

BUCKEYE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 22, 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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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

Information:

Auditor of State Award Fiscal Year 2024

Biennial Budget Update

Mrs. Brand, Treasurer, will provide an update on the Biennial Budget.

Reports & Recommendations:

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

A. Approve the June 26, 2025 BOE Regular meeting minutes, as presented to the board on July 14, 2025.

- B. Approve bills paid in June and the financial reports as presented to the board on July 14, 2025.

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

- C. Ashtabula County Continued Education Support Services (ACCESS)

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between ACCESS and Buckeye Local Schools for three days of advisory services per week for thirty-two weeks during the 2025-26 academic school year (August 2025 through June 2026) in the amount of \$19,412.76, as presented in **Exhibit A**.

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

- D. Ashtabula County Educational Service Center (ACESC) Service Agreement, PT

Approve the service agreement with ACESSC for Physical Therapy services for the 2025-26 school year, as presented in **Exhibit B**.

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

- E. Ashtabula County Education Service Center (ACESC) Service Agreement, OT

Approve the service agreement with ACESSC for Occupational Therapy services for the 2025-26 school year, as presented in **Exhibit C**.

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

- F. Ashtabula County Educational Service Center (ACESC) Service Agreement, BB

Approve the service agreement with ACESSC for Building Bridges services for the 2025-26 school year, as presented in **Exhibit D**.

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

- G. Ashtabula County Educational Service Center (ACESC) Service Agreement, Autism Unit

Approve the service agreement with ACESSC for Autism Unit services for the 2025-26 school year, as presented in **Exhibit E**.

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

- H. PI Levy Resolution #2

Approve a resolution to submit to the electors of the school district the question of renewal of an existing 1.9-mil tax levy for the purpose of general permanent improvements, pursuant to section 5705.21 of the Revised Code, as presented in **Exhibit F**.

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

I. Community Counseling Services Agreement

Approve the 1-year agreement (2025-2026 school year) between Community Counseling Center of Ashtabula County and Buckeye Local Schools for pre-crisis screening and behavioral intervention services, as presented in **Exhibit G**.

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

J. Educational Funding Group, Inc.

Renew the agreement with the Educational Funding Group, Inc. at the current pricing of \$3,000 or 8% of the actual disbursed funding for each funding year, whichever is greater, to perform the Federal E-Rate Program application process for the three-year period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029, as presented in **Exhibit H**.

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

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 – First Reading

Review the following board policies as presented to the board on July 8, 2025:

Tobacco Policies

- po3215 • po5530
- po4215 • po7434
- po5512

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

B. Accept Gifts

- 1) Accept a donation from KMB Photography, Inc. to the BLSD Athletic Department of \$128.03.
- 2) Accept a donation from Alana and Chad Miller in the amount of \$170.76 for Student of the Month.

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

4. Personnel

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the following Personnel items as presented in 4A-4I:

Certified Staff:

A. Certified – Appointments

Zachary Berdysz, 6th Grade Teacher at Braden Middle School, effective August 18, 2025.
Salary to be determined.

B. Certified – Change in Assignment:

- 1) Emily Artman, from Intervention Specialist at Braden Middle School to Art Teacher at Kingsville and Ridgeview Elementary.
- 2) Stephanie Hutchinson, from Intervention Specialist at Edgewood High School to Intervention Specialist at Braden Middle School.
- 3) Shannon Johnston, from 2nd Grade Teacher at Ridgeview Elementary to 3rd Grade Teacher at Ridgeview Elementary.
- 4) Sarah Pallutch, from 5th Grade Teacher at Kingsville Elementary to 4th Grade Teacher at Kingsville Elementary.
- 5) Rachael Richards, from Kindergarten Teacher at Ridgeview Elementary to 2nd Grade Teacher at Ridgeview Elementary.

C. Certified – Resignations

- 1) Jennifer Chandler, 6th Grade Social Studies Teacher at Braden Middle School, effective at the end of the 2024-25 school year. Ms. Chandler has served the Buckeye District for 4 years.
- 2) Bethany Sillaman, Art Teacher at Kingsville and Ridgeview Elementary, effective at the end of the 2024-25 school year. Ms. Sillaman has served the Buckeye District for 6 years.
- 3) Angela Yelverton, 6th Grade ELA Teacher at Braden Middle School, effective at the end of the 2024-25 school year. Mrs. Yelverton has served the Buckeye District for 4 years.

D. Certified – Salary Placement

- 1) Emily Artman, Art Teacher at Kingsville and Ridgeview, B, 1 yr. exp., \$40,589.
- 2) Paul Lauth II, History Teacher at Edgewood High School, B/150, 5 yrs. exp., \$49,866.
- 3) Ashley Nelling, Music Teacher at Braden and Edgewood, M, 15 yrs. exp., \$74,606.
- 4) Heather Shorter, 1st Grade Teacher at Ridgeview Elementary, B, 0 yrs. exp., \$38,656.
- 5) Justin Szuba, ELA Teacher at Edgewood High School, B+20, 2 yrs. exp., \$45,614.

E. Certified – Revised Extended Time for 2025-2026 School Year:

- 1) Ashley Nelling, Chorus Director, Braden Middle School, \$403.28 per day (Up to 5 days).
- 2) Ashley Nelling, Chorus Director, Edgewood High School, \$403.28 per day (Up to 10 days).

F. 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>
Cyllie Wiley	Asst. 7/8 Volleyball	2025-26	08/01/25	0	\$3,865.60

Classified Staff:

G. Classified – Disability Leave

Clifford Murphy, Maintenance-Groundskeeper, effective September 19, 2025. He will have the right to return to this position through September 2027.

H. Classified – Substitute

Kelly Ensell – Food Service

I. 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) Megan English
- 2) Rachel Kemmerle
- 3) Josephine Measel

____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

____Kocjancic ____ Miller ____ Patriarco ____ Pike ____ Vencill