

BUCKEYE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 13, 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:

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

Gregory Kocjancic

Chad Miller

Stephanie Patriarco

Shannon Pike

Roman Vencill

Mr. Patrick Colucci
Superintendent

Mrs. Kassandra Brand
Treasurer

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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) School Board Recognition/Proclamation – Mr. Colucci & Mrs. Brand, **Exhibit A**.
- 2) Buckeye's December 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

Congratulations to the following students:

- Elaina Huntley, 9th grade, Edgewood High School
- Myah Perez Coronado, 7th grade, Braden Middle School
- Hank Mills, 2nd grade, Kingsville Elementary School
- Logan Brown, 2nd grade, Ridgeview Elementary School

- 3) Administrative Presentation – Student Success and Career Pathway Plan
Dr. Joseph Gerics, Danyel Ryan, Scott Wludyga, Sarah Izzi

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 – 2J:

- A. Approve the December 16, 2025 BOE Regular meeting minutes as presented to the board on January 11, 2026.
- B. Approve bills paid in December and the financial reports as presented to the board on January 11, 2026.

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C. Student Activity Appropriation Adjustments

Approve the Student Activity appropriation adjustments in the amount of \$19,357.71.

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D. Mileage Rate Increase

Approve a mileage rate increase to \$0.725 (72.5 cents) per mile as the prescribed mileage rate, effective January 1, 2026.

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E. 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Tax Budget

Adopt the tax budget for the twelve-month period commencing July 1, 2026, as presented in **Exhibit B**.

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F. Operational Substitute Minimum Wage Increase

Revise minimum wage to \$11.00 per hour for Student Workers serving in operational positions due to state guidelines, effective January 1, 2026.

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G. Equipment Disposal Request

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

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H. College Credit Plus (CCP) Agreements

- 1) **Kent State University (KSU)** – Approve the College Credit Plus Memorandum of Understanding between Kent State University and Buckeye Local Schools to offer college level courses to Buckeye Local School District students for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented in **Exhibit D**.
- 2) **Lakeland Community College (LCC)** – Approve the College Credit Plus Partnership Agreement between Lakeland Community College and Buckeye Local Schools to offer college level courses to Buckeye Local School District students for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented in **Exhibit E**.

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I. Rescind and Transfer Capital Plan Projects Fund

Approve the resolution rescinding the Classroom Facilities Capital Project Fund, authorizing and directing the transfer of the money therein to the general fund, authorizing and directing the transfer of that money from the general fund to the Capital Projects Fund, and amending the resolution establishing that fund, as presented in **Exhibit F**.

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J. Solicitation of Bids for Capital Plan Projects

Authorize the Superintendent and Treasurer to solicit sealed bids for the projects listed below, in accordance with the district's capital plan. Upon approval, the district will publicly advertise the availability of contracts for these projects and solicit sealed bids.

- Edgewood High School Ventilation Improvements - main electrical panel upgrades, classroom ventilation, and air conditioning for the gymnasium and auditorium
- Operations Automation System
- District-wide Window Replacements
- Kingsville Elementary ADA Compliance Improvements
- Corlew Stadium Improvements - new bleachers, sod replacement, and irrigation system
- Eight-Lane Track Construction
- Tennis Courts - renovation of three existing courts and construction of three additional courts

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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 – 3E:

A. 2026-2027 District Calendar

Approve the 2026-2027 Buckeye Local School District Calendar, as presented in **Exhibit G**.

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B. Board Policies and Guidelines - Second Reading

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

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• po1422	• po2431	• po4123	• po6152
• po1422.02 (Rescind)	• po3122	• po4362 (Rescind)	• po6830
• po1623	• po3122.02	• po5130	• po8300
• po1662	• po3123	• po5136	• po8305
• po2260	• po3130	• po5200	• po8400
• po2260.01	• po3362 (Rescind)	• po5223	• po8462
• po2266	• po4122	• po5780.01	• po8640
• po2430.02	• po4122.02 (Rescind)	• po6109	• po9270

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C. David Grossman & Associates PLLC Legal Services Contract

Approve a resolution authorizing the Superintendent or Treasurer to execute a legal services contract with David Grossman & Associates PLLC and its partner firms to prosecute on a contingency basis civil legal claims for breach of contract and all appropriate claims against the defendants in the cases of 'Adolescent Social Media and Video Game Addiction', as presented in **Exhibit H**.

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D. Substitute Rate Per Hour Increase

Approve a resolution to increase the substitute rate to \$11.00 per hour for the following positions effective January 1, 2026:

- Courier
- Crossing Guards
- Summer Maintenance for Non-Contracted Employees

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E. Accept Gifts

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-4J:

Certified Staff:

A. Certified – After-School Tutors (Hourly)

Approve the following After-School Tutors, 2 days per week, on Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm, plus 30 minutes per week for planning, for a total of 2.50 hours per week, at the tutor rate of \$27.06 per hour, effective January 5 through April 9, 2026:

Kingsville:

Katie Measel

Terri Santee

Kimberly Weeks

Ridgeview:

Abigail Benjamin

Shannon Johnston

Tori Sidbeck

B. Certified Appointments for Extended Time for 2025-2026 School Year

Approve the following appointments for 10 days extended time for the 2025-2026 school year per the approved MOU, at the per diem rate of pay:

- 1) Angela Ponteri, Concert Band, Braden and Edgewood
- 2) Connie Sommers, Concert Band, Braden and Edgewood

C. Certified – Appointment

Joel Taylor, Long-Term Substitute for Social Studies at Edgewood High School, effective January 16, 2026.

D. Certified – Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA)

Heidi Robinson, 4th Grade Teacher at Ridgeview Elementary, effective August 4, 2025, for no more than 12 work weeks in a 12-month period.

E. Certified – Resignation

Anthony Cardaman III, Girls Head Track coach, effective December 17, 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>
Anthony Cardaman, III	Head Boys Track	2025-26	2/23/26	3	\$5,411.84

**G. SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION TO APPOINT CERTIFIED /
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, the board has deemed the following certified/licensed non-employee(s) 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>
Steven Hill	Head Girls Track	2025-26	2/23/26	7+	\$6,184.96
Mary Cornely	Asst. 7/8 Girls Track	2025-26	2/23/26	7+	\$4,252.16

Classified Staff:

H. Classified – Resignation

Louis Murphy, Assistant Boys Tennis Coach, effective January 7, 2026.

I. Volunteer

Louis Murphy – Boys Tennis

J. 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 year to applicants who do not hold a post-secondary degree but meet the employing school or district's educational requirements with board approval.

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 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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