

Lest we forget that state officials, by legislation, illegally overruled Article VI, section 4 of the Ohio Constitution.

“All power in the People’s Republic of China belongs to the people”--Chapter 1, article 2 of the Constitution of the People’s Republic of China.

Those who rule China do not operate in accordance with the mandate of Chapter1, article 2.

“All political power is inherent in the people.” Article 1, section 2 of the Ohio Constitution.

Those who rule Ohio do not operate in accordance with Article 1, section 2 of the Ohio Constitution; What state officials did to the State Board of Education illustrates their disregard for the Ohio Constitution.

From 1914 to 1953, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, together with the Department of Education, was a department operated by the Governor. In 1953, Ohio voters approved an amendment that established a State Board of Education and a Superintendent of Public Instruction appointed by the State Board of Education. Subsequently the legislature established the legal framework for the State Board of Education, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the state education staff, all of which comprised the Ohio Department of Education, hence the state education agency.

The state education agency began operation in January 1956, providing leadership for the state’s constitutional responsibility for education until state officials, by legislation, transferred the Department of Education to the Governor’s office, leaving a shadow of state education functions to the State Board of Education.

The original State Board was an all-elected body that changed in the mid-1990’s with legislation that gave the Governor power to appoint 8 members of a 19-member board.

In the most recent state budget bill, the legislature eliminated the elected board positions with a board of five (5) members appointed by the Governor. To add insult to injury, one member will come from the private school sector and one from the charter school sector.

Like Chinese officials, state officials in Ohio “kinda do what we want”, regardless of the plain language of the Constitution.

The EdChoice voucher scheme is another example of a blatant disregard of the Ohio Constitution. The list goes on.