about the teaching profession and encouraged charter school board members to think beyond test scores in assessing teacher and school performance. She stressed the importance of supporting and empowering educators, while acknowledging the risks associated with allowing greater autonomy and creativity in the classroom.

- ◆ *42% of new teachers choose a different career within the first 5 years of being in the classroom (Campbell 2021)*
- ◆ *50% of teachers leave the career before retirement age (Garcia, Garcia, 2021)*
- ◆ *At any given time, 36% of teachers are likely to quit. (Campbell, 2021)*

“Teachers are experts on what students need – on what’s working, and what isn’t, in the classroom,” Goins said. “Allow them to be their creative professional selves and consider their emotional health in assessing a school’s overall performance.”

Goins firmly believes that fully supported teachers produce greater student academic outcomes and are less likely to suffer from burnout.

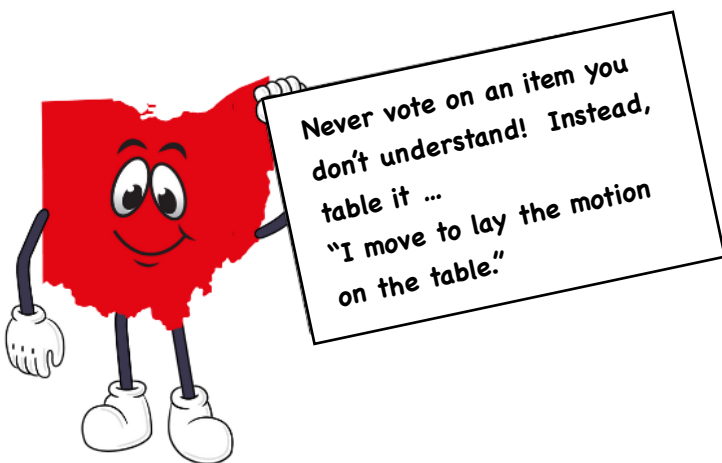
Board members routinely review and discuss data and reports on academics and finances, but do they also focus on staff satisfaction and turnover? Consider posing open-ended questions to your school leader at a future board meeting:

- ◆ How can we help you and your team do the best job possible?
- ◆ What supports can we provide to improve staff performance and morale?
- ◆ How do we measure teacher performance beyond test scores?

A TIP FROM BOBBY BUCKEYE

BCSB Administrator Sally Perz checked in with Amy E. Goodson, Esq., Amy Goodson Co., LLC, about how a charter school board could legally handle an issue that comes up for a vote that all or some members are not prepared to cast.

“A small body such as a charter school board could table an item about which it is unsure and consider it at a future meeting,” Goodson explained. “In the meantime, more information can be gathered by school leadership, the treasurer, or whomever has such information. If the item is extremely complex, a committee could be appointed to look into it through the committee process and bring information back to the full board.”



FAST FACT:

In the 2020-2021 school year, Ohio’s 315 charter schools served 113,900 students – *nearly 25,000 students more than the Buckeye State’s two largest public school districts combined: Columbus City and Cleveland Metropolitan, with enrollment of 50,000 and 39,000 students, respectively.*