BUCKEYE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 18, 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:

The board of education will achieve excellence in learner-focused governance.

The board of education will conduct efficient and effective meetings.

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

1) Buckeye's October Students of the Month

Thank you to our sponsors:

- Ashtabula County YMCA
- Kids Only Learning Center
- CompTech PCS
- Glotzbecker's Service Center
- Hoffmans Pharmacy
- Infield Chiropractic
- Alana and Chad Miller
- Melaragno HVAC
- Ringer Wholesale Imprints, Inc.
- The Kendall Foundation
- Valvoline Express Care

Congratulations to the following students:

- James Guyton, 11th grade, Edgewood High School
- Gerald Hamilton, III, 7th grade, Braden Middle School
- Adaline Myers, 4th grade, Kingsville Elementary School
- Dariel Mendez-Vargas, 4th grade, Ridgeview Elementary School
- Damian Mendez-Vargas, 4th grade, Ridgeview Elementary School

2) Administrative Presentation – Patricia Burnham, Transportation Supervisor

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 – 2F:

A. Approve the October 20, 2026 BOE Regular meeting minutes, as presented to the board on November 13, 2026.

B. Approve bills paid in October and the financial reports as presented to the board on November 13, 2026.

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

C. Student Activity Appropriation Adjustments
Approve the Student Activity appropriation adjustments in the amount of $22,126.22.

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

D. 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 270598, Vendor: Grove City Area School District, Description: Tuition at George Junior Republic Residential Treatment Facility, Amount $56,160.00.

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

E. JCS KES ADA agreement

Approve the agreement between Buckeye Local Schools and JCS Building Company, LLC for the Kingsville Elementary School ADA Improvements project as identified in the District's Capital Improvement Plan. The scope includes a new ADA platform chair lift at the southeast stairwell and ADA renovations to Restroom 128, at a total cost of $378,430.00, as presented in **Exhibit A**.

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

F. Exterior Athletic Facility Improvements Track Change Order

Approve the change order with AstroTurf Corporation for the Edgewood High School track project. The change order covers additional site and surfacing work, expanding the north D-zone, widening the track oval, extra fill and stone material, conduit from the press box to the north D-zone, an accessible walkway, and shot put stone, as presented in **Exhibit B**.

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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. Board Policies and Guidelines – Second Reading

Approve the following board policies and guidelines as presented to the board on October 20, 2026:

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- po0145
- po0146
- po1231
- po2265
- po2431
- po2431.07 *New*
- po2461 *Rescind*
- po3231
- po4231
- po5111.01
- po5224 *New*
- po5330
- po5463
- po5514 *Replacement*
- po6100 *New*
- po6423
- po7540.10 *New*
- po8120
- po8310
- po8330
- po8470
- po9700

Special Update – October 2026

- ag2675

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B. Indoor Track
Approve the opportunity for high school students to participate in indoor track, effective November 1, 2026.

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C. Softball Team Spring Break Trip
Approve the field trip over Spring Break for the Edgewood High School Softball Team to Orlando, Florida, March 25 through April 2, 2027.

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D. Nutrition Standards Policy
School districts must adopt and enforce a nutritional standards policy that considers the requirements of Ohio Revised Code 3313.814 and governs the types of foods and beverages that may be sold on the premises of its schools. Report, as filed to the Ohio Department of Education, as shown in **Exhibit C**.

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E. Accept Gift
1) Accept a donation from Alana and Chad Miller of $170.76 for Student of the Month.
2) Accept a donation from Valvoline Express Care of Ashtabula of $200.00 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-4H:

Certified Staff:

A. Certified – Retirement
Rebecca Deak, Teacher at Braden Middle School, effective at the end of the 2026-27 school year. Ms. Deak has served the Buckeye Local School District for 31 years.

B. Certified – Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA)
Robin Hudson, Teacher at Ridgeview Elementary, effective November 11, 2026 for no more than 12 work weeks in a 12-month period.

Classified Staff:

C. Classified – Change in Assignment
1) Melinda Raymond, from Floater to Bus #25, 8 hours per day, Step 1 of 25, $20.78 per hour, effective November 2, 2026.
2) LeAndra Fogus, from Bus Aide #34 to Van Driver #34, 6 hours per day, plus other routes as assigned, Step 1 of 25, $17.66 per hour, effective December 7, 2026.

D. Classified – Change in Hours
1) Constance Smith, Van Driver #34, increase in hours from 7 hours per day to 7.50 hours per day, effective November 2, 2026.
2) LeAndra Fogus, Van Driver #34, increase in hours from 6 hours per day to 7.50 hours per day, effective December 7, 2026.

E. Classified – Resignation
Constance Smith, Van Driver #34, effective December 4, 2026.

F. Classified – Substitutes
1) Tina Baum - Cafeteria
2) Amber Brotherson – Administrative Assistant (Elementary)

G. Volunteers
1) Theodore English – Esports
2) Brian Phelps – 7/8 Boys Basketball

H. One-Year Temporary Non-Bachelor's Substitute Teaching License 2026-27 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 2026-27 school year to applicants who do not hold a post-secondary degree but meet the employing school or district's educational requirement with board approval.
1) Amber Brotherson
2) Tracy Farr
3) Cassandra Gildersleeve

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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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