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Minutes of Buckeye Local Board of Education - Regular Meeting
Held September 16, 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

Shannon Johnston, Danyel Ryan, Alice Fritts, Bob Ettinger

MEDITATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS/SPECIAL REPORTS

Administrative Presentation – Danyel Ryan, Director of Pupil & Personnel/School Improvement presented State Report Card data.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Information:

Financial Forecast

Mrs. Brand, Treasurer, presented the Financial Forecast.

Student Wellness and Success Funds Plan

Mrs. Brand, Treasurer, presented the Student Wellness and Success Funds Plan.

TREASURER'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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

Approval of Minutes

Approve the August 18, 2025 BOE Regular meeting minutes as presented to the board on September 2, 2025.

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TREASURER'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED)

Financial Reports

Approve bills paid in August and the financial reports as presented to the board on September 2, 2025.

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

170.25 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 \$18,150.57.

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

171.25 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:

Permanent Appropriations

Approve the permanent appropriations for fiscal year 2026, as presented in **Exhibit A**.

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

172.25 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:

Amended Certificate

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

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

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173.25 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:

Financial Forecast

Approve the Financial Forecast, as presented in **Exhibit B**.

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

174.25 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:

Approve Student Activity Purpose Statements for the 2025-2026 School Year
Edgewood High School Homecoming (200-9000), as presented in **Exhibit C**.

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

175.25 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:

UAW Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Approve the UAW MOU regarding the cafeteria employee/cafeteria manager shift differential, as presented in **Exhibit D**.

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

176.25 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:

Ashtabula County Educational Service Center (ACESC) Service Agreement

Approve the service agreement with ACESC for Orientation and Mobility, and Visually Impaired services for the 2025-26 school year, as presented in **Exhibit E**.

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

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177.25 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:

Fabrizi Trucking & Paving Co. Inc. Agreement

Approve the agreement with Fabrizi Trucking & Paving Co. Inc. for the Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project at Edgewood High School, as presented to the Board.

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

Mr. Vencill asked if this was the EHS pump station. Mrs. Brand replied yes.

178.25 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:

Then and Now Certificates

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 Certificates:

1. PO Number 260414, Vendor: Frontline Technologies Group,
Description: Asset Management Solution/Technology Help Desk, Amount \$6,249.19.
2. PO Number 260457, Vendor: Walsworth Publishing Co.,
Description: 2024-2025 EHS Yearbooks, Amount \$5,765.08.

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

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Mr. Miller asked what the help desk is. Mrs. Brand and Mr. Colucci explained that it is used for technology help desk tickets, and they had received a report today that there have been over 350 help desk tickets submitted since 8/1 and only 12 are still open.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 179.25** 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:

Baseball Team Spring Break Field Trip

Approve the field trip over Spring Break for the Edgewood High School Baseball Team to Vero Beach, Florida, March 28 through April 4, 2026.

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

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

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

Softball Team Spring Break Field Trip

Approve the field trip over Spring Break for the Edgewood High School Softball Team to Orlando, Florida, March 28 through April 4, 2026.

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

- 181.25** It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the following item:

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

Accept Gifts

1. Accept a donation from Michael Lagoni to the BLSD Athletic Department of new weight room equipment for the Edgewood High School weight room, valued at \$39,583.58.
2. Accept a donation from Infield Chiropractic in the amount of \$100.00 for Student of the Month.
3. Accept a donation from Kids Only in the amount of \$200.00 for Student of the Month.

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4. Accept a donation from Ringer Screen Print/Wholesale Imprints of (32) t-shirts at \$15.50 per shirt totaling \$496.00 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 Ashtabula Steak-N-Shake of (8) \$10.00 gift cards totaling \$80.00 for Student of the Month.
7. Accept a donation from Glotzbecker's Service Center in the amount of \$200.00 for Student of the Month.
8. Accept a donation from The Kendall Foundation in the amount of \$250.00 for Student of the Month.
9. Accept a donation from Thomas Fence Co., Inc. in the amount of \$250.00 for Student of the Month.
10. Accept a donation from Hoffman's Pharmacy in the amount of \$100.00 for Student of the Month.
11. Accept a donation from the Ashtabula County YMCA of 32 plaques from PlayAll Awards and Engraving with an estimated value of \$750.00 for Student of the Month.
12. Accept a donation from Laurello Vineyards in the amount of \$500.00 to the BLSD Athletic Department to be used toward the EHS Fall Soccer team shirts.
13. Accept a Cash Donation to Lunchroom of \$387.88 to the BLSD Food Service Department.
14. Accept a donation from Terry Burns to the Braden Middle School Band of (1) Ludwig Bell Kit in the amount of \$300.00.
15. Accept a donation from Tiffany McDaniel (Author) of the book "*The Wand Keepers – A Sky Full of Dragons*" to Kingsville Elementary, with an approximate value of \$10.00.

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

The Board of Education and Mr. Colucci thanked the donors.

PERSONNEL

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

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

Certified Staff:

Certified – Resignations

1. Shannon Johnston, Student Council Co-Advisor at Ridgeview Elementary, effective at the end of 2024-25 school year.
2. Tricia Kato, Senior Class Advisor at Edgewood, effective August 21, 2025.
3. Ryan Neuman, 7/8 Assistant Boys Wrestling Coach, effective August 29, 2025.
4. Heidi Robinson, Student Council Co-Advisor at Ridgeview Elementary, effective at the end of the 2024-25 school year.

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Certified – Salary Placements

1. Abigail Benjamin, from B+20, 7 yrs. exp., \$55,278 to M, 7 yrs. exp., \$59,144.
2. Zachary Berdysz, B+20, 0 yrs. exp., \$41,748.
3. Emma Lamont, from B/150, 2 yrs. exp., \$44,068 to B+10, 2 yrs. exp., \$44,841.
4. Jennifer Ranck, from M+20, 29 yrs. exp., \$80,598 to M+30, 29 yrs. exp., \$82,144.
5. Olivia Szabo, from B, 1 yr. exp., \$40,589 to B+10, 1 yr. exp., \$42,908.
6. Steven Urchek, from M+20, 3 yrs. exp., \$54,505 to M+30, 3 yrs. exp., \$56,031.

Certified – Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA)

Renee Cole, Teacher at Ridgeview Elementary, effective August 13, 2025, for no more than 12 work weeks in a 12-month period.

Certified – Extracurricular and Special Fee Assignments

Name	Position	Year	Start Date	Yrs Exp	Salary
Lindsay Bertolasio	RES Student Council Co-Advisor	2025-26	08/21/25	-	\$ 193.28
Crystal Juhola	BMS – IAT Chairperson	2025-26	09/05/25	-	\$1,159.68
Sara Howard	JV, 7/8 Asst. Girls Wrestling	2025-26	11/21/25	0	\$3,865.60
Robin Hudson	RES Student Council Co-Advisor	2025-26	08/21/25	-	\$ 193.28
Tricia Kato	EHS Senior Class Co-Advisor	2025-26	08/21/25	-	\$ 483.20
Ryan Neuman	Girls Wrestling Head Coach	2025-26	11/21/25	7+	\$6,958.08
Jessica Pocci	EHS Senior Class Co-Advisor	2025-26	08/21/25	-	\$ 483.20
Justin Szuba	EHS Student Council Advisor	2025-26	08/21/25	-	\$1,043.71

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

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PERSONNEL (CONTINUED)

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>
Stephanie Dalin	Asst. Boys/Girls Swimming	2025-26	10/24/25	0	\$3,092.48
Paul Zander	Asst. 7/8 Boys Basketball	2025-26	10/31/25	0	\$3,865.60
Shane Hogle	Marching Band Student Monitor	2025-26	09/02/25	0	\$2,319.36

Classified Staff:

Classified – Appointment

Kristin Sparks, SMEA at Braden Middle School, 2 hours per day, Step 1 of 25, \$16.45 per hour, effective August 21, 2025.

Classified – Change in Assignment

Jacquelyn Andrada, from 2nd Shift Custodian at Ridgeview Elementary to 1st Shift Custodian at Kingsville Elementary, Step 2 of 25, \$20.12 per hour, effective September 2, 2025.

Classified – Rate Correction

Michael Boone, Maintenance, Step 6 of 25, \$21.15 per hour, not \$21.25 per hour, as reported on the August agenda.

Classified – Resignation

Nicole Goodenow, Girls Head Wrestling Coach, effective August 19, 2025.

Classified – Substitutes

1. Nevaeh Beals – Bus Aide, Cafeteria, Courier, Custodian, SMEA
2. Rebecca Miller - Cafeteria

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PERSONNEL (CONTINUED)

Permanent Substitute Teacher

The following individual 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:

Cheryl Moscorelli, Kingsville Elementary, effective August 21, 2025

One-Year Temporary Non-Bachelor's Substitute Teaching License 2025-26 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 2025-26 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. Jordan Antoun
2. Nicole Bisbee
3. Cheryl Damron
4. Rebecca Forbes
5. Hannah Reichert

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

Mr. Vencill asked if the amount of resignations from coaches over the past few months is normal. Mr. Colucci stated that it ebbs and flows with changes in their primary employment, etc.

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

The Board of Education stated that Warrior Band Night was awesome, and that all of the kids were respectful and had a fun time.

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183.25 ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kocjancic moved and seconded by Mr. Miller to adjourn this regular meeting at 7:28 P.M.

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

Attest: _____

SHANNON PIKE
PRESIDENT

KASSANDRA BRAND
TREASURER