

**BUCKEYE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 15, 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**

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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) Briefing: Capital Plan Projects – Bob Densic, School Firm

2) Administrative Presentation – Danyel Ryan, Director of Pupil & Personnel/School Improvement

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**

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**Reports & Recommendations:**

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

A. Approve the August 25, 2026 BOE Regular meeting minutes, as presented to the board on September 11, 2026.

B. Approve bills paid in August and the financial reports as presented to the board on September 11, 2026.

\_\_\_\_Kocjancic \_\_\_\_Miller \_\_\_\_ Patriarco \_\_\_\_Pike \_\_\_\_Vencill

C. Permanent Appropriations

Approve the permanent appropriations for fiscal year 2027, as presented in **Exhibit A**.

\_\_\_Kocjancic \_\_\_Miller \_\_\_ Patriarco \_\_\_Pike \_\_\_Vencill

D. Amended Certificate

Authorize the treasurer to request an Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources from the County Auditor.

\_\_\_Kocjancic \_\_\_Miller \_\_\_ Patriarco \_\_\_Pike \_\_\_Vencill

E. Approve Student Activity Purpose Statement for the 2026-2027 School Year

Edgewood High School Homecoming (200-9000), as presented in **Exhibit B**.

\_\_\_Kocjancic \_\_\_Miller \_\_\_ Patriarco \_\_\_Pike \_\_\_Vencill

F. Scrap Buses for Hands-On Evacuation Training

Authorize the Sheriff's Department to use scrap Buses #25 and #29 on District property for hands-on evacuation training, with the understanding that some bus windows may be lost in the process but no reusable parts will be damaged.

\_\_\_Kocjancic \_\_\_Miller \_\_\_ Patriarco \_\_\_Pike \_\_\_Vencill

G. American Fidelity Section 125 Agreement

Approve the agreement with American Fidelity as the Section 125 Plan service provider for the period of October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027, as presented in **Exhibit C**.

\_\_\_Kocjancic \_\_\_Miller \_\_\_ Patriarco \_\_\_Pike \_\_\_Vencill

H. Equipment Disposal Request

Approve the list of equipment to be disposed of, as presented in **Exhibit D**.

\_\_\_Kocjancic \_\_\_Miller \_\_\_ Patriarco \_\_\_Pike \_\_\_Vencill

I. Exterior Athletic Facility Improvements Track Change Order

Approve the change order to remove the curb around the track perimeter and add a concrete curb at the track interior, as presented in **Exhibit E**.

\_\_\_Kocjancic \_\_\_Miller \_\_\_ Patriarco \_\_\_Pike \_\_\_Vencill

### 3. Superintendent's Report

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#### **Superintendent's Reports & Recommendations**

*It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the BOE approve the following items as presented in 3A :*

##### **A. Accept Gifts**

- 1) Accept a donation from the Ashtabula County YMCA of thirty-two (32) plaques from PlayAll Awards and Engraving, valued at \$750.00, for Student of the Month.
- 2) Accept a donation from Alana and Chad Miller in the amount of \$256.14 for Student of the Month.
- 3) Accept a donation from Ringer Screen Print/Wholesale Imprints of thirty-two (32) t-shirts at \$15.50 per shirt, totaling \$496.00, for Student of the Month.
- 4) Accept a donation from Mike Schubert of one (1) set of Arnold Palmer Charger II golf clubs, valued at \$100.00, to the BLSD Golf Team.
- 5) Accept a donation from The Kendall Foundation's Classroom Kickstart Program of two thousand (2,000) pencils and two thousand (2,000) Dum Dums suckers, totaling \$261.65, to Heidi Johnston's classroom at Braden Middle School.
- 6) Accept a donation from the Kendall Foundation's Classroom Kickstart Program of fabric bins, one (1) calendar, stickers, one (1) rug, and chair pads, totaling \$114.95, to Angela Wargula's classroom at Ridgeview Elementary School.
- 7) Accept a donation from Kimberly Hall of hygiene kits and shoes, with an estimated value of \$60.00, to the Buckeye CLC program.
- 8) Accept a donation from the Ashtabula Son's of Italy of various back to school supplies, with an estimated value of \$150.00, to the Buckeye CLC program.
- 9) Accept a donation from Mark Allenbaugh of one (1) electric bass guitar, valued at \$360.00, to the Edgewood Band.

\_\_\_\_Kocjancic \_\_\_\_Miller \_\_\_\_ Patriarco \_\_\_\_Pike \_\_\_\_Vencill

### 4. Personnel

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

#### **Certified Staff:**

##### **A. Certified – Salary Placement**

Amanda Adam, from M, 10 yrs. exp., \$33,445 to M, 11 yrs. exp., \$34,441, effective August 17, 2026. Adjustment made after receiving final verification of previous employment paperwork.

**B. Certified – Extended Day Monitors**

Approve the following employees to serve as Extended Day Monitors on an as-needed basis on Thursdays, for no more than 2 hours per day, at the tutor rate of \$27.87 per hour.

- 1) Donna Holbrooks
- 2) Olivia Szabo

**C. Certified – Permanent Substitutes for the 2026-2027 School Year:**

Approve the following individuals to be employed up to 4 days per week at \$160 per day as permanent substitute teachers for the 2026-2027 school year, effective August 24, 2026:

- 1) Russell Bleck – Edgewood High School
- 2) Steve Hill – Braden Middle School
- 3) Cheryl Moscorelli – Kingsville Elementary School

**D. 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> |
|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Jim Dufour    | Asst. Freshman Boys Basketball | 2026-27     | 11/06/26          | 2              | \$3,981.60    |
| Joseph Measel | Asst. JV Boys Basketball       | 2026-27     | 11/06/26          | 3              | \$3,981.60    |
| Paul Zander   | Asst. 7/8 Boys Basketball      | 2026-27     | 11/06/26          | 1              | \$3,981.60    |

**Classified Staff:**

**E. Classified – Termination of Employment**

Roger Kubat, Bus Driver for the District, effective September 8, 2026.

F. Classified – Permanent Substitute for the 2026-2027 School Year:

Approve the following individual to be employed up to 4 days per week at \$160 per day as a permanent substitute teacher for the 2026-2027 school year, effective August 24, 2026:

Tori Blizzard – Ridgeview Elementary

G. Classified – Substitute

LiAnna Murphy – Administrative Assistant

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 to applicants who do not hold a post-secondary degree but meet the employing school or district's educational requirement with board approval.

- 1) Vance Brown
- 2) Olivia Fenton

\_\_\_\_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)**

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*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**

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**7. Adjournment**

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\_\_\_\_Kocjancic \_\_\_\_Miller \_\_\_\_ Patriarco \_\_\_\_Pike \_\_\_\_Vencill