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Minutes of Buckeye Local Board of Education - Regular Meeting
Held April 21, 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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Roman Vencill

Also present were Superintendent Patrick Colucci and Treasurer Kassandra Brand

CITIZENS PRESENT

Daniel Patriarco, Kristi Feather, Robin Hudson, Tracy DeLuca, Alexandra Fultz, Chuck Fultz, Megan Jeffers, Samantha Kennedy, Jenny Riedel, Giana Varchetto, Amanda Wilson, Christine Batanian, Tim Batanian, Timmy Batanian, Alleen Santee, Zoey Griffiths, Jennifer Bagliore, Julie Crossley, Christine Shinault, Charles Mendenhall, Malachi Mendenhall, Martha Jones, Mike Jones, Elliot Ryder, Robert Ryder, Shakur Williams, Anna Thomas, Linda Howell, Danyel Ryan, Christopher Gillett, Kathryn Rozzo and son

MEDITATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS/SPECIAL REPORTS

1. Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools (CORAS) Outstanding Elementary School Teacher Award Presentation – Kathryn Rozzo, Ridgeview Elementary School
2. Buckeye's March Students of the Month

Thank you to our sponsors:

Ashtabula County YMCA	Alana and Chad Miller
Kids Only Learning Center	Melaragno HVAC
Applebee's (Ashtabula)	Ringer Wholesale Imprints, Inc.
CompTech PCS	Steak 'n Shake (Ashtabula)
Glantzbecker's Service Center	The Kendall Foundation
Hoffmans Pharmacy	Thomas Fence Company
Infield Chiropractic	Valvoline Express Care - Ashtabula

Congratulations to the following students:

Timothy Batanian, 12th grade, Edgewood High School
Zoey Griffiths, 8th grade, Braden Middle School
Malachi Mendenhall, 4th grade, Kingsville Elementary School
Elliot Ryder, 5th grade, Ridgeview Elementary School

3. Administrative Presentation – Tracy DeLuca, Ridgeview Elementary School

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Information:

Property Tax Update

Mrs. Brand, Treasurer, provided the Board with a property tax update.

TREASURER'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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

Approval of Minutes

Approve the March 24, 2026 BOE Regular meeting minutes as presented to the board on April 14, 2026.

Financial Reports

Approve bills paid in March and the financial reports as presented to the board on April 14, 2026.

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

68.26 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:

Student Activity Appropriation Adjustments

Approve the Student Activity appropriation adjustments in the amount of \$26,500.25.

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

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TREASURER'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED)

69.26 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:

School Firm Braden/Edgewood Athletic Upgrades Proposal

Accept the proposal from School Firm for professional services related to the Braden/Edgewood Athletic Upgrades project, as presented in **Exhibit A**.

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

70.26 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:

Site Investigation and Documentation Quotes

Accept the following quotes for Site Investigation and Documentation:

- **Surveying services** – Accept the quote from Crabb's Surveying Services, Inc. in the amount of \$6,500.00.
- **Geotechnical Sampling and Engineering Services** – Accept the quote from Wertz Geotechnical Engineering in the amount of \$5,400.00.
- **Environmental Inspection and Testing** – Accept the quote from Langan Engineering and Environmental Services, LLC in the amount of \$8,564.00.

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

71.26 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:

Concierge Practice Patients Agreement

Approve the agreement between Nathaniel Franley, M.D., Peak Performance Sports and Family Medicine and Buckeye Local School District for direct primary care services for district employees and their eligible family members, effective May 4, 2026, for a one-year term, with renewal options as outlined in the agreement, as presented in **Exhibit B**.

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

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72.26 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:

Workers’ Compensation Service Contract

Authorize the Treasurer to enter into a one-year contract with Sheakley UniService, Inc. for the period of January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027, to provide workers’ compensation services.

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

Mr. Miller asked if this is separate from BWC, and Mrs. Brand replied, yes, that Sheakley serves as our Managed Care Organization and Third-Party Administrator.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

73.26 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:

Board Policies and Guidelines – First Reading

Review the following board policies and guidelines as presented to the board on April 17, 2026:

Special Update – Transportation Supplement – October 2025

po4162	po8600	po8640
po4162.01	po8600.04	po8650

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po3440	po6220	po6425 (Reject)
po4440	po6320	po6460
po5112	po6325	po6465
po5421	po6423	po7540
po5430	po6424	po7540.09

Special Update – March 2026

- po8500

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

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

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

Administrative – Extended Time

Approve extended time for Lisa Loomis, Food Service Supervisor, effective June 12, 2026 through July 31, 2026, at \$35.00 per hour, for the Summer Foods Program and Menu Planner Set-Up.

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

Mr. Miller asked if we have a set amount of hours or a cap, and Mr. Colucci and Mrs. Brand replied, no, she only works the hours needed to prepare for the summer foods program.

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

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

2026 Graduating Seniors

Approve the current list of seniors for graduation contingent upon each student completing all the requirements necessary for graduation from the Buckeye Local School District, as presented in **Exhibit C**.

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

Mr. Miller asked how many seniors are graduating, and Mrs. Patriarco replied 135 students.

- 76.26** 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:

Student Accident Insurance

Approve the Student Accident Insurance Plan for the 2026-27 school year, as presented in **Exhibit D**.

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

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77.26 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:

Graduation Credit Requirement

Approve a resolution to amend the district’s current graduation credit requirement from 24 credits to 21 credits, as presented in **Exhibit E**.

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

Mr. Miller asked if we are still above state requirements, and Mr. Colucci replied yes.

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

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

Accept Gifts

1. Accept a donation from Alana and Chad Miller in the amount of \$85.38 for Student of the Month.
2. Accept a donation from the East Ashtabula Educational Assistance Corp. of (2) \$1,000 scholarships to be awarded to Edgewood High School Seniors, in accordance with the scholarship requirements.
3. Accept a donation from the Kingsville PTA to Kingsville Elementary of (1) 12’ x 12’ storage shed, storage racks, and playground toys totaling \$5,316.43.
4. Accept a donation from KMB Photography, Inc. to the BLSA Athletic Department in the amount of \$119.32.

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

Mr. Colucci thanked all donors and recognized the Kingsville PTA for their donation. Mrs. Pike thanked everyone.

PERSONNEL

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

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

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PERSONNEL (CONTINUED)

Certified Staff:

Certified – Change in Assignment for 2026-27

1. Sarah Pallutch, from 4th grade teacher at Kingsville Elementary to 1st grade teacher at Ridgeview Elementary.
2. Terri Santee, from Literacy Specialist at Kingsville and Ridgeview Elementary to 4th grade teacher at Kingsville Elementary.
3. Heather Shorter, from 1st grade teacher at Ridgeview Elementary to 7th grade Math teacher at Braden Middle School.

Certified – Suspension of Contract

Approve the suspension of contract beginning with the 2026-27 school year due to the result of the reduction in force (R.I.F.) process.

<u>FTE Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>(full time equivalent)</u>
Julie Oberg	1 st Grade Teacher, Kingsville	1.0

Certified – Non-Renew Permanent Substitute Teachers, effective June 30, 2026

Russell Bleck Donna Holbrooks
Tori Blizzard Cheryl Moscorelli
Nichole David

Certified – Non-Renew Tutor Contracts, effective June 30, 2026

Jennifer Myers Tawnya Smith
Megan Myers Kimberly Weeks
Jessica Poff

Certified – Retirement

David Fowler, Chemistry teacher at Edgewood High School, effective June 30, 2026. Mr. Fowler has served the Buckeye Local School District for 35 years.

Certified – Extracurricular and Special Fee Assignment:

Name	Position	Year	Start Date	Yrs. Exp.	Salary
Sara Howard	Asst. Girls Tennis	2026-27	8/01/26	1	\$1,592.64

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

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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
Alexandra DeGeorge	Asst. Girls Soccer	2026-27	8/01/26	4	\$4,379.76
Mark Hellmer	Asst. Boys Golf	2026-27	8/01/26	1	\$3,185.28
Robert Schmude	Asst. Boys Soccer	2026-27	8/01/26	7+	\$4,777.92

Classified Staff:

Classified – Retirement

Kelly Wojtowicz, Bus Driver for the District, effective July 1, 2026. Ms. Wojtowicz has served the Buckeye Local School District for 5 years.

Classified – Non-Renewal of Contract

Joseph Hackathorn, Bus Driver for the District, non-renewal of contract at the end of the 2025-26 school year.

Classified – 2026 Summer Food Service Program

Stacy Conrad – Manager, \$20.00 per hour

Food Service Workers - \$15.00 per hour

1. Shauna Blizzard
2. Mary Jo Doyle
3. Rebecca Gaines
4. Tawnya Kiser
5. Stacey Libby
6. Cherie Matthews
7. Nicole Paul
8. Stephanie Simmons
9. Debbie Turner
10. Dan Varkett

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Classified - Substitutes

1. Jean Conrad – Summer Foods Program
2. Kelly Ensell – Summer Foods Program
3. Beverly Pierce – Summer Foods Program
4. Sharee Wilpula – Summer Foods Program
5. April Urch – Summer Maintenance

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

The Board of Education is sad to see Mr. Fowler retire and thanked him for everything he has done.

- 80.26** 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:

Certified – Non-Renew Tutor Contract, effective June 30, 2026
Jacqueline Allenbaugh

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

- 81.26** 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:

Classified – Non-Renew Tutor Contract, effective June 30, 2026
Christy Vencill

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

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OTHER BUSINESS – FYI

Mrs. Pike stated we had four EHS students recognized at Junior Achievement.

82.26 ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Patriarco moved and seconded by Mr. Miller to adjourn this regular meeting at 7:18 P.M.

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

Attest: _____

SHANNON PIKE
PRESIDENT

KASSANDRA BRAND
TREASURER