BUCKEYE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 25, 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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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
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1. Opening Items

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call of Members

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C. Meditation

D. Pledge of Allegiance

E. Communications/Special Reports
Briefing: New AED from Make Them Know Your Name Foundation – Margaret Struna, Kingsville Elementary School Nurse

2. Executive Session

For the purpose of conferring with the Board's attorney concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of imminent court action.

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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

3. Treasurer's Report

Information:

Financial Forecast
Mrs. Brand, Treasurer, will present the Financial Forecast.

Reports & Recommendations:
It is the recommendation of the Treasurer that the BOE approve the following items as presented in 3A – 3J:

A. Approve the July 28, 2026 BOE Regular meeting minutes, as presented to the board on August 21, 2026.

B. Approve bills paid in July and the financial reports as presented to the board on August 21, 2026.

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C. OSC School MPV Purchase
Authorize the purchase of one (1) – 9 passenger Multi-Purpose Vehicle chassis and bodies that were bid through the Ohio Schools Council, as presented in **Exhibit A**.

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D. Student Activity Appropriation Adjustments
Approve the Student Activity appropriation adjustments in the amount of $23,050.48.

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E. Athletic Gate Profit Split (St. John High School 8/21/2026)
Authorize the treasurer to split the 8/21/2026 football gate profits $4,427.00 with St. John High School due to a scheduling conflict. A check in the amount of $2,213.50 will be made payable to St. John Sports.

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F. Kingsville ADA Improvements Bid
Accept the Kingsville Elementary ADA Improvements bid for a new platform chair lift system and restroom ADA renovations from JCS Building Co. LLC in the amount of $378,430.00.

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G. December 2026 Regular Board Meeting Change in Date
Approve the change in date for the December regular board meeting to December 8, 2026.

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H. Braden Middle School Resource Office Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
Approve the amended MOU between the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Department and Buckeye Local Schools for the 2026-2027 school year adjusting the workdays from 185 days to 195 days, as presented in **Exhibit B**.

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I. Kingsville/Ridgeview Elementary Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
Approve the amended MOU between the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Department and Buckeye Local Schools for the 2026-2027 school year adjusting the workdays from 185 days to 195 days, as presented in **Exhibit C**.

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J. Financial Forecast
Approve the financial forecast, as presented in **Exhibit D**.

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4. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent's Reports & Recommendations
It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the BOE approve the following items as presented in 4A – 4B:

A. 2026-27 Student/Parent Handbooks
Approve the building Student/Parent Handbooks for the 2026-27 school year, as presented in **Exhibits E, F, G, H**.

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B. Accept Gifts
1) Accept a donation from Glotzbecker's Service Center, LLC in the amount of $200.00 for Student of the Month.
2) Accept a donation from Hoffman's Pharmacy in the amount of $100.00 for Student of the Month.
3) Accept a donation from The Kendall Foundation in the amount of $250.00 for Student of the Month.
4) Accept a donation from A Kids Only Learning Center in the amount of $100.00 for Student of the Month.
5) Accept a donation from CompTech PCs in the amount of $100.00 for Student of the Month.
6) Accept a donation from Melaragno HVAC in the amount of $100.00 for Student of the Month.
7) Accept a donation from the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) in the amount of $1,250.00 to the Buckeye Schools Athletic Department.

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5. Personnel

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the following Personnel items as presented in 5A-5N (See item 5O as separate voting item):

Certified Staff:

A. Certified – Salary Placement
Amanda Adam, M, 10 yrs. exp., $33,445, effective August 17, 2026.

B. Certified – Salary Adjustment
Amanda Perisa-Semancik, from M+20, 14 yrs. exp., $78,039 to M+20, 15 yrs. exp., $80,038.

C. Certified – Tutor
Alex Polchosky, Academic Tutor, Edgewood High School, 4 hours per day plus 1.75 additional hours as needed, 3 days per week, effective August 17, 2026, then 7 hours per day, 3 days a week, effective August 20, 2026, at the hourly tutor rate of $27.87 per hour.

D. Certified – Extended Day Monitor
Approve the following employee to serve as Extended Day Monitor on an as-needed basis on Wednesdays for no more than 2 hours per day, at the tutor rate of $27.87 per hour.

Angela Ponteri

E. Certified – Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA)
Maria Gentry, teacher at Ridgeview Elementary, for no more than 12 work weeks in a 12-month period, effective August 17, 2026.

F. Certified – 2026-27 Supplementals

Name	Position	Year	Start Date	Salary
Kimberly Weeks	IAT/MTSS Chairperson-K	2026-27	8/20/26	$1,194.48
Nicole Kray	National Honor Society Adv.	2026-27	8/20/26	$995.40
Renee Mattson	Spring Technical Director	2026-27	10/01/26	$875.95
Ashley Nelling	Spring Drama Director	2026-27	10/01/26	$1,990.80

G. Certified – Extracurricular and Special Fee Assignment

Name	Position	Year	Start Date	Yrs Exp	Salary
Paul Lauth	JV Asst. Wrestling	2026-27	11/13/26	7+	$4,777.92

H. Certified – Resignation
Abigail Benjamin, IAT/MTSS Chairperson at Ridgeview Elementary, effective August 17, 2026.

I. **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):

Name	Position	Year	Start Date	Yrs Exp	Salary
Tim Tallbacka	Head Boys Var. Basketball	2026-27	11/06/26	7+	$7,166.88

J. **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
Jason Aponte	Asst. 7/8 Girls Basketball	2026-27	10/30/26	6	$4,379.76
Stephanie Dalin	Asst. Swimming	2026-27	10/24/26	1	$3,185.28
Shane Hogle	Marching Band Student Monitor	2026-27	7/01/26	1	$2,388.96
Sidney Melaragno	Asst. 7/8 Girls Basketball	2026-27	10/30/26	1	$3,981.60
Frankie Olivarez	Asst. 7/8 Wrestling	2026-27	11/13/26	1	$3,981.60
Garrett Webster	Asst. 7/8 Wrestling	2026-27	11/13/26	1	$3,981.60

Classified Staff:

K. Classified – Resignation
Nicole Goodenow, Athletic Department Administrative Assistant, effective July 30, 2026.

L. Classified – Appointments
1) Tori Blizzard, Long-Term Substitute at Ridgeview Elementary, effective August, 17, 2026.
2) Mary Hunter, SMEA at Ridgeview Elementary, 3 hours per day, Step 1 of 25, $17.11 per hour, effective August 17, 2026.
3) Jamie Stover, Central Office Receptionist/Personnel, 8 hours per day, Step 8 of 25, $23.59 per hour, effective August 31, 2026.

M. Classified – Substitutes
1) Donald Shane Brown – Cafeteria
2) Chris Ende – Custodian
3) Kelly Ensell – Cafeteria
4) Robert Hayes – SMEA
5) Janet Pasco – Administrative Assistant

N. 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 to applicants who do not hold a post-secondary degree but meet the employing school or district's educational requirement with board approval.
1) Nicole Bisbee
2) Tori Blizzard
3) Megan English
4) Rylee Messent
5) Lisa Miller
6) Michelle Mitcham
7) Isabelle Nejbauer
8) Amanda Van Loocke

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All personnel 0appointments 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.

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the following Personnel item as presented in 5O:

O. Non-Certified/Non-Employees – Extracurricular and Special Fee Assignments

Name	Position	Year	Start Date	Yrs Exp	Salary
Jordan Vencill	Asst. Fresh Girls Basketball	2026-27	10/30/26	5	$4,379.76
McKenna Vencill	Asst. JV Girls Basketball	2026-27	10/30/26	2	$3,981.60

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6. 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.

7. Other Business – FYI

8. Adjournment

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