

BUCKEYE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 28, 2026
6:30 p.m.

“BUCKEYE – WE EDUCATE FOR SUCCESS.”

VISION STATEMENT

The Buckeye Local School District unifies individuals, communities, and resources to create a **WORLD CLASS LEARNING COMMUNITY** that gives **ALL** students the opportunity to be successful in **THEIR** future.

GOALS

The Buckeye Local Board of Education has established the following goals:

The board of education will achieve excellence in learner-focused governance.

The board of education will conduct efficient and effective meetings.

The board of education will increase community and staff trust and satisfaction.

This meeting is a meeting of the board of education in public for the purpose of conducting the school district's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda. Please complete a public participation form and submit it to the board president prior to the start of the meeting.

Board Policy # 0165.1, Item B

Buckeye Local Board of Education

Shannon Pike, President

Stephanie Patriarco, Vice President

Gregory Kocjancic

Chad Miller

Roman Vencill

Mr. Patrick Colucci
Superintendent

Mrs. Kassandra Brand
Treasurer

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

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1. Opening Items

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call of Members

____Kocjancic ____Miller ____ Patriarco ____Pike ____Vencill

C. Meditation

D. Pledge of Allegiance

E. Communications/Special Reports

F. Public Participation Relative to Agenda Items (Bylaw 0169.1) & the Following:

Please complete a public participation form and submit it to the board president prior to the start of the meeting. We welcome your comments and/or questions during this time.

Statements shall be limited to three (3) minutes. Please keep comments brief and to the point. Do not reflect adversely on the political or economic view, ethnic background, character, or motives of any individual.

G. Correspondence

2. Treasurer's Report

Information:

EHS Wall Repair Update

Mrs. Brand, Treasurer, will provide an update on the EHS wall project.

Reports & Recommendations:

It is the recommendation of the Treasurer that the BOE approve the following items as presented in 2A – 2R:

A. Approve the June 23, 2026 BOE Regular meeting and June 29, 2026 Special meeting minutes, as presented to the board on July 23, 2026.

B. Approve bills paid in June and the financial reports as presented to the board on July 23, 2026.

____Kocjancic ____Miller ____ Patriarco ____Pike ____Vencill

C. Student Activity Appropriation Adjustments

Approve the Student Activity appropriation adjustments in the amount of \$40,027.35.

___Kocjancic ___Miller ___ Patriarco ___Pike ___Vencill

D. Wood County Educational Service Center

Approve the agreement with the Wood County ESC to serve students court placed at both the Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio and the Wood County Juvenile Detention Center, as presented in **Exhibit A**.

___Kocjancic ___Miller ___ Patriarco ___Pike ___Vencill

E. Ashtabula County Continued Education Support Services (ACCESS)

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between ACCESS and Buckeye Local Schools for three days of advisory services per week for thirty-two weeks during the 2026-27 academic school year (August 2026 through June 2027) and seven (7) Middle School Lessons in the amount of \$20,712.76, as presented in **Exhibit B**.

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F. Coalition of Ohio Rural and Appalachian Schools (CORAS)

Approve the participation with the Coalition of Ohio Rural and Appalachian Schools Legislative Council for advocacy services for rural schools, communities, and families for fiscal year 2027, as presented in **Exhibit C**.

___Kocjancic ___Miller ___ Patriarco ___Pike ___Vencill

G. Edgewood High School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Approve the MOU between the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Department and Buckeye Local Schools for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented in **Exhibit D**.

___Kocjancic ___Miller ___ Patriarco ___Pike ___Vencill

H. Braden Middle School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Approve the MOU between the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Department and Buckeye Local Schools for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented in **Exhibit E**.

___Kocjancic ___Miller ___ Patriarco ___Pike ___Vencill

I. Kingsville/Ridgeview School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Approve the MOU between the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Department and Buckeye Local Schools for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented in **Exhibit F**.

___Kocjancic ___Miller ___ Patriarco ___Pike ___Vencill

- J. Ashtabula County Educational Service Center (ACESC) Service Agreement, PT
Approve the service agreement with ACESSC for Physical Therapy services for the 2026-27 school year, as presented in **Exhibit G**.

___Kocjancic ___Miller ___ Patriarco ___Pike ___Vencill

- K. Ashtabula County Educational Service Center (ACESC) Service Agreement, OT
Approve the service agreement with ACESSC for Occupational Therapy services for the 2026-27 school year, as presented in **Exhibit H**.

___Kocjancic ___Miller ___ Patriarco ___Pike ___Vencill

- L. Ashtabula County Educational Service Center (ACESC) Service Agreement, BB
Approve the service agreement with ACESSC for Building Bridges services for the 2026-27 school year, as presented in **Exhibit I**.

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- M. Ashtabula County Educational Service Center (ACESC) Service Agreement, Autism Unit
Approve the service agreement with ACESSC for Autism Unit services for the 2026-27 school year, as presented in **Exhibit J**.

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- N. Signature Health Consulting Agreement
Approve the one (1) year agreement between Signature Health and Buckeye Local Schools for mental health services, as presented in **Exhibit K**.

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- O. Restatement of 403(b) Retirement Plan
Adopt a complete restatement of the District's 403(b) Plan, administered by U.S. Omni & TSACG Compliance Services, Inc., to bring it into compliance with the IRS 2022 Cumulative List of Changes for Section 403(b) pre-approved plans, as presented in **Exhibit L**.

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- P. NEO Commercial Kitchen Repair LLC
Approve the purchase of a replacement walk-in freezer for Kingsville Elementary School, as presented in **Exhibit M**.

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Q. Frontline Central Solutions

Accept the proposal from Frontline Education for Frontline Central Solutions software, implementation, and artifact import, as presented in **Exhibit N**.

____Kocjancic ____Miller ____ Patriarco ____Pike ____Vencill

R. National Honor Society Scholarship Fund

Authorize the Treasurer to create the following funds and to establish necessary receipt and appropriation accounts for such funds:

- National Honor Society Scholarship 007-9008

____Kocjancic ____Miller ____ Patriarco ____Pike ____Vencill

3. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent's Reports & Recommendations

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the BOE approve the following items as presented in 3A:

A. Online Instruction Plan 2026-27

Approve the online instruction plan for the 2026-27 school year pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.482, as presented in **Exhibit O**.

____Kocjancic ____Miller ____ Patriarco ____Pike ____Vencill

4. Personnel

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the following Personnel items as presented in 4A-4N (See items 4O-4Q as separate voting items):

Administrative Staff:

A. Administrative – Appointment

Alissa Zappitelli, Principal, Braden Middle School, 3-year limited contract, Step 3 of 8, \$93,094.24, effective August 1, 2026.

B. Administrative – Resignation

- 1) Timothy Neal, Principal at Braden Middle School, effective August 1, 2026.
- 2) Jenny Riedel, Assistant Principal at Edgewood High School, effective August 1, 2026.

Certified Staff:

C. Certified - Appointment

Amanda Adam, 7th grade Math teacher at Braden Middle School, .5 FTE, effective August 17, 2026. Salary to be determined.

D. Certified – Title I Tutors for the 2026-27 School Year

Approve the following Title I Tutors for the 2026-27 school year, \$27.87 per hour, effective August 17, 2026.

- 1) Pamela Poff, Edgewood High School, 4 hours per day plus 1 additional hour, as needed.
- 2) Tawnya Smith, Braden Middle School, 4 hours per day plus 1.75 additional hours, as needed.
- 3) Kimberly Weeks, Kingsville Elementary, 7.50 hours per day.
- 4) Megan Myers, Kingsville Elementary, 4 hours per day plus 1.75 additional hours, as needed.
- 5) Jennifer Myers, Ridgeview Elementary, 7.50 hours per day.

E. Certified – Resignation

Rachel Howell, Intervention Specialist at Braden Middle School, effective at the end of the 2025-26 school year.

F. Certified – Extracurricular and Special Fee Assignments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Yrs Exp</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Ethan Leube	JV Asst. Football	2026-27	08/01/26	1	\$3,981.60

G. **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):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Yrs Exp</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Michael Tobie	Asst. 7/8 Boys Soccer	2026-27	8/01/26	0	\$3,981.60

Classified Staff:

H. Classified – Change in Assignment

Debbie Turner, from Cafeteria Cook at Edgewood to Cafeteria Manager at Edgewood, 7.50 hours per day, Step 5 of 25, \$19.07 per hour, effective August 17, 2026.

I. Classified – Retirement

Michele Sebastian, Receptionist/Personnel for the District, effective January 1, 2027. Ms. Sebastian has served the district for 22 years.

J. Classified – Resignation

Jay Bowler, Head Boys Basketball Coach, effective July 14, 2026.

K. Classified – Extracurricular Pupil Activity Contract

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Yrs Exp</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Maddalyn McDonald	Asst. 7/8 Girls Soccer	2026-27	8/01/26	0	\$3,981.60

L. Classified – Substitutes

- 1) Christian Bliffin – Student Worker
- 2) Bentley Ott – Student Worker

M. Volunteers

- 1) Jim Lamson – Girls Golf
- 2) Dustin Mills – Girls Golf

N. One-Year Temporary Non-Bachelor's Substitute Teaching License 2026-27 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 2026-27 school to applicants who do not hold a post-secondary degree but meet the employing school or district's educational requirement with board approval.

- 1) Russell Bleck
- 2) Nina Farina
- 3) LiAnna Murphy

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It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the following Personnel items as presented in 4O-4Q:

O. Certified– Title I Tutor for the 2026-27 School Year

Grace Patriarco, Ridgeview Elementary, 4 hours per day plus 1.75 hours as needed, \$27.87 per hour, effective August 17, 2026.

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P. Certified– Title I Tutor for the 2026-27 School Year

Jacqueline Allenbaugh, Braden Middle School, 4 hours per day plus 1.75 hours as needed, \$27.87 per hour, effective August 17, 2026.

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Q. Certified– Title I Tutor for the 2026-27 School Year

Christy Vencill, Edgewood High School, 4 hours per day plus 1 hour as needed, \$27.87 per hour, effective August 17, 2026.

____Kocjancic ____Miller ____ Patriarco ____Pike ____Vencill

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.

5. Visitor Participation Relative to New Items (non-agenda items)

Please complete a public participation form and submit it to the board president prior to the start of the meeting. Please limit your comments to three minutes or less.

6. Other Business – FYI

7. Adjournment

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