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## **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, Jeff Drake, Tashina Drake

### **MEDITATION**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **COMMUNICATIONS/SPECIAL REPORTS**

None.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

A thank you card from Scarlett Liplin was read.

### **TREASURER'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**150.25** 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 July 22, 2025 BOE Regular meeting minutes as presented to the board on August 12, 2025.

#### **Financial Reports**

Approve bills paid in July and the financial reports as presented to the board on August 12, 2025.

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

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### **TREASURER'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED)**

**151.25** 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:**

Student Activity Appropriation Adjustments

Approve the Student Activity appropriation adjustments in the amount of \$1,706.14.

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

**152.25** It is the recommendation of the Treasurer that the Board approve the following item:

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

American Fidelity Section 125 Plan

Approve the agreement with American Fidelity as the Section 125 Plan service provider for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026, as presented in **Exhibit A**.

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

Mr. Miller asked what this Section 125 Plan agreement is, and Mrs. Brand replied that it allows the District to offer pre-tax health insurance premiums to employees.

**153.25** 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:**

Creation of Funds

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

- 499-9925 Ohio Emergency Management Agency Grant (FY25 Winter Storm)

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

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**154.25** 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:**

Appalachian Development Program Grant Amendment

Approve the amendment to the Appalachian Development Program Grant Agreement extending the grant period through January 31, 2026, as presented in **Exhibit B**.

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

Mr. Miller asked what this agreement is, and Mrs. Brand replied that it is an extension to the timeline of the ARC Grant for the pump station through 1/31/2026. Mr. Vencill asked when this project would be complete, and Mrs. Brand replied that work will begin once the bid is awarded. The projected date of substantial completion is 1/31/2026.

**155.25** 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:**

Greatwave Onsite Service Agreement

Approve the two-year agreement between Greatwave Communications and Buckeye Local Schools for 1,440 hours of onsite services during the 24-month period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027, as presented in **Exhibit C**.

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

Mr. Vencill asked if this is our typical agreement, and Mrs. Brand replied yes.

**156.25** 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:**

Urgent Necessity Resolution for Remediation and Restoration at Ridgeview Elementary

Approve a resolution authorizing the Superintendent and Treasurer to immediately seek competitive quotes for immediate remediation and restoration services to address indoor air quality, contamination risks, and moisture damage at Ridgeview Elementary School and to proceed with the urgently needed work as soon as possible, as presented in **Exhibit D**.

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

Mr. Miller asked if this was for the water in the basement, and Mr. Colucci replied yes.

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### **TREASURER'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED)**

**157.25** 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:**

Equipment Disposal Requests

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

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

**158.25** 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:**

Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. (WTI) EHS Wall Bracing

Accept the proposal from WTI for installing wall bracing at Edgewood High School, as presented in **Exhibit F**.

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

**159.25** 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:**

Sanitary Sewer Improvements Bid

Accept the Buckley Group's recommendation to award the sanitary sewer improvements bid to Fabrizi Trucking and Paving in the amount of \$367,520.00.

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

**160.25** 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:**

Then and Now Certificate

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer the following be approved:

WHEREAS, Section 5704.41 requires the fiscal officer of a school district to certify the amount required to make an expenditure has been lawfully appropriated and is in the school district's treasury, free from any previous encumbrances before the expenditure is made.

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WHEREAS, there are exceptions to the requirement, and

WHEREAS, the exceptions are: an invoice that exceeds a purchase order by \$3,000, "then and now" certificates, and blanket certificates in the amount of \$50,000 or more;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BUCKEYE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

To approve the following Then and Now Certificate:

PO Number 260352, Vendor: Greatwave Communications, Description: Telephone and Internet Services, Amount \$6,477.12.

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

**161.25** 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:**

#### Kanect Recycling

Accept the offer from Kanect Recycling to scrap the four (4) obsolete school buses listed below for \$1,000 each, for a total of \$4,000.

- 2013 International Bus #4
- 2013 International Bus #12
- 2013 International Bus #13
- 2010 International Bus #6

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

**162.25** 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:**

#### UAW Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Approve the UAW MOU regarding the groundskeeper position, as presented in **Exhibit G**.

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

Mr. Miller asked if the disabled employee was eligible to return within three (3) years, and Mrs. Brand replied that the district will follow SERS guidelines and determination.

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## **TREASURER'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED)**

**163.25** 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:**

UAW Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Approve the UAW MOU regarding the bus drivers' trip rate and call-in pay for canceled trips, as presented in **Exhibit H**.

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

**164.25** 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:**

UAW Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Approve the UAW MOU regarding the custodial/maintenance shift differential, as presented in **Exhibit I**.

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

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**165.25** 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:**

Board Policies and Guidelines – Second Reading

Approve 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, Mrs. Patriarco, Mr. Miller, Mr. Vencill, and Mrs. Pike  
Motion carried

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### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED)**

- 166.25** 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:**

#### Accept Gifts

1. Accept a donation from the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) to the BLSD Athletic Department of \$1,250.00.
2. Accept a donation from Melaragno HVAC in the amount of \$100.00 for Student of the Month.
3. Accept a donation from Alana and Chad Miller in the amount of \$85.38 for Student of the Month.

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

Mr. Colucci thanked the donors.

### **PERSONNEL**

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

- 167.25 Mr. Kocjancic moved and seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the following items:**

#### **Certified Staff:**

##### Certified – Appointment

Tawnya Smith, Academic Tutor at Braden Middle School, 7.50 hours per day, \$27.06 per hour, effective August 18, 2025

##### Certified – Resignation

Nicole Dufour, 7/8 Assistant Fall/Winter Cheer Coach, effective August 11, 2025.

##### Certified – Salary Placement

1. Anthony Cardaman III, Spanish Teacher at Edgewood High School, B+10, 5 yrs. exp., \$50,639.
2. Kelley Loudon, from M+20, 26 yrs. exp. to M+30, 26 yrs. exp, \$82,144.
3. Jaclyn Trask, Intervention Specialist Teacher at Edgewood High School, M+30, 24 yrs. exp., \$81,178.

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**PERSONNEL (CONTINUED)**

Certified – Permanent Substitutes for 2025-26 School Year

The following individuals will be employed up to 4 days per week at \$160 per day as a substitute teacher for the 2025-2026 school year.

1. Russell Bleck – Edgewood High School
2. Donna Holbrooks – Braden Middle School
3. Shelby Schwotzer – Ridgeview Elementary

Certified – Long-Term Substitute

Shelby Schwotzer, Long-Term Substitute, Ridgeview Elementary, \$160 per day, effective August 18, 2025.

Certified – Extracurricular and Special Fee Assignments

Name	Position	Year	Start Date	Yrs Exp	Salary
Nicole Dufour	Fall JV Cheerleading	2025-26	08/01/25	7+	\$2,319.36
Nicole Dufour	Winter JV Cheerleading	2025-26	10/24/25	7+	\$2,319.36

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):

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### PERSONNEL (CONTINUED)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Yrs Exp</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Nina Farina	Asst. Fall 7/8 Cheerleading	2025-26	08/01/25	0	\$1,546.24
Nina Farina	Asst. Winter 7/8 Cheerleading	2025-26	10/24/25	0	\$1,546.24
Mark Hellmer	Asst. JV Boys Golf	2025-26	08/01/25	0	\$3,092.48
MaKenna Rhodes	Asst. 7/8 Volleyball	2025-26	08/01/25	0	\$3,865.60
Reinaldo Tirado	7/8 Football	2025-26	08/01/25	0	\$3,865.60

### **Classified Staff:**

#### Classified – Change in Assignments

1. Timothy Marshall, from Maintenance to Maintenance-Groundskeeper, Step 9 of 25, \$21.65 per hour, effective August 4, 2025.
2. Michael Boone, from 1<sup>st</sup> Shift Custodian at Kingsville to Maintenance, Step 6 of 25, \$21.25 per hour, effective August 14, 2025.

#### Classified – Resignations

1. Joshua Goodenow, Assistant Football Coach, effective August 5, 2025.
2. Tracey McNeil, Bus Driver for the District, effective August 20, 2025. Ms. McNeil has served the Buckeye District for 7 years.
3. Shawna Whittaker, Assistant Fall/Winter JV Cheer Coach, effective August 11, 2025.

#### Classified – Substitutes

1. Nina Farina – Admin Assistant, SMEA/LA/CG
2. Tammie Foltz - Cafeteria
3. Cherie Matthews – Admin Assistant, Cafeteria
4. Julie Orsuto – Custodian
5. Sherri Price – Cafeteria, SMEA/LA
6. Ashley Wagner – Cafeteria, Custodian
7. Jaqueline Wolford – SMEA/LA

#### Volunteer

Jim Lamson – Girls Golf

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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 134<sup>th</sup> 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. Russell Bleck
2. Tori Blizzard
3. Nina Farina
4. Rylee Messent
5. Tracy Messina

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

**OTHER BUSINESS – FYI**

The Board thanked Morgan French for the concession stand upgrades and all of her hard work and dedication.

**168.25 ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Kocjancic moved and seconded by Mr. Vencill to adjourn this regular meeting at 6:44 P.M.

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

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

SHANNON PIKE  
PRESIDENT

KASSANDRA BRAND  
TREASURER