

BUCKEYE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, August 18, 2025
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:

1. The board of education will achieve excellence in learner-focused governance.
2. The board of education will conduct efficient and effective meetings.
3. 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
Monday, August 18, 2025**

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

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

Reports & Recommendations:

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

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

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

____Kocjancic ____Miller ____ Patriarco ____Pike ____Vencill

C. Student Activity Appropriation Adjustments

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

___Kocjancic ___Miller ___ Patriarco ___Pike ___Vencill

D. 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**.

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E. 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)

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F. 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**.

___Kocjancic ___Miller ___ Patriarco ___Pike ___Vencill

G. 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**.

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H. 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**.

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I. Equipment Disposal Requests

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

___Kocjancic ___Miller ___ Patriarco ___Pike ___Vencill

J. Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. (WTI) EHS Wall Bracing

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

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K. 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.

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L. 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.

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

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M. 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

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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 – 3B:

A. 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

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B. 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.

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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-4L:

Certified Staff:

A. Certified – Appointments

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

B. Certified – Resignation

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

C. 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.

D. 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

E. Certified – Long-Term Substitute

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

F. Certified – Extracurricular and Special Fee Assignment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Yrs Exp</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Nicole Dufour	Fall JV Cheerleading	2025-26	8/01/25	7+	\$2,319.36
Nicole Dufour	Winter JV Cheerleading	2025-26	10/24/25	7+	\$2,319.36

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>
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:

H. Classified – Change in Assignment

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

I. Classified – Resignation

- 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.

J. Classified – Substitute

- 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

K. Volunteer

Jim Lamson – Girls Golf

L. 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 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

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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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