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Held June 23, 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

Shannon Johnston, Dino Johnston, Alana Miller, Ethan Leube and family, Robert Taylor, Michelle Taylor, Scott Lott, Carrie Lott, Andrew Hunt, Danielle Bott, Bonnie Skora, Bob Ettinger, Christopher Gillett

MEDITATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS/SPECIAL REPORTS

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

TREASURER'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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

Approval of Minutes

Approve the May 19, 2026 BOE Regular meeting minutes as presented to the board on June 22, 2026.

Financial Reports

Approve bills paid in May and the financial reports as presented to the board on June 22, 2026.

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

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TREASURER'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED)

109.26 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:

FY2026 Final Appropriations

Approve the Final Appropriations for fiscal year 2026, as presented in **Exhibit A**.

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

110.26 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:

Amended Certificate

Authorize the Treasurer to request an Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources from the County Auditor.

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

111.26 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:

Advances

Authorize the Treasurer to advance funds from the general fund to the following funds. All funds will be repaid to the general fund during fiscal year 2027.

- 200-0000 National Honors Society \$1,605.11
- 572-9026 Title I FY2026 \$12,551.79
- 584-9026 Title IV FY2026 \$5,500.00
- 590-9026 Title II FY2026 \$5,547.86

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

Mrs. Brand updated the National Honors Society advance amount.

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112.26 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:

FY2027 Temporary Appropriations

Approve fiscal year 2027 temporary appropriations at 25% of fiscal year 2026 expenditures for the following funds:

- 001 General Fund
- 003 Permanent Improvement Fund
- 006 Lunchroom Fund
- 070 Capital Projects Fund

And to appropriate the unencumbered balances for the following funds:

- 009 Uniform Supply Fund
- 018 Student Activity Funds
- 019 Other Grants
- 200 Student Activity Funds
- 300 Student Activity Funds
- 416-9000 Local Professional Development Grant
- 499-9004 Best Practices Grant
- 499-9024 ARC Wastewater/Pump Station Grant
- 499-9026 Bus Safety Grant
- 499-9050 AG Safety Training Grant
- 572-9026 Title I Grant
- 584-9026 Title IV Grant
- 590-9026 Title II Grant

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

113.26 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:

Athletic Transfer

Authorize the transfer of \$35,000.00 from the general fund into Fund 300-0000 for athletics.

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

Mr. Miller asked what this covers, and Mrs. Brand replied it covers the negative athletic accounts from the 2025-2026 school year.

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114.26 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:

Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority, Inc. (SORSA)

Approve the participation agreement with Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority, Inc. (SORSA) for the district's property and liability insurance for fiscal year 2027, effective July 1, 2026, as presented in **Exhibit B**.

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

Mr. Miller clarified that this is for the district's annual property and liability insurance, and Mrs. Brand replied yes.

115.26 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:

Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project Change Orders

Approve the two (2) Change Orders as listed below:

- Change Order #1 – Approve the change order for 36" Concentric Cones in the amount of \$4,870.25, as presented in **Exhibit C**.
- Change Order #2 – Approve the change order for Air Release Valve Seal Kits in the amount of \$11,890.00, as presented in **Exhibit D**.

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

Mr. Vencill asked if this was for Route 20, and Mrs. Brand replied that these change orders address the manhole covers and air release valves for the Edgewood High School pump station project.

116.26 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 Elementary School Façade Repair and Preventative Maintenance

Accept the combined base and alternate proposal from Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. for façade repair work at Kingsville Elementary School, as presented in **Exhibit E**.

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

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117.26 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:

Equipment Disposal Requests

Approve the list of equipment to be disposed of, as presented in **Exhibit F**.

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

118.26 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:

Exterior Athletic Facility Improvements

Approve the agreement between AstroTurf Corporation and Buckeye Local Schools for exterior athletic facility improvements at Edgewood High School, including the construction of a new eight-lane track, installation of three new tennis courts, and renovation of the existing three tennis courts, as presented in **Exhibit G**. This project supports student athletic programming, reduces reliance on outside facilities, expands opportunities for hosting events, and enhances community recreational access while remaining consistent with the District's long-term capital plan.

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

Mr. Miller clarified that this contract is for the bid awarded to AstroTurf last month for the tennis courts and track. Mrs. Brand replied yes and that change orders will be presented separately if/as needed.

119.26 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:

Corlew Stadium Bleachers Repair

Review the proposals received to replace all existing wood boards on the home side bleachers at Corlew Stadium and approve a vendor and contract amount as determined by the Board during the meeting.

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

Mr. Vencill stated treated lumber may be wet if not cured in time. Mr. Miller stated if being painted to go with untreated. Mr. Vencill also stated that galvanized parts would be necessary. Motion would be to approve the quote for non-treated pine with galvanized bolts. JCS Building Co, LLC is lowest bidder at \$17,900.00.

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TREASURER'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED)

120.26 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:

Restroom Dividers

Approve the quote from Shiffler Equipment Sales for the installation of restroom solid partitions at Braden Middle School, as presented in **Exhibit H**.

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

Mr. Vencill asked if Shiffler did our last ones, and Mrs. Brand replied yes and that this quote is for Braden Middle School restroom dividers.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

121.26 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 and Student Support – Additional Responsibilities for the 2026-27 School Year

1. Jenny Riedel, Edgewood Assistant Principal, \$7,500 stipend for additional responsibilities as District Online Coordinator (paid out of Title I funds).
2. Alissa Zappitelli, Special Education Supervisor, \$2,500 stipend for additional responsibilities as District Test Coordinator (paid out of Title I funds).

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

122.26 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:

Athletic Policy – Student/Parent Handbook

Approve the Athletic Student/Parent Handbook for the 2026-27 school year, as presented in **Exhibit I**.

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

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

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

Kingsville Public Library 2027 Tax Budget and Financial Statement

Approve the 2027 Tax Budget and Financial Statement for the Kingsville Public Library, as presented in **Exhibit J**.

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

- 124.26** 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:

Band Camp Overnight Trip

Approve the request to hold band camp at Penn West University, Edinboro, PA from Sunday, July 19 through Friday, July 24, 2026, pending all proper certifications.

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

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

Mr. Kocjancic moved and seconded by Mr. Vencill 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 Jim DuFour of new flowers, bushes, and mulch valued at \$350.00 used for the Edgewood High School sign project.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mr. Kocjancic, Mr. Vencill, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Patriarco, 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:

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

Certified Staff:

Certified – Appointments

1. Ethan Leube, Social Studies teacher at Edgewood High School, B, 0 yrs. exp., \$39,816, effective August 17, 2026.
2. Amanda Perisa-Semancik, Intervention Specialist at Kingsville Elementary, M+20, 14 yrs. exp., \$78,039, effective August 17, 2026.
3. Kevin Wahlmark, Chemistry teacher at Edgewood High School, M+20, 17 yrs. exp., \$81,025, effective August 17, 2026.

Certified – Change in Assignment

1. Heather Shorter, from 7th grade Math teacher at Braden to 1st grade teacher at Ridgeview Elementary.
2. Julie Oberg, from RIF list to 2nd grade teacher at Ridgeview Elementary.
3. Angela Wargula, from 2nd grade teacher at Ridgeview Elementary to 3rd grade teacher at Ridgeview Elementary.

Certified – Tutor

Kira Campbell, Extended School Year tutor, Ridgeview Elementary, for a total of 7 hours at the hourly tutor rate of pay of \$27.06 per hour.

Certified – Technology

Gregory Stolfer, Technology, approve 175 additional hours for the 2026-27 school year, effective July 1, 2026.

Certified – 2026-27 Supplemental (Building) Contracts

Approve the list of certified employees for extra-curricular & special fee assignments as presented in **Exhibit K**.

Certified - Resignation

Brittany Lefker, 7th grade Math teacher at Braden Middle School, effective at the end of the 2025-26 school year.

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PERSONNEL (CONTINUED)

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
Gretchen Hill	Asst. Cross Country	2026-27	08/01/26	4	\$3,583.44
Sidney Melaragno	Asst. 7/8 Volleyball	2026-27	08/01/26	0	\$3,981.60
Mahlea Pierson	Asst. 7/8 Volleyball	2026-27	08/01/26	0	\$3,981.60

Classified Staff:

Classified – Appointments

1. Roger Kubat, Bus Driver #20 for the District, 8 hours per day, Step 1 of 25, \$20.78 per hour, effective August 17, 2026.
2. Melinda Raymond, Bus Driver-Floater for the District, 8 hours per day, Step 1 of 25, \$20.78 per hour, effective August 17, 2026.
3. Kristin Sparks, Van Driver for the District, 6 hours per day, Step 1 of 25, \$17.66 per hour, effective August 17, 2026.

Classified – Resignation

Candy Shelott, SMEA at Kingsville Elementary, effective at the end of the 2025-26 school year.

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PERSONNEL (CONTINUED)

Classified – Retirement

Rebecca Gaines, Cafeteria Manager at Edgewood High School, effective July 1, 2026. Mrs. Gaines has served the Buckeye School District for 30 years.

Classified – Substitutes

Approve the list of classified substitutes for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented in **Exhibit L**.

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. Cheryl Damron
2. Rebecca Forbes
3. Donna Holbrooks
4. Rachel Kemmerle
5. William Luce
6. Josephine Measel
7. Lisa Miller

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

The Board of Education congratulated Mrs. Gaines on her retirement.

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

Michelle Taylor spoke to the Board of Education about safety concerns.

OTHER BUSINESS – FYI

None.

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127.26 ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Patriarco moved and seconded by Mr. Miller to adjourn this regular meeting at 6:58 P.M.

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

Attest: _____

SHANNON PIKE
PRESIDENT

KASSANDRA BRAND
TREASURER