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Minutes of Buckeye Local Board of Education - Regular Meeting
Held July 22, 2025 - 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

Luis Gonzalez, Danyel Ryan, Lisa Loomis, Gentry Paul, Jeff Drake, Tashina Drake, Zach Berdysz, John Crooks, Stephanie Hutchinson

MEDITATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS/SPECIAL REPORTS

Lisa Loomis, Food Service Supervisor, provided the summer foods report stating that 450 children are served each day, advised passed summer administrative review with flying colors, and that the 24/25 CEP report showed increased participation with breakfast being up 33.4% and lunch being up 19%.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

Luis Gonzalez expressed his thoughts and concerns regarding the change in assignment of Stephanie Hutchinson from Edgewood High School to Braden Middle School.

CORRESPONDENCE

A Notice of Public Hearing from the Ashtabula Township Zoning Commission was read. A public hearing to re-zone the Lincoln School Property will be held on August 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Ashtabula Pentecostal Church on Cook Road.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Information

Auditor of State Award Fiscal Year 2024

Biennial Budget Update

Mrs. Brand, Treasurer, provided an update on the Biennial Budget.

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TREASURER'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

137.25 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 June 26, 2025 BOE Regular meeting minutes as presented to the board on July 14, 2025.

Financial Reports

Approve bills paid in June and the financial reports as presented to the board on July 14, 2025.

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

138.25 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:

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 2025-26 academic school year (August 2025 through June 2026) in the amount of \$19,412.76, as presented in **Exhibit A**.

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

139.25 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:

Ashtabula County Educational Service Center (ACESC) Service Agreement, PT

Approve the service agreement with ACESSC for Physical Therapy services for the 2025-26 school year, as presented in **Exhibit B**.

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

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TREASURER'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED)

140.25 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:

Ashtabula County Educational Service Center (ACESC) Service Agreement, OT

Approve the service agreement with ACESSC for Occupational Therapy services for the 2025-26 school year, as presented in **Exhibit C**.

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

141.25 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:

Ashtabula County Educational Service Center (ACESC) Service Agreement, BB

Approve the service agreement with ACESSC for Building Bridges services for the 2025-26 school year, as presented in **Exhibit D**.

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

142.25 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:

Ashtabula County Educational Service Center (ACESC) Service Agreement, Autism Unit

Approve the service agreement with ACESSC for Autism Unit services for the 2025-26 school year, as presented in **Exhibit E**.

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

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TREASURER'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED)

143.25 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:

PI Levy Resolution #2

Approve a resolution to submit to the electors of the school district the question of renewal of an existing 1.9-mil tax levy for the purpose of general permanent improvements, pursuant to section 5705.21 of the Revised Code, as presented in **Exhibit F**.

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

Mr. Kocjancic asked what the impact would be of the override in the House. Mrs. Brand stated there would be no impact.

144.25 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:

Community Counseling Services Agreement

Approve the 1-year agreement (2025-2026 school year) between Community Counseling Center of Ashtabula County and Buckeye Local Schools for pre-crisis screening and behavioral intervention services, as presented in **Exhibit G**.

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

145.25 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:

Educational Funding Group, Inc.

Renew the agreement with the Educational Funding Group, Inc. at the current pricing of \$3,000 or 8% of the actual disbursed funding for each funding year, whichever is greater, to perform the Federal E-Rate Program application process for the three-year period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029, as presented in **Exhibit H**.

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

Mr. Miller asked what this is, and Mrs. Brand replied that it is a group we work with for the Federal E-Rate Program.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 146.25** It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the following items:

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

Board Policies and Guidelines – First Reading

Review the following board policies as presented to the board on July 8, 2025:

Tobacco Policies

po3215	po5530
po4215	po7434
po5512	

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

- 147.25** 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:

Accept Gifts

1. Accept a donation from KMB Photography, Inc. to the BLSD Athletic Department of \$128.03.
2. Accept a donation from Alana and Chad Miller in the amount of \$170.76 for Student of the Month.

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

Mr. Colucci thanked the donors.

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PERSONNEL

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

148.25 Mr. Miller moved and seconded by Mrs. Patriarco to approve the following items:

Certified Staff:

Certified – Appointment

Zachary Berdysz, 6th Grade Teacher at Braden Middle School, effective August 18, 2025, salary to be determined.

Certified – Change in Assignment

1. Emily Artman, from Intervention Specialist at Braden Middle School to Art Teacher at Kingsville and Ridgeview Elementary.
2. Stephanie Hutchinson, from Intervention Specialist at Edgewood High School to Intervention Specialist at Braden Middle School.
3. Shannon Johnston, from 2nd Grade Teacher at Ridgeville Elementary to 3rd grade Teacher at Ridgeview Elementary.
4. Sarah Pallutch, from 5th Grade Teacher at Kingsville Elementary to 4th grade Teacher at Kingsville Elementary.
5. Rachael Richards, from Kindergarten Teacher at Ridgeville Elementary to 2nd Grade Teacher at Ridgeville Elementary.

Certified – Resignations

1. Jennifer Chandler, 6th Grade Social Studies Teacher at Braden Middle School, effective at the end of the 2024-25 school year. Ms. Chandler has served the Buckeye District for 4 years.
2. Bethany Sillaman, Art Teacher at Kingsville and Ridgeview Elementary, effective at the end of the 2024-25 school year. Ms. Sillaman has served the Buckeye District for 6 years.
3. Angela Yelverton, 6th Grade ELA Teacher at Braden Middle School, effective at the end of the 2024-25 school year. Mrs. Yelverton has served the Buckeye District for 4 years.

Certified – Salary Placement

1. Emily Artman, Art Teacher at Kingsville and Ridgeview, B, 1 yr exp., \$40,589.
2. Paul Lauth II, History Teacher at Edgewood High School, B/150, 5 yrs exp., \$49,866.
3. Ashley Nelling, Music Teacher at Braden and Edgewood, M, 15 yrs exp., \$74,606.
4. Heather Shorter, 1st Grade Teacher at Ridgeview Elementary, B, 0 yrs exp., \$38,656.
5. Justin Szuba, ELA Teacher at Edgewood High School, B+20, 2 yrs exp., \$45,614.

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PERSONNEL (CONTINUED)

Certified – Revised Extended Time for 2025-2026 School Year:

1. Ashley Nelling, Chorus Director, Braden Middle School, \$403.28 per day (Up to 5 days).
2. Ashley Nelling, Chorus Director, Edgewood High School, \$403.28 per day (Up to 10 days).

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):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Yrs Exp</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Cyllie Wiley	Asst. 7/8 Volleyball	2025-26	08/01/25	0	\$3,865.60

Classified Staff:

Classified – Disability Leave

Clifford Murphy, Maintenance-Groundskeeper, effective September 19, 2025. He will have the right to return to this position through September 2027.

Classified – Substitute

Kelly Ensell – Food Service

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PERSONNEL (CONTINUED)

One-Year Temporary Non-Bachelor's Substitute Teaching License 2025-26 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 2025-26 school year to applicants who do not hold a post-secondary degree but meet the employing school or district's educational requirement with board approval.

1. Megan English
2. Rachel Kemmerle
3. Josephine Measel

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

Mr. Colucci welcomed 6th grade teacher at Braden, Mr. Berdysz.

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. Kocjancic wished the band good luck at Band Camp. The band will be performing on Thursday, July 24th at 7:00 pm at Penn West Edinboro.

149.25 ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kocjancic moved and seconded by Mr. Miller to adjourn this regular meeting at 6:57 P.M.

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

Attest: _____

SHANNON PIKE
PRESIDENT

KASSANDRA BRAND
TREASURER