

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Minutes of Buckeye Local Board of Education - Regular Meeting
Held March 24, 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

Tim Neal, Joe Gerics, Kristi Feather, Tiana Starcher, Zoey Starcher, Zachary Starcher, Raeann Eldred, Giana Varchetto, Shannon Johnston, Danyel Ryan, Krystle Sleight, Delphine Hull, Shandrekia Hull, Bella Patterson, Addison Snelling, Amanda Snelling, David Snelling, Connor Snelling, Serenity Snelling, Ya'mere Semancik, Eleanor Semancik, Amanda Perisa-Semancik, Carolanne Semancik, Christopher Gillett, Bob Ettinger

MEDITATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS/SPECIAL REPORTS

Buckeye's February 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:

Bella Patterson, 11th grade, Edgewood High School
Addison Snelling, 7th grade, Braden Middle School
Eleanor Semancik, Kindergarten, Kingsville Elementary School
Zoey Starcher, Kindergarten, Ridgeview Elementary School

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

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TREASURER'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

55.26 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 February 25, 2026 BOE Regular meeting minutes as presented to the board on March 11, 2026.

Financial Reports

Approve bills paid in February and the financial reports as presented to the board on March 11, 2026.

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

56.26 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:

Student Activity Appropriation Adjustments

Approve the Student Activity appropriation adjustments in the amount of \$11,497.55.

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

57.26 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:

Equipment/Textbook Disposal Requests

Approve the list of equipment and textbooks to be disposed of, as presented in **Exhibit A**.

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

Mr. Miller would like the form to be updated. Mrs. Brand will have it updated.

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TREASURER’S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED)

58.26 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:

Subject Technologies, Inc.

Approve the agreement with Subject Technologies, Inc. for internet-based educational delivery and digital curriculum, for the period of 6/1/2026 through 6/1/2027, as presented in **Exhibit B**.

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

59.26 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:

Ohio Schools Council Electricity Purchase Program Agreement

Approve the agreement enabling the Ohio Schools Council to obtain the best rates and terms possible from electricity suppliers and negotiate electricity supply contracts on behalf of participating members, as presented in **Exhibit C**.

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

60.26 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:

FY26 Amended Appropriations

- 499-9050 Attorney General Safety Grant in the amount of \$14,550.84
- 499-9026 School Bus Safety Grant FY26 in the amount of \$23,140.00

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

Mr. Miller asked why we are amending these. Mrs. Brand stated these are new grant funds that were not in our original appropriations.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

61.26 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:

Board Policies and Guidelines – Second Reading

Approve the following board policies as presented to the board on December 11, 2025:

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- po5410
- po7540.02
- po7540.04

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

62.26 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:

Revised Gifted Identification and Service Plan

Approve the revised gifted identification and service plan, as presented in **Exhibit D**.

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

63.26 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 American Income Life Insurance Company to the Buckeye Local School District in the amount of \$68.00 to be used in any educational capacity needed.
2. Accept a donation from Alana and Chad Miller in the amount of \$85.38 for Student of the Month.

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SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED)

3. Accept a donation from Valvoline Express Care – Ashtabula of \$100.00 to be used for Student of the Month.

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

Mr. Colucci thanked all donors.

PERSONNEL

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

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

Certified Staff:

Certified – Resignation

Terri Santee, IAT/MTSS Chairperson at Kingsville Elementary, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

Certified – Change in Salary – Effective January 20, 2026

1. Amy Brennan, from M+10 at \$79,052, to M+20 at \$80,598.
2. Beverly DeSalvo, from M+20 at \$75,766, to M+30 at \$77,312.
3. Shannon Johnston, from M at \$74,606, to M+10 at \$76,152.
4. Olivia Szabo, from B+10 at \$42,908, to B+20 at \$43,681.

Certified – Extracurricular and Special Fee Assignment:

Name	Position	Year	Start Date	Yrs. Exp.	Salary
Jessica Pocci	Head Cheerleading – Fall	2026-27	8/01/26	7+	\$4,777.92

Classified Staff:

Classified – Retirement

Marie Rapose, Guidance Administrative Assistant at Edgewood High School, effective August 1, 2026. Mrs. Rapose has served the Buckeye district for 14 years.

Classified – Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA)

Tari Simon, Bus Driver for the District, effective March 20, 2026, for no more than 12 work weeks in a 12-month period.

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PERSONNEL (CONTINUED)

Classified - Substitutes

1. Lisa Hewitt – Cafeteria
2. Gretchen Hill – Administrative Assistant

One-Year Temporary Non-Bachelor’s Substitute Teaching License 2025-2026 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 2025-2026 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. Jenesia Barger
2. Alainna Sabo

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

The Board thanked Mrs. Rapose for her service.

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

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

Classified - Appointment

Alana Miller, Administrative Assistant at Edgewood High School, 8 hours per day, Step 1 of 25, \$18.39 per hour, effective March 11, 2026.

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

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OTHER BUSINESS – FYI

Mr. Kocjancic stated the EHS Alumni Board Pancake Breakfast was wonderful.

66.26 ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Vencill moved and seconded by Mrs. Patriarco to adjourn this regular meeting at 6:55 P.M.

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

Attest: _____

SHANNON PIKE
PRESIDENT

KASSANDRA BRAND
TREASURER