

BUCKEYE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 21, 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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REGULAR BOARD MEETING**
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1. Opening Items

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call of Members

___Kocjancic ___Miller ___ Patriarco ___Pike ___Vencill

C. Meditation

D. Pledge of Allegiance

E. Communications/Special Reports

1) Buckeye's March Students of the Month

Thank you to our sponsors:

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

2) Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools (CORAS) Outstanding Elementary School Teacher Award Presentation – Kathryn Rozzo, Ridgeview Elementary School

3) Administrative Presentation – Tracy DeLuca, Ridgeview Elementary Principal

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:

Property Tax Update

Mrs. Brand, Treasurer, will provide the Board with an update regarding property tax.

Reports & Recommendations:

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

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

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

___ **Kocjancic** ___ **Miller** ___ **Patriarco** ___ **Pike** ___ **Vencill**

C. Student Activity Appropriation Adjustments

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

___ **Kocjancic** ___ **Miller** ___ **Patriarco** ___ **Pike** ___ **Vencill**

D. 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**.

___ **Kocjancic** ___ **Miller** ___ **Patriarco** ___ **Pike** ___ **Vencill**

E. 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.

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F. 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**.

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G. 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.

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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 – 3F:

A. 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

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B. 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.

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C. 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**.

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D. Student Accident Insurance

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

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E. 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**.

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F. 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’x12’ storage shed, storage racks, and playground toys totaling \$5,316.43.
- 4) Accept a donation from KMB Photography, Inc. to the BLSD Athletic Department in the amount of \$119.32.

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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-4K (See items 4L-4M as separate voting items):

Certified Staff:

A. 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.

B. 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

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

Russell Bleck	Donna Holbrooks
Tori Blizzard	Cheryl Moscorelli
Nichole David	

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

Jennifer Myers	Tawnya Smith
Megan Myers	Kimberly Weeks
Jessica Poff	

E. Certified – Retirements

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

F. Certified – Extracurricular and Special Fee Assignments:

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

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):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Yrs Exp</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Alexandra DeGeorge	Asst. Girls Soccer	2026-27	8/1/26	4	\$4,379.76
Mark Hellmer	Asst. Boys Golf	2026-27	8/1/26	1	\$3,185.28
Robert Schmude	Asst. Boys Soccer	2026-27	8/1/26	7+	\$4,777.92

Classified Staff:

H. 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.

I. 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.

J. 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

K. 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

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

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

Jacqueline Allenbaugh

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M. Classified – Non-Renew Tutor Contracts, effective June 30, 2026

Christy Vencill

___Kocjancic ___Miller ___ Patriarco ___Pike ___Vencill

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.

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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