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Central Ohio school board member receives association's highest honor

COLUMBUS — A Richland County school board member is among five people to receive the most prestigious honor from the Ohio School Boards Association's (OSBA).

Jeff Meyers, who has served on the Madison Local Schools Board of Education for 20 years, will be recognized as a 2017 All-Ohio School Board member Nov. 13 during the OSBA Capital Conference and Trade Show in Columbus. OSBA Executive Director Richard Lewis will introduce All-Ohio School Board members on the second day of the 62nd annual conference, a three-day convention attended by more than 9,000 Ohio public school board members and education stakeholders.

The award recognizes outstanding service to public education and represents the dedication shown by thousands of board members across the state. Each year, OSBA names one board of education member from each of its five regions — Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast and Southwest — to the All-Ohio School Board.

All-Ohio School Board candidates are nominated by their respective school boards. OSBA regional committees then select the five winners.

Meyers, a Mansfield resident who represents OSBA's Central Region, has been elected four times and served as his board's president since 2008.

Described by his colleagues as trustworthy, honest and determined, Meyers referees high school soccer and serves as the secretary and rules interpreter for the Mansfield Soccer Association. He also assists with rules interpretation for the Ohio High School Athletic Association and umpires softball in the community.

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In nominating Meyers, Madison Local Schools board member Jane McGinty said Meyers “is available whenever he is needed for the school. He knows the policies of our school as well as the contracts of both unions. He keeps our meetings running smoothly and, when necessary, tactfully returns us to the business at hand. Jeff is just a very good person who lets nothing stop him. As a side note, he had both legs amputated in the past three years and has returned to refereeing, which is his passion.”

In its 62nd year, OSBA leads the way to educational excellence by serving Ohio’s public school board members and the diverse districts they represent through superior service, unwavering advocacy and creative solutions.

For more information, contact OSBA or your local school district.

Note to reporters, editors: OSBA’s All-Ohio School Board honorees have been told they are receiving the award. Please feel free to contact them for feature stories, comments or photos. Meyers’ phone number is (419) 610-3149. If you wish to cover the awards presentation in Columbus on Nov. 13, please contact Crystal Davis, whose contact information is at the top of this release.