

BUCKEYE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 21, 2025
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:

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
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

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) 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
- Hoffmans 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
- Ryleigh Leveto-Favero, 5th grade, Kingsville Elementary School
- Charley Pildner, 5th grade, Ridgeview Elementary School

2) Administrative Presentation – Tim Pike, Technology

3) District Capital Plan Presentation – Mrs. Brand and Mr. Colucci

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**

Information:

Property Tax / Legislative Update

Mrs. Brand, Treasurer, will provide an update.

Reports & Recommendations:

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

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

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C. Student Activity Appropriation Adjustments

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

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D. Amended Appropriations

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

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E. Amended Certificate

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

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F. 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**.

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- G. 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**.

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- H. UAW Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
Approve the UAW MOU regarding the timing and method of dues collection, as presented in **Exhibit D**.

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- I. Equipment Disposal Requests
Approve the list of equipment to be disposed of, as presented in **Exhibit E**.

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- J. 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.

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3. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent's Reports & Recommendations

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

- A. 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**.

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- B. 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**.

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C. 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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4. **Personnel**

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the following Personnel items as presented in 4A-4K (See items 4L-4M as separate voting items):

Certified Staff:

A. 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.

B. 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.

C. Certified – 2025-26 Salary Correction

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

D. 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.

E. 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.

F. 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

G. Certified – Extracurricular and Special Fee Assignment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Yrs Exp</u>	<u>Salary</u>
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

H. **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>
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:

I. Classified – Appointments

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

J. Classified – Substitute

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

K. 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.

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It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the following Personnel items as presented in 4L-4M:

L. 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.

Christy Vencill

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M. 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 Date</u>	<u>Yrs Exp</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Randy Vencill	Head Varsity Softball	2025-26	2/16/26	4	\$5,798.40

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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)

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

7. Adjournment

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