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Minutes of Buckeye Local Board of Education - Regular Meeting
Held October 21, 2025 - 6:30 P.M. - Board Room - Braden Middle School

REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT

Shannon Pike, President
Stephanie Patriarco, Vice President
Gregory Kocjancic
Chad Miller
Roman Vencill

MEMBERS ABSENT

Also present were Superintendent Patrick Colucci and Treasurer Kassandra Brand

CITIZENS PRESENT

Leanne Hartzell, Noah Drake, Tashina Drake, Jeffrey Drake, Tim Pike, Alex Karst, Robin Hudson, Lindsey Bertolasio, McKenzie Wallace, Tracy DeLuca, Kristi Feather, Shannon Johnston, Charley Pildner, Rick Pildner, Jeanne Pildner, Tim Miggo, Corbetta Miggo, Margaret Struna, Jessica Leveto, Ryleigh Leveto-Favero, Nick Favero, Donna Kiddle, Ryan Wilson, Tim Neal, Joe Gerics, Timothy McCoy, Giana Varchetto, Bob Ettinger, Danyel Ryan

MEDITATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS/SPECIAL REPORTS

1. Buckeye's September Students of the Month

Thank you to our sponsors:

Ashtabula County YMCA
Kids Only Learning Center
Applebee's (Ashtabula)
CompTech PCS
Glotzbecker's Service Center
Hoffman's Pharmacy
Infield Chiropractic

Alana and Chad Miller
Melaragno HVAC
Ringer Wholesale Imprints, Inc.
Steak 'n Shake (Ashtabula)
The Kendall Foundation
Thomas Fence Company

Congratulations to the following students:

Noah Drake, 11th grade, Edgewood High School
Lucas Anderson, 8th grade, Braden Middle School – Not Present
Ryleigh Leveto-Favero, 5th grade, Kingsville Elementary School
Charley Pildner, 5th grade, Ridgeview Elementary School

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2. KES & RES Mobile Vision Clinic – Margaret Struna, KES School Nurse, stated 13 students at KES and 12 students at RES received free glasses. Mrs. Struna is hopeful to offer this clinic annually.
3. Administrative Presentation – Tim Pike provided a technology update. Since August 1st, he and his team have completed over 300 help desk tickets. The KES PA system has been updated and will be done at BMS next. Staff laptops have been getting updated and interactive touchscreen boards are being added to classrooms. Professional development is ongoing with all staff members.
4. District Capital Plan Presentation – Mrs. Brand and Mr. Colucci provided a high level review of the district's Capital Plan that was originally presented to the Board at the 10/14/25 special meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Information:

Property Tax/Legislative Update

Mrs. Brand, Treasurer, updated the Board on the status of current property tax legislation and the potential implications to Buckeye Local Schools.

TREASURER'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

187.25 It is the recommendation of the Treasurer that the Board approve the following items:

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

Approval of Minutes

Approve the September 16, 2025 BOE Regular meeting minutes, as presented to the board on October 6, 2025, and the October 14, 2025 Special meeting minutes, as presented to the board on October 17, 2025.

Financial Reports

Approve bills paid in September and the financial reports as presented to the board on October 6, 2025.

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

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TREASURER'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED)

188.25 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:

Student Activity Appropriation Adjustments

Approve the Student Activity appropriation adjustments in the amount of \$37,302.36.

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

189.25 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:

Amended Appropriations

Approve the Amended Appropriations for fiscal year 2026, as presented in **Exhibit A**.

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

190.25 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:

Amended Certificate

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

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

191.25 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:

Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project Change Order

Approve the Change Order for the electrical conversion, air release chambers, and air release valve in the amount of \$75,800.00, as presented in **Exhibit B**.

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

Mr. Miller asked why this was discovered later. Mrs. Brand stated it was discovered after the bids were received and the agreement was approved. It was still under the next highest bid with the change order additional cost.

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TREASURER'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED)

192.25 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. (WTI) KES Wall Repair Engineering Work

Accept the proposal from WTI for engineering work for the Kingsville Elementary Wall Repairs, as presented in **Exhibit C**.

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

193.25 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:

UAW Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Approve the UAW MOU regarding the timing and method of dues collection, as presented in **Exhibit D**.

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

194.25 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:

Equipment Disposal Requests

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

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

195.25 It is the recommendation of the Treasurer that the Board approve the following items:

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

District Capital Plan

Approve the District Capital Plan as presented. Updates to the plan will be provided to the Board in conjunction with the financial forecast twice annually.

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

Mr. Miller thinks the Capital Plan is really good and is excited for it to be made public on the district website. Mrs. Pike agreed.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 196.25** It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the following items:

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

Coalition of Ohio Rural and Appalachian Schools (CORAS)

Approve the service contract with the Coalition of Ohio Rural and Appalachian Schools Legislative Co. and Sunday Creek Horizons for legislative research and educational public policy development for rural school districts, their respective teachers, and their respective school communities for fiscal year 2026, as presented in **Exhibit F**.

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

Mr. Colucci explained the importance of CORAS advocating for public education, especially during these uncertain times.

- 197.25** 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:

Braden 2025-2026 Student/Parent Handbook Amendment

Approve the amended 2025-2026 Student/Parent Handbook for Braden Middle School, including the revision of the Cell Phone, Communication Device(s) Policy, as presented in Exhibit G.

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

- 198.25** 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:

Accept Gifts

1. Accept a donation from Joanna Sadar of The Sadar Group, in the amount of \$500.00 to Kingsville Elementary to be used toward the purchase of items for the adoptive families at Christmas.
2. Accept a donation from Alana and Chad Miller in the amount of \$170.76 for Student of the Month.
3. Accept a donation from Kimberly Hall to the CLC/The Edge Program at Braden Middle School of (2) blankets, (3) bookbags, and various clothing and personal care items with an estimated value of \$60.00.

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

Mr. Colucci thanked the donors.

PERSONNEL

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

199.25 Mr. Kocjancic moved and seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the following items:

Certified Staff:

Certified – Resignation

1. Shelby Schwotzer, Long-Term Substitute Teacher at Ridgeview Elementary, effective September 16, 2025.
2. Shelby Schwotzer, Permanent Substitute Teacher at Ridgeview Elementary, effective September 16, 2025.

Certified – Change in Salary – Effective August 18, 2025

1. Sara Howard, from B, 1 yr. exp., \$40,859 to B/150, 1 yr. exp., \$42,135.
2. Beverly DeSalvo, M+10, 14 yrs. exp., \$74,220 to M+20, 14 yrs. exp., \$75,766.

Certified – 2025-26 Salary Correction

Steven Urchek, M+30, 3 yrs. exp., from \$56,031 to \$56,051.

Certified – 2024-25 Retroactive Salary Correction

Sara Howard, retro payment of \$1,501 from B, 0 yrs. exp., \$37,530 to B/150, 0 yrs. exp., \$39,031.

Certified – Retirement

Leanne Hartzell, Teacher at Edgewood High School, effective June 30, 2025. Mrs. Hartzell has served the Buckeye Local School District for 18 years.

Correction will be on November board agenda to reflect effective date of June 30, 2026 instead of 2025.

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Certified – Extended Day Monitors

Approve the following employees to serve as Extended Day Monitors on an as-needed basis on Wednesdays, for no more than two hours per day, at the tutor rate of \$27.06 per hour.

1. Angela Ponteri
2. Thomas Riedel
3. Justin Szuba

Certified – Extracurricular and Special Fee Assignments

Name	Position	Year	Start Date	Yrs Exp	Salary
Renee Mattson	Technical Director/ Spring Musical	2025-26	10/01/25	3	\$ 773.12
Renee Mattson	Head Boys Varsity Tennis	2025-26	03/09/26	7+	\$6,184.96

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>
Mary Ann Kline	Spring Drama Director	2025-26	10/01/25	7+	\$2,319.36
Debra Fleming	Spring Musical Director	2025-26	10/01/25	2	\$1,932.80
Derek Stern	Head Varsity Baseball	2025-26	02/23/26	7	\$6,184.96

Classified Staff:

Classified – Appointment

Kyle Bojanowski, 2nd Shift Custodian at Ridgeview Elementary, 8 hours per day, Step 1 of 25, \$19.91 per hour, effective October 13, 2025.

Classified – Substitutes

1. Destiny Cameron – Student Worker
2. Michael Cameron – Custodian
3. Reece Kovach – Student Worker
4. Cheryl Moscorelli – Administrative Assistant

Permanent Substitute Teachers

The following individuals will be employed up to 4 days per week at \$160 per day as a district-wide substitute teacher for the 2025-26 school year:

1. Jordan Antoun - Ridgeview Elementary, effective September 17, 2025 through October 15, 2025.
2. Tori Blizzard – Ridgeview Elementary, effective October 16, 2025.

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

Mr. Colucci and the Board congratulated and thanked Leanne Hartzell for the time and dedication she has given to the district.

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PERSONNEL (CONTINUED)

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

200.25 Mr. Kocjancic moved and seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the following item:

Certified – Extended Day Monitor

Approve the following employee to serve as an Extended Day Monitor on an as-needed basis on Wednesdays, for no more than two hours per day, at the tutor rate of \$27.06 per hour.

Christy Vencill

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

Mr. Miller asked what an extended day monitor is and Mr. Colucci asked Dr. Gerics to explain. Dr. Gerics stated that it is another detention option to avoid missing instruction.

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

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION TO APPOINT NON-CERTIFIED/
NON-LICENSED NON-EMPLOYEE(S) TO SUPPLEMENTAL POSITION(S)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Start</u> <u>Date</u>	<u>Yrs</u> <u>Exp</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Randy Vencill	Head Varsity Softball	2025-26	02/16/26	4	\$5,798.40

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

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202.25 ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Vencill moved and seconded by Mrs. Patriarco to adjourn this regular meeting at 7:37 P.M.

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

Attest: _____

SHANNON PIKE
PRESIDENT

KASSANDRA BRAND
TREASURER