

# BUCKEYE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Organizational Meeting  
Tuesday, January 13, 2026  
6:00 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:

1. The board of education will achieve excellence in learner-focused governance.
2. The board of education will conduct efficient and effective meetings.
3. 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**

Gregory Kocjancic  
Chad Miller  
Stephanie Patriarco  
Shannon Pike  
Roman Vencill

**Mr. Patrick Colucci  
Superintendent**

**Mrs. Kassandra Brand  
Treasurer**

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I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call of Members

       **Kocjancic**        **Miller**        **Patriarco**        **Pike**        **Vencill**

III. Meditation

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

V. Organizational Items

A. Oath of Office to Newly Elected Board Members

Treasurer will administer the oath of office.

B. Election of President and Vice-President

The president pro-tempore will lead this process. Once a majority of the full board selects a president, the president conducts the rest of the meeting.

(Accept nominations, no second needed.)

1. President

       **Kocjancic**        **Miller**        **Patriarco**        **Pike**        **Vencill**

(After vote, newly elected president takes over meeting.)

2. Vice-President

       **Kocjancic**        **Miller**        **Patriarco**        **Pike**        **Vencill**

Note: There is no technical requirement for an oath of office for president or vice-president – only for newly elected board members.

C. Set Date, Time and Location for BOE Meetings

Meetings are scheduled for 2026, as indicated below, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room at Braden Middle School, unless otherwise noted. (Asterisk \*\*" denotes items that are not scheduled on the third Tuesday of the month.)

• January 13*	• April 21	• July 28*	• October 20
• February 25*	• May 19	• August 25*	• November 18*
• March 17	• June 23*	• September 15	• December 15

**Kocjancic**        **Miller**        **Patriarco**        **Pike**        **Vencill**

**D. Adoption of Robert's Rules of Order**

The parliamentary authority governing the Board of Education shall be Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, in all cases in which it is not inconsistent with statute, administrative code, or the bylaws.

       **Kocjancic**        **Miller**        **Patriarco**        **Pike**        **Vencill**

**E. Appoint Liaisons to the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA)**

1. Legislative Liaison
2. Student Achievement Liaison
3. OSBA Capital Conference Delegate
4. OSBA Capital Conference Alternate Delegate

       **Kocjancic**        **Miller**        **Patriarco**        **Pike**        **Vencill**

**F. Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) Membership**

1. Approve membership in OSBA for calendar year 2026 at a cost of \$6,383, as presented in **Exhibit A**.
2. Approve membership in OSBA – Legal Assistance Fund for calendar year 2026 at a cost of \$250, as presented in **Exhibit B**.

       **Kocjancic**        **Miller**        **Patriarco**        **Pike**        **Vencill**

**G. Ohio Education Policy Institute (OEPI) Membership**

Approve the membership in OEPI for calendar year 2026 at a cost of \$1,000, as presented in **Exhibit C**.

       **Kocjancic**        **Miller**        **Patriarco**        **Pike**        **Vencill**

**H. 2026 Compensation for Board Members**

Each Board member shall be compensated in the amounts and for the number of meetings as outlined in O.R.C. 3313.12 (Board of Education Bylaw 0147). Current compensation for Board members is \$125.00 per meeting.

       **Kocjancic**        **Miller**        **Patriarco**        **Pike**        **Vencill**

**I. Service Fund**

Approve an appropriation of \$10,000 to the “Service Fund” to be used for the purpose of paying the expenses actually incurred by board members in the performance of their duties.

According to Section 3315.15 of the Ohio Revised Code, the amount which may be appropriated to the "Service Fund" is not to exceed \$2.00 per pupil or \$20,000, whichever is greater.

       **Kocjancic**        **Miller**        **Patriarco**        **Pike**        **Vencill**

**J. OSBA, OASBO, BASA, and ACESC Seminars**

Request approval of the Board of Education members, Superintendent and Treasurer's attendance at OSBA, OASBO, BASA, and the ACESC sponsored seminars held in 2026 and payment of the same to be made in accordance with Board practices.

       **Kocjancic**        **Miller**        **Patriarco**        **Pike**        **Vencill**

**K. Representation of Legal Counsel**

Approve the following list of firms for legal counsel representation during 2026:

- Squire Patton Boggs (US) L.L.C.
- Andrews and Pontius, L.L.C.
- Gingo & Bair Law, L.L.C.
- Bricker and Eckler, L.L.P.
- David Grossman & Associates PLLC

Additionally, the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) and the Ashtabula County Prosecutor may be used as appropriate.

       **Kocjancic**        **Miller**        **Patriarco**        **Pike**        **Vencill**

**L. District Committees**

Ad Hoc committees, including established district committees, may be created and changed at any time by the Board of Education President of which members shall be appointed by the President. Members will acknowledge representation when called upon.

Note: Acknowledge that the Records Commission is comprised of the Board of Education President, Treasurer, and Superintendent. R.C. 149.41 – The Records Commission must meet every 12 months. It is required to inventory the district's public records and adopt a records retention schedule.

       **Kocjancic**        **Miller**        **Patriarco**        **Pike**        **Vencill**

**M. Public Records Training**

That the Board designate the Superintendent and/or Treasurer to attend, on behalf of the Board, the public records training which is required under Ohio Revised Code Section 109.43(B).

**Kocjancic**       **Miller**       **Patriarco**       **Pike**       **Vencill**

VI. Treasurer Items

A. Authorization Resolution

Resolution to authorize the Treasurer of the Buckeye Local School District to request tax advances as necessary from the County Auditor;

AND FURTHER RESOLVE to authorize the Treasurer to pay bills on a monthly basis, if the expenditure issued is provided in the Annual Appropriations Resolution. A report shall be made monthly to the board of education of a complete and detailed list of bills paid the previous month. At that time, approval on the action taken will be requested;

AND FURTHER RESOLVE to authorize the Treasurer to declare interim funds and proceed with the investments during calendar year 2026 in accordance with the Uniform Depository Law. A report shall be made monthly to the board of education of each investment that has been made. At that time, approval on the action taken will be requested;

AND FURTHER RESOLVE to authorize the Treasurer to appropriate as needed at the end of each month, and to transfer to any other fund as necessary in order to avoid an operating deficit;

AND FURTHER RESOLVE to authorize the Treasurer to designate these newspapers of general circulation in the district to continue to receive meeting notices as required by law;

1. Star Beacon
2. Gazette News

AND FURTHER RESOLVE to authorize the signature of the Treasurer or the facsimile thereof, to be used on all checks and warrants.

      **Kocjancic**       **Miller**       **Patriarco**       **Pike**       **Vencill**

VII. Superintendent Items

A. Authorization Resolution

Resolution to grant authority to the Superintendent of the Buckeye Local School District to excuse teachers and other school employees for attendance at, and provide all approved expenses for professional and/or in-service meetings in 2026;

AND FURTHER RESOLVE to grant the Superintendent or his designee authority to file applications for all projects considered desirable for the Buckeye Local School District;

AND FURTHER RESOLVE to designate the Superintendent or his designee as purchasing agent for the Buckeye Local School District for 2026;

AND FURTHER RESOLVE to authorize the Superintendent, under the provisions of O.R.C. 3313.47 to employ personnel, extend contracts and accept resignations when necessary between board meetings;

AND FURTHER RESOLVE to recognize the Superintendent or his designee as the appeal officer for out-of-school suspensions;

AND FURTHER RESOLVE to authorize the Superintendent to delegate to principals the authority to enter into contracts, as needed, in areas of photography, yearbook, graduations, and related school events. Principals must notify Superintendent previous of such agreements;

AND FURTHER RESOLVE to authorize the Superintendent to apply for supplemental local, state and federal monies to be appropriated by the Treasurer in accordance with the approved budget and/or grant guidelines.

      **Kocjancic**       **Miller**       **Patriarco**       **Pike**       **Vencill**

B. Appointment to Positions for the 2026 Year

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint Building Principals, School Improvement Coordinator, and other designees to work collaboratively in the following positions:

1. Title IX Hearing Officer
2. Anti-Harassment Grievance Officer
3. 504 Compliance Officer
4. Civil Rights Coordinator
5. Homeless Liaison

      **Kocjancic**       **Miller**       **Patriarco**       **Pike**       **Vencill**

VIII. Five Minute Recess