BUCKEYE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 20, 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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1. Opening Items

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call of Members

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C. Meditation

D. Pledge of Allegiance

E. Communications/Special Reports
1) Kingsville Elementary Banner Presentation – Patrick Colucci, Superintendent
2) Buckeye's September Students of the Month

Thank you to our sponsors:

- Ashtabula County YMCA
- Kids Only Learning Center
- CompTech PCS
- Glotzbecker's Service Center
- Hoffmans Pharmacy
- Infield Chiropractic
- Alana and Chad Miller
- Melaragno HVAC
- Ringer Wholesale Imprints, Inc.
- The Kendall Foundation

Congratulations to the following students:

- Chase Cardona, 12th grade, Edgewood High School
- Jack Hrboka, 8th grade, Braden Middle School
- Michael Rose, 5th grade, Kingsville Elementary School
- A'Zaia Knox, 5th grade, Ridgeview Elementary School

3) Administrative Presentation – Tim Pike, Technology Coordinator

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:

School Funding Update
Mrs. Brand, Treasurer, will provide an update regarding school funding.

Reports & Recommendations:

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

A. Approve the September 15, 2026 BOE Regular meeting minutes, as presented to the board on October 15, 2026.

B. Approve bills paid in September and the financial reports as presented to the board on October 15, 2026.

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C. Student Activity Appropriation Adjustments
Approve the Student Activity appropriation adjustments in the amount of $37,471.09.

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D. Ratification of School-Based Health Center Agreements – Ashtabula Regional Medical Center
Approve and ratify the following agreements between the Buckeye Local School District and Ashtabula Regional Medical Center (ARMC):

- **School-Based Health Clinic Agreement**, effective September 30, 2026, for the 2026-2027 school year. Under it, ARMC will provide school-based health clinic services to District students at the Lakeside High / Huron Primary School campus, 2300 Wade Avenue, Ashtabula, Ohio. ARMC will bill students' health insurance for services, at no cost to the District. The District will provide transportation between District buildings and the health center. The District is taking part in the school-based health center transportation pilot program with ARMC. Grant funding through the pilot supports student transportation to the health center and is guaranteed through the end of the 2026-2027 school year. The agreement will renew for later school years only if more grant funding is secured or the District pays the full cost of transportation. Presented in **Exhibit A**.
- **Data Sharing Agreement**, covering how ARMC may use and must protect District data needed to support school-based health center services, in keeping with FERPA. It stays in effect as long as District students are receiving care at ARMC's School-Based Health Center. Presented in **Exhibit B**.
- Further, ratify the Superintendent's and Treasurer's signatures on these agreements on behalf of the Board.

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E. Close Farmer's Bank Account
Approve closing the business savings account held at Farmer's Bank, and transfer all remaining funds, including any accrued interest, to the District's STAR Ohio account.

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F. BEA Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Prescription Drug Coverage for GLP-1 Medications
Approve the BEA MOU regarding prescription drug coverage for GLP-1 medications, effective November 1, 2026, as presented in **Exhibit C**.

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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-3B :

A. Board Policies and Guidelines – First Reading
Approve the following board policies as presented to the board on October 12, 2026:

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- po0145
- po0146
- po1231
- po2265
- po2431
- po2431.07 *New*
- po2461 *Rescind*
- po3231
- po4231
- po5111.01
- po5224 New
- po5330
- po5463
- po5514 *Replacement*
- po6100 New
- po6423
- po7540.10 *New*
- po8120
- po8310
- po8330
- po8470
- po9700

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B. Accept Gift
Accept a donation from Infield Chiropractic, Inc. of $100.00 for Student of the Month.

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4. Personnel

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the following Personnel items as presented in 4A-4L (See item 4M as a separate voting item):

Certified Staff:

A. Certified – Tutor

Sharon Nelson, Home Instruction Tutor, for no more than 5 hours per week, at the hourly tutor rate of $27.87 per hour, effective September 26, 2026.

B. Certified – Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA)

Jennifer Ranck, Teacher at Braden Middle School, effective September 17, 2026 for no more than 12 work weeks in a 12-month period.

C. Certified – Change in Salary- Effective August 17, 2026

1) Emily Artman, from B, $43,797 to B+10, $46,186.
2) Laura Buckius, from M, $78,835 to M+10, $80,428.
3) Shannon Johnston, from M+10, $79,432 to M+20, $81,025.
4) Emma Lamont, from B+10, $48,177 to B+20, $48,973.
5) Pamela Lee, from M+20, $82,020 to M+30, $83,613.
6) Dennis Mitchell, from M, $77,840 to M+10, $79,432.
7) Heather Shorter, from B, $41,806 to M, $48,973.
8) Olivia Szabo, from B+20, $46,983 to M, $50,964.

D. Certified – 2026-2027 Supplemental

Name	Position	Year	Start Date	Salary
Abigail Benjamin	IAT/MTSS Chairperson - R	2026-27	10/01/26	$988.38

E. Certified – Extracurricular and Special Fee Assignment

Name	Position	Year	Start Date	Yrs Exp	Salary
Anthony Cardaman	Head Boys Track	2026-27	02/22/27	4	$5,972.40
Nicole Dufour	Asst. JV Winter Cheer	2026-27	11/01/26	7+	$2,388.96
Sara Howard	Asst. 7/8 Girls Wrestling	2026-27	11/13/26	1	$3,981.60
Renee Mattson	Head Boys Tennis	2026-27	03/08/27	7+	$6,370.56
Beth Simpson	Head Girls Track	2026-27	02/22/27	7+	$6,370.56

F. **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);

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
Eric Bibler	Asst. 7/8 Boys Basketball	2026-27	11/06/26	0	$3,981.60
Olajuwan Cooper	Head Flag Football	2026-27	02/01/27	7+	$4,777.92
Bridget Sherman	Pit Band	2026-27	10/01/26	0	$398.16

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):

Name	Position	Year	Start Date	Yrs Exp	Salary
Nina Farina	Asst. 7/8 Winter Cheer	2026-27	11/01/26	1	$1,592.64
Debra Fleming	Spring Music Director	2026-27	10/01/26	3	$1,990.80
Derek Stern	Head Baseball	2026-27	02/22/27	7+	$6,370.56

Classified Staff:

H. Classified – Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA)
April Urch, Bus Driver for the District, effective August 29, 2026 for no more than 12 work weeks in a 12-month period.

I. Classified – Change in Assignment
1) Leslie Desin, from Bus Driver #19 to Bus Driver #20, 8 hours per day, Step 9 of 25, $23.75 per hour, effective September 21, 2026.
2) Rita Wagner, from Bus Driver #25 to Bus Driver #19, 8 hours per day, Step 8 of 25, $23.57 per hour, effective October 12, 2026.
3) Stacey Libbey, from Cafeteria Service Personnel at Ridgeview to Cafeteria Cook at Edgewood, 4.75 hours per day, Step 5 of 25, $18.14 per hour, effective October 19, 2026.

J. Classified – Substitutes
1) Robert Hayes – Library Aide
2) Janet Pasco – Cafeteria

K. Volunteer
Terry Schlaich – 7/8 Boys Basketball

L. 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) Kourtney Anderson
2) Gary Stuyvesant

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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.

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the following Personnel item as presented in 4M:

M. Non-Certified/Non-Employee – Extracurricular and Special Fee Assignment

Name	Position	Year	Start Date	Yrs Exp	Salary
Randy Vencill	Head Softball	2026-27	02/15/27	5	$5,972.40

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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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