

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Minutes of Buckeye Local Board of Education - Regular Meeting
Held December 16, 2025 - 6:30 P.M. - Board Room - Braden Middle School

REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT

Shannon Pike, President (arrived at 6:40 pm)
Stephanie Patriarco, Vice President
Gregory Kocjancic
Chad Miller
Roman Vencill

MEMBERS ABSENT

Also present were Superintendent Patrick Colucci and Treasurer Kassandra Brand

CITIZENS PRESENT

Kristi Feather, Shannon Johnston, Joseph Gerics, Pattie Burnham, Danyel Ryan, Jeff Drake, Tashina Drake, Giana Varchetto, Cora Rivera, Ashley Barbour, Benny Rivera, Cynthia Kemmerle, Bob Ettinger, Javien Pope, Jaworski Pope, Zulian Mendez and Family

MEDITATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS/SPECIAL REPORTS

1. Buckeye's November Students of the Month

Thank you to our sponsors:

Ashtabula County YMCA	Alana and Chad Miller
Kids Only Learning Center	Melaragno HVAC
Applebee's (Ashtabula)	Ringer Wholesale Imprints, Inc.
CompTech PCS	Steak 'n Shake (Ashtabula)
Glitzbecker's Service Center	The Kendall Foundation
Hoffman's Pharmacy	Thomas Fence Company
Infield Chiropractic	

Congratulations to the following students:

Jaiven Pope, 12th grade, Edgewood High School
Zulian Mendez Vargas, 6th grade, Braden Middle School
Jenna Simmons, 3rd grade, Kingsville Elementary School – Not Present
Cora Rivera, 3rd grade, Ridgeview Elementary School

2. Administrative Presentation – Patricia Burnham, Transportation Supervisor, provided updates on transportation, safety, new software, and more.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

None.

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PUBLIC HEARING

2026-2027 School Calendar Presentation, as presented in **Exhibit A**.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Sergeant Slocum was read to the Board of Education.

TREASURER'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

211.25 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 November 19, 2025 BOE Regular meeting minutes, as presented to the board on December 11, 2025.

Financial Reports

Approve bills paid in November and the financial reports as presented to the board on December 11, 2025.

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

212.25 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 \$14,051.42.

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

213.25 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:

EDGE Software License Renewal

Approve an agreement with EDGE Document Solutions for the renewal of the software license for Ultimate EDGE financial print software, effective January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026, as presented in **Exhibit B**.

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

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214.25 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:

Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Hearing, Organizational Meeting, and Regular Meeting Dates

January 13, 2026:

- 5:30 PM: FY27 Budget Hearing
- 6:00 PM: Organizational Meeting
- 6:30 PM: Regular Meeting

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

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

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

Appoint President Pro Tempore

Appoint Mrs. Pike as the President Pro Tempore for the January 13, 2026, Organizational Meeting.

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

216.25 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:

Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. Proposal

Accept the proposal from WTI for the facade repair at Edgewood High School, as presented in **Exhibit C**.

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

Mr. Miller asked about windows being included in the quote. Mrs. Brand stated that, yes, they are included.

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217.25 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:

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 Certificates:

PO Number 260686, Vendor: Raptor Technologies LLC, Description: EmployeeSafe Suite Annual Subscription, Amount \$5,497.00.

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

Mrs. Brand stated that Raptor Technologies absorbed Public School Works and did not communicate the change to the district.

218.25 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:

Training for Braden SRO Replacement

Authorize payment for on-site training to the replacement SRO at Braden Middle School, as presented in **Exhibit D**.

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

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219.25 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:

BEA Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – High School and Middle School Concert Band

Approve the BEA MOU regarding compensation for high school concert band and middle school concert band, as presented in **Exhibit E**.

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

220.25 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:

BEA Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Additional Extracurricular Activities

Approve the BEA MOU regarding the addition of one (1) Head Girls Flag Football Coach and one (1) Assistant Girls Flag Football Coach, as presented in **Exhibit F**.

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

221.25 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:

Board Policies and Guidelines - First Reading

Review the following board policies and guidelines 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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ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mr. Kocjancic, Mr. Vencill, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Patriarco, and Mrs. Pike
Motion carried

222.25 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:

Kingsville Public Library (KPL) Trustee Appointment

To approve Renee Howell’s reappointment to the KPL Board of Trustees, as presented in **Exhibit G**.

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

223.25 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:

Indoor Track

Approve the opportunity for high school students to participate in indoor track, effective December 8, 2025.

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

224.25 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:

Accept Gifts

1. Accept an anonymous donation of four (4) copies of the book “Bliss and Tragedy” to be distributed to each building’s library, with an approximate value of \$36.00.
2. Accept a donation from KMB Photography, Inc. to the BLSD Athletic Department of \$317.79.
3. Accept a donation from Alana and Chad Miller in the amount of \$170.76 for Student of the Month.

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

Mr. Colucci thanked the donors.

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PERSONNEL

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

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

Certified Staff:

Certified – Tutor

Megan Myers, Title I Tutor at Kingsville Elementary, 7.50 hours per day, \$27.06 per hour, effective January 5, 2026.

Certified – Resignation

Anthony Cardaman, III, Spanish Club Advisor, effective August 21, 2025.

Certified – Separation Agreement

Approve the separation agreement with Mr. James Sanchez as presented to the Board on December 12, 2025, with resignation for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2027.

Certified – Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA)

1. Sarah Wittreich, Guidance Counselor at Ridgeview Elementary, effective November 5, 2025, for no more than 12 work weeks in a 12-month period.
2. Sonni Summers-Dye, Teacher at Kingsville Elementary, effective January 5, 2026, for no more than 12 work weeks in a 12-month period.

Certified – Extracurricular and Special Fee Assignments

Name	Position	Year	Start Date	Yrs Exp	Salary
Chris Juncker	Asst. Boys Track	2025-26	02/23/26	7+	\$4,252.16
Beth Simpson	Asst. Girls Track	2025-26	02/23/26	7+	\$4,252.16
Ryan Neuman	Asst. 7/8 Girls Track	2025-26	02/23/26	7+	\$4,252.16

Certified/Non-Employees – Extracurricular and Special Fee Assignment:

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

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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):

Name	Position	Year	Start Date	Yrs Exp	Salary
Olajuwan Cooper	Flag Football	2025-26	01/01/26	7+	\$4,638.72

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):

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Yrs Exp</u>	<u>Salary</u>
David Gaines	JV Asst. Boys Baseball	2025-26	02/23/26	0	\$3,479.04
Jason Aponte	JV Softball	2025-26	02/16/26	0	\$3,479.04
Gretchen Hill	7/8 Asst. Boys Track	2025-26	02/23/26	2	\$3,479.04
Chris Batanian	7/8 Asst. Boys Track	2025-26	02/23/26	3	\$3,479.04
Louis Murphy	7/8 Asst. Boys Tennis	2025-26	03/09/26	5	\$1,739.52
Tyler Welton	Asst. Flag Football	2025-26	01/01/26	7+	\$3,865.60

Classified Staff:

Classified – Substitute

Aidan Goodenow - Student Worker

Volunteers

1. Jake Fenton – Softball
2. Dustin Hamilton – Softball
3. Matthew Ianetta – Softball
4. Dave Johnson – Bowling
5. James Lamson – Softball
6. Joseph Measel – Baseball
7. Chad Paolillo – Softball
8. Christopher Sparduto - Baseball

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.

1. Olivia Fenton
2. Isabelle Nejbauer
3. Whitney Rodriguez

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

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226.25 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:

Volunteer
McKenna Vencill

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

VISITOR PARTICIPATION RELATIVE TO NEW ITEMS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS – FYI

None.

227.25 ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kocjancic moved and seconded by Mr. Vencill to adjourn this regular meeting at 7:08 P.M.

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

Attest: _____

SHANNON PIKE
PRESIDENT

KASSANDRA BRAND
TREASURER