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Held July 28, 2026 - 6:30 P.M. - Board Room - Braden Middle School

REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stephanie Patriarco, Vice President
Gregory Kocjancic
Chad Miller
Roman Vencill

MEMBERS ABSENT

Shannon Pike, President

Mrs. Patriarco was Acting President in the absence of Mrs. Pike

Also present were Superintendent Patrick Colucci and Treasurer Kassandra Brand

CITIZENS PRESENT

Grace Patriarco, Danyel Ryan, Pattie Burnham, Stacy Conrad, Alana Miller, Shannon Johnston, Dino Johnston, Debbie Turner, Lisa Loomis, Becky Gaines, Ryan Wilson, Kayla Wilson, Leanne Hartzell, Brian Hartzell, Chris Cahill, Michele Sebastian, Josie Wright, Alissa Zappitelli, Bob Ettinger, Christopher Gillett

MEDITATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS/SPECIAL REPORTS

The Board of Education thanked all retirees for their dedication and service.
Mrs. Loomis provided a Food Service update.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Information:

EHS Wall Repair Update

Mrs. Brand, Treasurer, presented an update on the EHS wall project.

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TREASURER'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

130.26 It is the recommendation of the Treasurer that the Board approve the following items:

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

Approval of Minutes

Approve the June 23, 2026 BOE Regular meeting and June 29, 2026 Special meeting minutes as presented to the board on July 23, 2026.

Financial Reports

Approve bills paid in June and the financial reports as presented to the board on July 23, 2026.

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

131.26 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:

Student Activity Appropriation Adjustments

Approve the Student Activity appropriation adjustments in the amount of \$40,027.35.

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

132.26 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:

Wood County Educational Service Center

Approve the agreement with the Wood County ESC to serve students court placed at both the Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio and the Wood County Juvenile Detention Center, as presented in **Exhibit A**.

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

Mr. Miller asked if the cost goes to parents/students, and Mrs. Brand replied, no, that the district is charged the per diem amount.

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TREASURER'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED)

133.26 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:

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 2026-27 academic school year (August 2026 through June 2027) and seven (7) Middle School Lessons in the amount of \$20,712.76, as presented in **Exhibit B**.

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

134.26 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:

Coalition of Ohio Rural and Appalachian Schools (CORAS)

Approve the participation with the Coalition of Ohio Rural and Appalachian Schools Legislative Council for advocacy services for rural schools, communities, and families for fiscal year 2027, as presented in **Exhibit C**.

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

135.26 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:

Edgewood High School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Approve the MOU between the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Department and Buckeye Local Schools for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented in **Exhibit D**.

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

136.26 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:

Braden Middle School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Approve the MOU between the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Department and Buckeye Local Schools for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented in **Exhibit E**.

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

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137.26 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:

Kingsville/Ridgeview School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
Approve the MOU between the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Department and Buckeye Local Schools for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented in **Exhibit F**.

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

Mr. Vencill asked if we have someone for Kingsville/Ridgeview Elementary, and Mr. Colucci replied, yes, that someone has been interviewed and the job has been offered to them.

138.26 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:

Ashtabula County Educational Service Center (ACESC) Service Agreement, PT
Approve the service agreement with ACESSC for Physical Therapy services for the 2026-27 school year, as presented in **Exhibit G**.

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

139.26 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:

Ashtabula County Educational Service Center (ACESC) Service Agreement, OT
Approve the service agreement with ACESSC for Occupational Therapy services for the 2026-27 school year, as presented in **Exhibit H**.

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

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140.26 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:

Ashtabula County Educational Service Center (ACESC) Service Agreement, BB

Approve the service agreement with ACESSC for Building Bridges services for the 2026-27 school year, as presented in **Exhibit I**.

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

141.26 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:

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

Approve the service agreement with ACESSC for Autism Unit services for the 2026-27 school year, as presented in **Exhibit J**.

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

142.26 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:

Signature Health Consulting Agreement

Approve the one (1) year agreement between Signature Health and Buckeye Local Schools for mental health services, as presented in **Exhibit K**.

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

143.26 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:

Restatement of 403(b) Retirement Plan

Adopt a complete restatement of the District's 403(b) Plan, administered by U.S. Omni & TSACG Compliance Services, Inc., to bring it into compliance with the IRS 2022 Cumulative List of Changes for Section 403(b) pre-approved plans, as presented in **Exhibit L**.

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

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144.26 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:

NEO Commercial Kitchen Repair LLC

Approve the purchase of a replacement walk-in freezer for Kingsville Elementary School, as presented in **Exhibit M**.

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

Mr. Miller asked if this was for the whole unit, and Mrs. Brand replied yes. Mr. Vencill asked if we tracked warranty information, and Mrs. Brand replied yes.

145.26 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:

Frontline Central Solutions

Accept the proposal from Frontline Education for Frontline Central Solutions software, implementation, and artifact import, as presented in **Exhibit N**.

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

Mr. Miller stated that he wants the district to use the software to its full capacity and continue moving in this direction.

146.26 It is the recommendation of the Treasurer that the Board approve the following item:

Mr. Vencill moved and seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the following:

National Honor Society Scholarship Fund

Authorize the Treasurer to create the following funds and to establish necessary receipt and appropriation accounts for such funds:

- National Honor Society Scholarship 007-9008

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

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 147.26** It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the following item:

Mr. Kocjancic moved and seconded by Mr. Vencill to approve the following:

Online Instruction Plan 2026-27

Approve the online instruction plan for the 2026-27 school year pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.482, as presented in **Exhibit O**.

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

PERSONNEL

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

- 148.26 Mr. Kocjancic moved and seconded by Mr. Vencill to approve the following items:**

Administrative Staff:

Administrative – Appointment

Alissa Zappitelli, Principal, Braden Middle School, 3-year limited contract, Step 3 of 8, \$93,094.24, effective August 1, 2026.

Administrative – Resignations

1. Timothy Neal, Principal at Braden Middle School, effective August 1, 2026.
2. Jenny Riedel, Assistant Principal at Edgewood High School, effective August 1, 2026.

Certified Staff:

Certified – Appointment

Amanda Adam, 7th grade Math teacher at Braden Middle School, .5 FTE, effective August 17, 2026. Salary to be determined.

Certified – Title I Tutors for the 2026-27 School Year

Approve the following Title I Tutors for the 2026-27 school year, \$27.87 per hour, effective August 17, 2026.

1. Pamela Poff, Edgewood High School, 4 hours per day plus 1 additional hour, as needed.
2. Tawnya Smith, Braden Middle School, 4 hours per day plus 1.75 additional hours, as needed.

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3. Kimberly Weeks, Kingsville Elementary, 7.50 hours per day.
4. Megan Myers, Kingsville Elementary, 4 hours per day plus 1.75 additional hours, as needed.
5. Jennifer Myers, Ridgeview Elementary, 7.50 hours per day.

Certified – Resignation

Rachel Howell, Intervention Specialist at Braden Middle School, effective at the end of the 2025-26 school year.

Certified – Extracurricular and Special Fee Assignment:

Name	Position	Year	Start Date	Yrs. Exp.	Salary
Ethan Leube	JV Asst. Football	2026-27	8/01/26	1	\$3,981.60

Non-Certified/Non-Employees - Extracurricular and Special Fee Assignments:

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):

Name	Position	Year	Start Date	Yrs. Exp.	Salary
Michael Tobie	Asst. 7/8 Boys Soccer	2026-27	08/01/26	0	\$3,981.60

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Classified Staff:

Classified – Change in Assignment

Debbie Turner, from Cafeteria Cook at Edgewood to Cafeteria Manager at Edgewood, 7.50 hours per day, Step 5 of 25, \$19.07 per hour, effective August 17, 2026.

Classified – Retirement

Michele Sebastian, Receptionist/Personnel for the District, effective January 1, 2027. Ms. Sebastian has served the district for 22 years.

Classified – Resignation

Jay Bowler, Head Boys Basketball Coach, effective July 14, 2026.

Classified – Extracurricular Pupil Activity Contract

Name	Position	Year	Start Date	Yrs. Exp.	Salary
Maddalyn McDonald	Asst. 7/8 Girls Soccer	2026-27	08/01/26	0	\$3,981.60

Classified – Substitutes

1. Christian Bliffin – Student Worker
2. Bentley Ott – Student Worker

Volunteers

1. Jim Lamson – Girls Golf
2. Dustin Mills – Girls Golf

One-Year Temporary Non-Bachelor's Substitute Teaching License 2026-2027

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 2026-2027 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. Russell Bleck
2. Nina Farina
3. LiAnna Murphy

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

Mr. Miller asked if Mrs. Riedel is resigning, and Mr. Colucci replied that she was hired through the ACESC as our Special Education Supervisor.

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- 149.26** It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the following Personnel item:

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

Certified – Title I Tutor for the 2026-27 School Year

Grace Patriarco, Ridgeview Elementary, 4 hours per day plus 1.75 hours as needed, \$27.87 per hour, effective August 17, 2026.

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

- 150.26** It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the following Personnel item:

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

Certified – Title I Tutor for the 2026-27 School Year

Jacqueline Allenbaugh, Braden Middle School, 4 hours per day plus 1.75 hours as needed, \$27.87 per hour, effective August 17, 2026.

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

- 151.26** It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the following Personnel item:

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

Certified – Title I Tutor for the 2026-27 School Year

Christy Vencill, Edgewood High School, 4 hours per day plus 1 hour as needed, \$27.87 per hour, effective August 17, 2026.

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

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VISITOR PARTICIPATION RELATIVE TO NEW ITEMS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS – FYI

Stuff the Bus will be held at Wal-Mart on August 3, 2026 from 4-7 pm. The Back to School Bash will be held on August 14, 2026 from 4-5:30 pm.

152.26 ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Vencill moved and seconded by Mr. Kocjancic to adjourn this regular meeting at 7:01 P.M.

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

Attest: _____

STEPHANIE PATRIARCO
ACTING PRESIDENT

KASSANDRA BRAND
TREASURER