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# OASBO and the School Business Profession— a Timeline of Innovation, Best Practices, & Advocacy Wins

Dating back to 1936 when 27 school business representatives came together to form the Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO), there have been several examples of best practices and innovation that has created the association as we are today with 1,570 members.

On December 12, 2019, after 83 years of existence, OASBO opened its very own Conference Center that will be used to provide collaborative and innovative education for years to come. Those visiting our center will be greeted with our mission statement front and center, along with our purpose, vision, and value statements in both meeting rooms. In addition, members can read about our award winners and past presidents and

take a look through our history, as a timeline of OASBO's innovation and best practices have been stamped onto our walls for members to enjoy.

On the following page are some highlights of the history you will learn when visiting our facility.

As OASBO looks to the future, we invite you to share your innovation & best practices with OASBO and its members. *Collaborate*, OASBO's online community, is the best way to share ideas and best practices. Visit the site at [collaborate.oasbo-ohio.org](https://collaborate.oasbo-ohio.org).

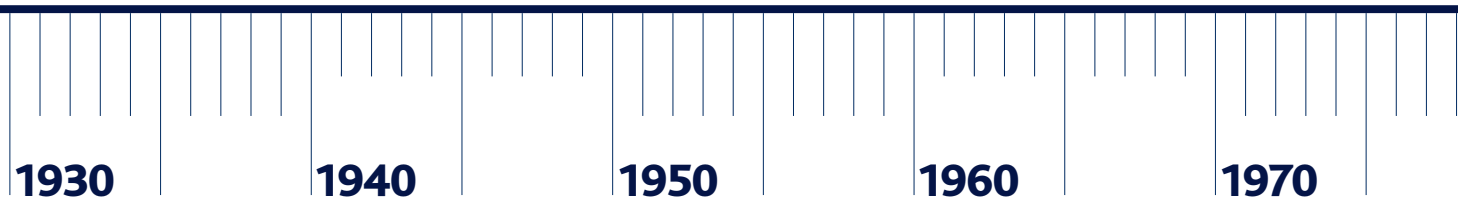
Further, OASBO is seeking members who are willing to pay it forward by serving on committees, as seminar directors, seminar facilitators, presenters, moderators, etc. If you are interested in getting involved, please reach out to me directly. 📧

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OASBO's Board, members, partners, and other supporters gathered for a ribbon cutting and open house to celebrate the opening of the brand new Conference Center.



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## OASBO's History

**1939**

Forty-four standards are established for school bus production and design, and the official paint color now known as National School Bus Glossy Yellow is formulated.

**1946**

President Harry Truman signs the National School Lunch Act, creating a federally assisted meal program providing low-cost or free lunches to school children.

**1956**

OASBO offered its first Annual Workshop.

**1967**

OASBO adopted a Professional Registration and Certification program.

**1975**

Bookkeeping transitions to computers.

**1983**

OASBO influenced legislation that requires business managers and treasurers to be licensed by the state of Ohio.

**1992**

OASBO employed its first lobbyist.

The legislature passes House Bill 412, a bill that requires school districts to prepare and submit five-year budget projections (5-year forecasts).

**2002**

OASBO introduces the Certified Ohio School Business Official certification program and members begin to create courses.



1980

1990

2000

2010

2020



HB 412



**collaborate**  
powered by OASBO members

## 2007

To help members navigate major changes to the Internal Revenue Service 403(b) regulations, OASBO issued a 403(b) toolkit and a series of educational events.

## 2008

At the height of the Great Recession of 2008, the federal government rolls out foreclosure assistance. OASBO provided guidance to school districts on surviving the recession including: "green" energy options, rethinking health care benefits, and more.

## 2010

Ohio Law required that professional standards be developed for school business managers and treasurers using ASBO International's standards, and that SBOs be represented on the Educator Standards Board (ESB). OASBO members join the ESB to create the standards.

## 2015

USDA created new professional standards for school food service directors—including minimum education requirements and annual training requirements.

OASBO rolls out a second major annual conference—the Facilities Conference & Trade Show—to provide training and development for school business facilities and operations professionals.

## 2017

Members and partners collaborate to create a full-scale Essentials of School Business Management curriculum to aid those seeking their treasurer license.

## 2018

Ohio Department of Education approves OASBO's proposal for an alternative pathway to treasurer licensure including curriculum-based training, a five-year forecast capstone project, and a formal assessment.

## 2019

OASBO launches *collaborate*, an online member community.