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Minutes of Buckeye Local Board of Education – Regular Meeting
Held January 21, 2015 – 6:30 P.M. – Board Room – Braden Jr. High

REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Tredente, President
Jon Hall, Vice President
Renee Howell
Gregory Kocjancic
Mary Wisnyai

Also present were Superintendent Tom Diringler and Treasurer Michele Tullai

CITIZENS PRESENT

Deborah Nanney, Anita Obhof, Martha Sorohan, Josie Wright, Lou Wisnyai, Traci Landis, Shelly Lyle, Steve Kray, Michelle Cleveland, Wes Cleveland, Carol Falcione, Bonnie Bernato, Tim Neal

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

17.15 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Kocjancic moved and seconded by Mr. Hall that the minutes from the December 16, 2014 regular meeting and the January 3, 2015 organizational meeting be approved.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mr. Kocjancic, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Howell, Mrs. Wisnyai and Mr. Tredente
Motion carried

COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Diringler and Mrs. Tullai recognized the school board members for their years of service and presented each member a certificate of appreciation.

Shelly Lyle gave the monthly Kingsville library report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public participation related to agenda items to report.

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RIDGEVIEW BUILDING REPORT

Deborah Nanney, Principal, presented the Ridgeview Elementary building report.

TREASURER'S REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

It is the recommendation of the treasurer that the Board approve the following items

18.15 TREASURER'S REPORTS

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

BILLS PAID IN DECEMBER

The list of bills paid in December as sent to the Board on January 16, 2015

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial reports, as sent to the Board on January 16, 2015

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mr. Kocjancic, Mrs. Howell, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Wisnyai and Mr. Tredente
Motion carried

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT INFORMATION

STUDENT FEES

Superintendent Diring presented a document (Exhibit A) regarding student fees for 2015-2016 for the Boards review and comments. Mrs. Wisnyai and Mr. Kocjancic expressed concerns. The Superintendent and Treasurer will continue to work with the document.

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FOLLOW-UP ON ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Superintendent Diringier discussed the following topics:

Student Fundraisers: A list is maintained in the Board office, but does not include booster clubs. A donation list from booster organizations is presented to the Board at year end.

Warrior name in all buildings: The Warrior name was not adopted by all buildings. Currently all buildings maintain separate names, although the school colors are consistent district wide.

Number of paid board meetings per year: The board resolution adopting “no limit” addresses the requirement in board policy

Musical: The Musical has a separate account in the student activity area. The flying company has been contacted and we are awaiting a contract and insurance documentation. Fundraising to assist in the expense has begun. Statements of purpose and budget were reviewed and those missing have been requested.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

Superintendent Diringier presented the following for Board of Education discussion:

Weighting of Grades – The following item is available for board action if it so chooses. It is not recommended by the superintendent. If the board, by majority vote supports the resolution, it will be added to Policy 5460 – Graduation and Related Grading Requirements, as follows.

Beginning with the Class of 2019, those courses designated as “Advanced Placement (AP)” or “honors” or as directed by state statute as requiring a weighted value will be so weighted as follows:

A = 5 points

B = 4 points

C = 2 points

D = 1 point

F = 0 points

Final grade point average will be calculated using these values

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Mr. Kocjancic moved that Beginning with the Class of 2019, those courses designated as “Advanced Placement (AP)” or “honors” or as directed by state statute as requiring a weighted value will be so weighted as follows:

- A = 5 points
- B = 4 points
- C = 2 points
- D = 1 point
- F = 0 points

Final grade point average will be calculated using these values

There was no second; therefore, the motion was dismissed with no action.

19.15 It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the following item

Mr. Kocjancic moved and seconded by Mr. Hall to approve the following

Policy 5460 – Graduation Requirements and Related Grading Requirements

Approve Board Policy 5460 – Graduation Requirements and Related Grading Requirements, with changes as noted in Exhibit **B**.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mr. Kocjancic, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Howell, Mrs. Wisnyai and Mr. Tredente
Motion carried

20.15 It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the following items

Mr. Hall moved and seconded by Mrs. Wisnyai to approve the following

Second Reading Board Policies

Revisions

- 1530 Evaluation of Principals and Other Administrators
- 2430 District-Sponsored Clubs and Activities
- 2520 Selection of Instructional Materials and Equipment
- 5223 Released Time for Religious Instruction
- 5330 Use of Medications
- 5408 Academic Acceleration, Early Entrance to Kindergarten, and Early High School Graduation
- 5830 Student Fundraising
- 6144 Investments

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- 7540.03 Student Education Technology Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety
- 7540.04 Staff Education Technology Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety
- 8330 Student Records
- 8400 School Safety
- 8500 Food Services
- 8510 Wellness
- 8540 Vending Machines
- 8550 Competitive Food Sales
- 8660 Incidental Transportation of Students by Private Vehicle
- 9211 District Support Organizations

New

- 2430.02 Participation of Community/STEM School Students in Extra-curricular Activities
- 5336 Care of Student with Diabetes

Reduction Plan for 2015-16

Approve the Reduction Plan for the 2015-16 school year, as found in Exhibit **C**, and direct the superintendent to implement the plan.

Kingsville Public Library Trustee

Appoint Dennis Kortyka, 2824 E. Center Road, P.O. 36, North Kingsville, to the Kingsville Public Library Board of Trustees for the term of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2021

Accept Gift

Accept the following gift to the board of education.

Donation of Fair Play scoreboard with wireless control panel and **\$5,990.00** carrying cases from ACMC, Allstate Insurance, Greg Sweet, Healthy Smile Center, Ashtabula County Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and Side Effects Co. (installation) to the Edgewood High School Athletic Department

Overnight Field Trip for Extracurricular Activity

Approve the overnight extracurricular field trip for the varsity wrestling team to attend the Eastern Ohio Wrestling League Tournament on February 6, 2015, per the information provided to the board of education under separate cover.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mr. Hall, Mrs. Wisnyai, Mrs. Howell, Mr. Kocjancic and Mr. Tredente
Motion carried

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21.15 PERSONNEL

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the following

Mrs. Wisnyai moved and seconded by Mrs. Howell to approve the following

Resignation

Gregory Stolfer, asst. girls track coach varsity, effective January 13, 2015

Appointments – Extracurricular and Special Fee Assignments

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION TO APPOINT NON-CERTIFIED /
 NON-LICENSED INDIVIDUALS TO SUPPLEMENTAL TEACHING 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>School Year</u>	<u>Yrs. Exp.</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Gary Young	Asst. girls softball coach	2014-15	6	2-23-2015	\$2,594.16

Appointments – Operational

Alex Sturgill – Substitute Student Worker

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.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mr. Wisnyai, Mrs. Howell, Mr. Hall, Mr. Kocjancic and Mr. Tredente
 Motion carried

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VISITOR PARTICIPATION RELATIVE TO NEW ITEMS

Lou Wisnyai – spoke in support of teacher and football coach Joshua Franke
Peyton Knox – spoke in support of teacher and football coach Joshua Franke

22.15 ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Kocjancic moved and seconded by Mrs. Howell to enter into executive session at 7:40 P.M. for the purpose of the following:

- considering the employment of an employee or official of the school district

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mr. Kocjancic, Mrs. Howell, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Wisnyai and Mr. Tredente
Motion carried

Open session reconvened at 8:08 P.M.

23.15 ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kocjancic moved and seconded by Mr. Hall to adjourn this regular meeting at 8:08 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mr. Kocjancic, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Howell, Mrs. Wisnyai and Mr. Tredente
Motion carried

Attest: _____

DAVID TREDENTE
PRESIDENT

MICHELE TULLAI
TREASURER

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Exhibit A

Activity Fee Proposal for 2015-2016

Current	Proposed
High School \$150 total	\$125 per activity, maximum \$250
Junior High \$125 total	\$100 per activity, maximum \$200
Clubs \$25	No Fee
Chorus \$50	\$50
Free and Reduced lunch-waived fees	Free and Reduced lunch-do not waive fees

Changes from current to proposed

- Lower the fee per activity
- Charge per activity with a maximum per student
- No charge for joining clubs
- Remove the free/reduced lunch discount

Rationale:

- Provides a more equitable fee based on number of activities participated in
- No Ashtabula County School District that charges activity fees has a reduction for free/reduced lunch status
- Majority of Ashtabula County School Districts charge per activity with a maximum per individual or family

Financial impact

- Based on 2013/2014 activity fees, this will increase District revenue \$18,000 or about 26%
- 60% will pay less than prior year
- 40% will pay more than prior year
- 17% get a discount based on maximum per student

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Exhibit B

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REVISED POLICY

GRADUATION AND RELATED GRADING REQUIREMENTS

In order to acknowledge each student's successful completion of the instructional program, appropriate to the achievement of District goals and objectives as well as personal proficiency, the Board of Education awards a diploma to eligible students at fitting graduation ceremonies.

The Board shall award a regular high school diploma to every student enrolled in this District who meets the requirements of graduation established by this Board or who properly completes the goals and objectives specified in his/her individualized education program (IEP) including either the exemption from or the requirement to complete the tests required by the State Board of Education in order to graduate. Each student must demonstrate, unless exempted, at least a proficient level of skill on the achievement tests required by the State Board of Education to graduate.

The requirements for graduation from high school effective January 1, 2014 **21, 2015 (for classes of 2015 and 2016)** include earning twenty-seven (27) units of credit in grades ~~nine~~ ^{six} through twelve as follows:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Units of Credit Required</u>
English Language Arts	4.0
Health	1/2 .5
Physical Education	1/2 .5
Mathematics	4.0
Science	3.0
Social Studies	3.5 3.0
Fine Arts, including music	1/2 .5
Technology	1.0
Career Search	1/2 .5
Financial Literacy	1/2 .5
Manage Transitions	1/2 .5
Workforce I / Manage Transitions	.5
Workforce II / Career Search	.5
History of Economics/Financial Literacy	.5
Electives	<u>8.5</u> 9.0
	27.0

(Note: Students must complete two semesters in Fine Arts, grades 7-12.)

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Beginning with the class of 2017, credit requirements will be modified as follows with reduction in elective requirements:

- **Class of 2017** 8.0 electives, total credits = 26
- **Class of 2018** 7.0 electives, total credits = 25
- **Class of 2019** 6.0 electives, total credits = 24

Grade scale –

Beginning with the 2015-16 school year, the grade scale for grades 4 – 12 will be as follows:

- A = 90 – 100**
- B = 80 – 89**
- C = 70 – 79**
- D = 60 – 69**
- F = 59 or less**

Calculation of Edgewood Top Ten, Valedictorian, Salutatorian –

These rankings areas are based on grade point averages attained. To be considered for the above recognition, a student must attend Edgewood High School at least the final three (3) semesters prior to graduation.

In the event of a grade point average tie (calculated to two decimal points), when calculating the above, the tie breakers, in order, are:

- 1. Most advanced courses completed (honors, AP, foreign language III, IV and others if required by statute)**
- 2. Most credits completed**

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Credit may be earned by:

- A. completing coursework;
- B. testing out of or demonstrating mastery of course content; or
- C. pursuing one or more educational options in accordance with the District's Credit Flexibility Program.

Credit may be earned at an accredited postsecondary institution.

Every high school may permit students below the ninth grade to take advanced work for credit. This work shall count toward the graduation requirements if it was both:

- A. taught by a person who possesses a license/certificate issued under state law that is valid for teaching high school;
- B. designated by the Board as meeting the high school curriculum requirements.

Students who successfully complete two seasons of district-sponsored high school interscholastic athletics, cheerleading, and/or marching band shall not be required to complete any physical education course as a condition to graduate. An interscholastic athletic season is defined by the rules and by-laws of the Ohio High School Athletic Association. Partial credit will not be granted.

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Ohio Core Opt-Out

~~In accordance with the provisions of R.C. 3313.603, a student who enters ninth grade on or after July 1, 2010 and before July 1, 2014 may opt out of the Ohio core curriculum requirements for graduation if all of the following conditions as specified in law and as detailed in AG 5460C are satisfied:~~

An honors diploma shall be awarded to any student who meets the established requirements for graduation or the requirements of his/her IEP; attains the applicable scores on the achievement tests required by the State Board of Education for graduation; and meets any additional criteria the State Board may establish.

Commencement exercises will include only those students who have successfully completed all requirements for graduation (including the credit requirements outlined earlier in this policy and a passing score on all five (5) sections of the Ohio Graduation Test) **all required assessments as determined by the State of Ohio** as certified by the high school principal or those students who have been deemed eligible to participate in such exercises in accordance with the terms of their IEP. No student who has completed the requirements for graduation shall be denied a diploma as a disciplinary measure. A student may be denied participation in the ceremony of graduation when personal conduct so warrants.

The Board also shall grant a diploma of adult education to all District residents over the age of twenty-one (21) who meet the requirements established by the State Board of Education.

The Superintendent shall establish whatever administrative guidelines are necessary to comply with state rules and regulations.

R.C. 3313.60, 3313.603, 3313.61, 3313.611, 3313.614, 3313.647, 3323.08
R.C. 3301.07, 0710, 0711
A.C. 3301-41-01, 3301-13-01 to 07

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2015-16 TENTATIVE REDUCTION PLAN

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Exhibit C

REDUCTIONS	VALUE (all estimates)
1. Approximately five teaching positions (may include attrition)	\$250,000
2. Reduce administrative costs (various scenarios and values possible, likely partial positions involved...value could increase)	\$50,000
3. Purchased Service – 3% reduction, primarily through lessened ESC cost	\$30,000
4. Business Operations – 5% reduction, does not include P.I. funds	\$20,000
5. Increase activity fee, 26%	\$18,000
6. Reduce building budgets – 10%	\$15,000
7. Reduce secretarial staff via attrition	\$30,000
8. Reduce extended time (9 total days)	\$3,000
9. Reduce treasurer compensation	\$13,000
10. Reduce superintendent secretary compensation	\$10,000