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Minutes of Buckeye Local Board of Education - Regular & Executive Meeting
Held August 25, 2026 - 6:30 P.M. - Board Room - Braden Middle School

REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT

Shannon Pike, President
Stephanie Patriarco, Vice President
Gregory Kocjancic
Chad Miller
Roman Vencill

MEMBERS ABSENT

Also present were Superintendent Patrick Colucci and Treasurer Kassandra Brand

CITIZENS PRESENT

Ryan Wilson, Alana Miller, Margaret Struna, Danyel Ryan, Emily Tallbacka, Tim Tallbacka, Jamie Stover, Ryan Stover, Daniel Patriarco, Emily Spivak, Bob Ettinger, Christopher Gillett

MEDITATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS/SPECIAL REPORTS

Briefing: New AED from Make Them Know Your Name Foundation presented by Margaret Struna, Kingsville Elementary School Nurse, who applied for grant.

153.26 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Kocjancic moved and seconded by Mrs. Patriarco to enter into executive session at 6:35 P.M.

For the purpose of conferring with the Board's attorney concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of imminent court action.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mr. Kocjancic, Mrs. Patriarco, Mr. Miller, Mr. Vencill, and Mrs. Pike
Motion carried

Mr. Kray was called for discussion.

Executive session ended at 7:12 P.M.
Open session reconvened.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Information:

Financial Forecast

Mrs. Brand, Treasurer, presented the Financial Forecast.

TREASURER'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

154.26 It is the recommendation of the Treasurer that the Board approve the following items:

Mr. Kocjancic moved and seconded by Mrs. Patriarco to approve the following:

Approval of Minutes

Approve the July 28, 2026 BOE Regular meeting minutes as presented to the board on August 21, 2026.

Financial Reports

Approve bills paid in July and the financial reports as presented to the board on August 21, 2026.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mr. Kocjancic, Mrs. Patriarco, Mr. Miller, Mr. Vencill, and Mrs. Pike
Motion carried

155.26 It is the recommendation of the Treasurer that the Board approve the following item:

Mr. Kocjancic moved and seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the following:

OSC School MPV Purchase

Authorize the purchase of one (1) – 9 passenger Multi-Purpose Vehicle chassis and bodies that were bid through the Ohio Schools Council, as presented in **Exhibit A**.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mr. Kocjancic, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Patriarco, Mr. Vencill, and Mrs. Pike
Motion carried

Mr. Miller asked about the cost and timeline. Mrs. Brand stated the price was \$79,988.00 and it is a stock vehicle so timeline should be quick.

156.26 It is the recommendation of the Treasurer that the Board approve the following item:

Mr. Kocjancic moved and seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the following:

Student Activity Appropriation Adjustments

Approve the Student Activity appropriation adjustments in the amount of \$23,050.48.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mr. Kocjancic, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Patriarco, Mr. Vencill, and Mrs. Pike
Motion carried

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TREASURER'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED)

157.26 It is the recommendation of the Treasurer that the Board approve the following item:

Mr. Kocjancic moved and seconded by Mrs. Patriarco to approve the following:

Athletic Gate Profit Split (St. John High School 8/21/2026)

Authorize the treasurer to split the 8/21/2026 football gate profits of \$4,427.00 with St. John High School due to a scheduling conflict. A check in the amount of \$2,213.50 will be made payable to St. John Sports.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mr. Kocjancic, Mrs. Patriarco, Mr. Miller, Mr. Vencill, and Mrs. Pike
Motion carried

Mr. Miller asked the reason for this, and Mrs. Brand stated that Mr. Kray explained to her that instead of St. John renting Lakeside, Corlew Stadium would be used and the gate profits would be split.

158.26 It is the recommendation of the Treasurer that the Board approve the following item:

Mr. Kocjancic moved and seconded by Mr. Vencill to approve the following:

Kingsville ADA Improvements Bid

Accept the Kingsville Elementary ADA Improvements bid for a new platform chair lift system and restroom ADA renovations from JCS Building Co., LLC in the amount of \$378,430.00.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mr. Kocjancic, Mr. Vencill, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Patriarco, and Mrs. Pike
Motion carried

159.26 It is the recommendation of the Treasurer that the Board approve the following item:

Mr. Kocjancic moved and seconded by Mrs. Patriarco to approve the following:

December 2026 Regular Board Meeting Change in Date

Approve the change in date for the December regular board meeting to December 8, 2026.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mr. Kocjancic, Mrs. Patriarco, Mr. Miller, Mr. Vencill, and Mrs. Pike
Motion carried

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TREASURER'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED)

160.26 It is the recommendation of the Treasurer that the Board approve the following item:

Mr. Kocjancic moved and seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the following:

Braden Middle School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Approve the amended MOU between the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Department and Buckeye Local Schools for the 2026-2027 school year adjusting the workdays from 185 days to 195 days, as presented in **Exhibit B**.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mr. Kocjancic, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Patriarco, Mr. Vencill, and Mrs. Pike
Motion carried

161.26 It is the recommendation of the Treasurer that the Board approve the following item:

Mr. Kocjancic moved and seconded by Mrs. Patriarco to approve the following:

Kingsville/Ridgeview Elementary Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Approve the amended MOU between the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Department and Buckeye Local Schools for the 2026-2027 school year adjusting the workdays from 185 days to 195 days, as presented in **Exhibit C**.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mr. Kocjancic, Mrs. Patriarco, Mr. Miller, Mr. Vencill, and Mrs. Pike
Motion carried

Mr. Miller clarified that Edgewood High School is already 195 days, and Mrs. Brand replied yes.

162.26 It is the recommendation of the Treasurer that the Board approve the following item:

Mr. Kocjancic moved and seconded by Mrs. Patriarco to approve the following:

Financial Forecast

Approve the financial forecast, as presented in **Exhibit D**.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mr. Kocjancic, Mrs. Patriarco, Mr. Miller, Mr. Vencill, and Mrs. Pike
Motion carried

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 163.26** It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the following item:

Mr. Kocjancic moved and seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the following:

2026-27 Student/Parent Handbooks

Approve the building Student/Parent Handbooks for the 2026-27 school year, as presented in **Exhibits E, F, G, H.**

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mr. Kocjancic, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Patriarco, Mr. Vencill, and Mrs. Pike
Motion carried

- 164.26** It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the following item:

Mr. Kocjancic moved and seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the following:

Accept Gifts

1. Accept a donation from Glotzbecker's Service Center, LLC in the amount of \$200.00 for Student of the Month.
2. Accept a donation from Hoffman's Pharmacy in the amount of \$100.00 for Student of the Month.
3. Accept a donation from The Kendall Foundation in the amount of \$250.00 for Student of the Month.
4. Accept a donation from A Kids Only Learning Center in the amount of \$100.00 for Student of the Month.
5. Accept a donation from CompTech PCs in the amount of \$100.00 for Student of the Month.
6. Accept a donation from Melaragno HVAC in the amount of \$100.00 for Student of the Month.
7. Accept a donation from the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSA) in the amount of \$1,250.00 to the Buckeye Schools Athletic Department.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mr. Kocjancic, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Patriarco, Mr. Vencill, and Mrs. Pike
Motion carried

Mr. Colucci thanked all donors.

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PERSONNEL

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the following Personnel items:

165.26 Mr. Kocjancic moved and seconded by Mr. Vencill to approve the following items:

Certified Staff:

Certified – Salary Placement

Amanda Adam, M, 10 yrs. exp., \$33,445, effective August 17, 2026.

Certified – Salary Adjustment

Amanda Perisa-Semancik, from M+20, 14 yrs. exp., \$78,039 to M+20, 15 yrs. exp., \$80,038.

Certified - Tutor

Alex Polchosky, Academic Tutor, Edgewood High School, 4 hours per day plus 1.75 additional hours as needed, 3 days per week, effective August 17, 2026, then 7 hours per day, 3 days a week, effective August 20, 2026, at the hourly rate of \$27.87 per hour.

Certified – Extended Day Monitor

Approve the following employee to serve as Extended Day Monitor on an as-needed basis on Wednesdays for no more than 2 hours per day, at the tutor rate of \$27.87 per hour.

Angela Ponteri

Certified – Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA)

Maria Gentry, teacher at Ridgeview Elementary, for no more than 12 work weeks in a 12-month period, effective August 17, 2026.

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Certified – 2026-27 Supplementals:

Name	Position	Year	Start Date	Salary
Kimberly Weeks	IAT/MTSS Chairperson–K	2026-27	08/20/26	\$1,194.48
Nicole Kray	National Honor Society Adv.	2026-27	08/20/26	\$ 995.40
Renee Mattson	Spring Technical Director	2026-27	10/01/26	\$ 875.95
Ashley Nelling	Spring Drama Director	2026-27	10/01/26	\$1,990.80

Certified – Extracurricular and Special Fee Assignment:

Name	Position	Year	Start Date	Yrs. Exp.	Salary
Paul Lauth	JV Asst. Wrestling	2026-27	11/13/26	7+	\$4,777.92

Certified – Resignation

Abigail Benjamin, IAT/MTSS Chairperson at Ridgeview Elementary, effective August 17, 2026.

Certified/Non-Employees - Extracurricular and Special Fee Assignments:

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION TO APPOINT CERTIFIED/LICENSED NON-EMPLOYEE(S) TO SUPPLEMENTAL POSITION(S)

WHEREAS, the Buckeye Local Board of Education strives to appoint qualified certified/licensed employees to fulfill supplemental contracts; and

WHEREAS, the board has offered the following supplemental position(s) to certified/licensed employee(s) of the district; and

WHEREAS, no such employee(s) qualified to fill the position(s) has accepted it; and

WHEREAS, the position(s) was then advertised to certified/licensed individual(s) who are not employed by the board; and

WHEREAS, the board has deemed the following certified/licensed non-employee(s) as qualified to fill the supplemental position(s);

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PERSONNEL (CONTINUED)

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Buckeye Local Board of Education, in compliance with O.R.C. 3313.53(D), awards the following supplemental contract(s), for the school year indicated below, to the following person(s):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Yrs Exp</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Tim Tallbacka	Head Boys Var. Basketball	2026-27	11/06/26	7+	\$7,166.88

Non-Certified/Non-Employees - Extracurricular and Special Fee Assignments:

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION TO APPOINT NON-CERTIFIED/ NON-LICENSED NON-EMPLOYEE(S) TO SUPPLEMENTAL POSITION(S)

WHEREAS, the Buckeye Local Board of Education strives to appoint qualified certified/licensed employees to fulfill supplemental contracts; and

WHEREAS, the board has offered the following supplemental position(s) to certified/licensed employee(s) of the district; and

WHEREAS, no such employee(s) qualified to fill the position(s) has accepted it; and

WHEREAS, the position(s) was then advertised to certified/licensed individual(s) who are not employed by the board; and

WHEREAS, no such person(s) qualified to fill the position(s) has accepted it; and

WHEREAS, the board has deemed the following non-licensed/non-certified individuals identified below as qualified to fill the supplemental position(s);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Buckeye Local Board of Education, in compliance with O.R.C. 3313.53(D), awards the following supplemental contract(s), for the school year indicated below, to the following person(s):

Name	Position	Year	Start Date	Yrs. Exp.	Salary
Jason Aponte	Asst. 7/8 Girls Basketball	2026-27	10/30/26	6	\$4,379.76
Stephanie Dalin	Asst. Swimming	2026-27	10/24/26	1	\$3,185.28
Shane Hogle	Marching Band Student Monitor	2026-27	07/01/26	1	\$2,388.96
Sidney Melaragno	Asst. 7/8 Girls Basketball	2026-27	10/30/26	1	\$3,981.60
Frankie Olivarez	Asst. 7/8 Wrestling	2026-27	11/13/26	1	\$3,981.60
Garrett Webster	Asst. 7/8 Wrestling	2026-27	11/13/26	1	\$3,981.60

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PERSONNEL (CONTINUED)

Classified Staff:

Classified – Resignation

Nicole Goodenow, Athletic Department Administrative Assistant, effective July 30, 2026.

Classified - Appointments

1. Tori Blizzard, Long-Term Substitute at Ridgeview Elementary, effective August 17, 2026.
2. Mary Hunter, SMEA at Ridgeview Elementary, 3 hours per day, Step 1 of 25, \$17.11 per hour, effective August 17, 2026.
3. Jamie Stover, Central Office Receptionist/Personnel, 8 hours per day, Step 8 of 25, \$23.59 per hour, effective August 31, 2026.

Classified – Substitutes

1. Donald Shane Brown – Cafeteria
2. Chris Ende – Custodian
3. Kelly Ensell – Cafeteria
4. Robert Hayes – SMEA
5. Janet Pasco – Administrative Assistant

One-Year Temporary Non-Bachelor's Substitute Teaching License 2026-2027

School Year

In accordance with the passage of Senate Bill 1 of the 134th General Assembly, the Ohio Department of Education has been granted the authority to issue a one-time, non-renewable One-Year Temporary Non-Bachelor's Substitute Teaching License for the 2026-2027 school year to applicants who do not hold a post-secondary degree but meet the employing school or district's educational requirements with board approval.

1. Nicole Bisbee
2. Tori Blizzard
3. Megan English
4. Rylee Messent
5. Lisa Miller
6. Michelle Mitcham
7. Isabelle Nejbauer
8. Amanda Van Looke

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mr. Kocjancic, Mr. Vencill, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Patriarco, and Mrs. Pike
Motion carried

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PERSONNEL (CONTINUED)

- 166.26** It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the following Personnel item:

Mr. Kocjancic moved and seconded by Mrs. Patriarco to approve the following item:

Non-Certified/Non-Employees – Extracurricular and Special Fee Assignments:

Name	Position	Year	Start Date	Yrs. Exp.	Salary
Jordan Vencill	Asst. Freshman Girls Basketball	2026-27	10/30/26	5	\$4,379.76
McKenna Vencill	Asst. JV Girls Basketball	2026-27	10/30/26	2	\$3,981.60

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mr. Kocjancic, Mrs. Patriarco, Mr. Miller, and Mrs. Pike
Abstained: Mr. Vencill
Motion carried

All personnel appointments are contingent upon possessing or obtaining the appropriate certification/licensure, validation, and/or permit as required by law and board policy, as well as satisfactory physical examination, criminal background check and/or current CPR training where applicable.

VISITOR PARTICIPATION RELATIVE TO NEW ITEMS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS – FYI

Mr. Miller stated the EHS wall project went well and he would like to see a fine instituted if deadlines are not met. Windows were supposed to be ordered in advance and that is not on us. Mr. Vencill stated per diem past a certain date in contract.

167.26 ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kocjancic moved and seconded by Mrs. Patriarco to adjourn this regular meeting at 7:53 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mr. Kocjancic, Mrs. Patriarco, Mr. Miller, Mr. Vencill, and Mrs. Pike
Motion carried

Attest:_____

SHANNON PIKE
PRESIDENT

KASSANDRA BRAND
TREASURER