

Minutes of Buckeye Local Board of Education – Regular Meeting
 Held November 25, 2014 – 6:30 P.M. – Board Room – Braden Middle School

REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

Also present were Superintendent Tom Diring and Treasurer Michele Tullai

CITIZENS PRESENT

Mary Balmford, Ron Coxon, Mariana Branch, Holly White, Kirk White, Jana Neczeporenko, Kelli Scafuro, Terri Santee, Anita Obhof, Melanie Melarango, Alexandra Fultz, Dan Madden, Donna Pasky, Rich Kreisher, Kevin Santee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

159.14 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Wisnyai moved and seconded by Mr. Tredente that the minutes from the October 21, 2014 regular meeting be approved

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Dan Madden, Trustee, gave the monthly Kingsville Public Library – Partnership report. Superintendent Diring spoke briefly regarding the Buckeye relationship with the Kingsville Public Library and ongoing communications.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

Ron Coxon – Former teacher and principal. Reduction planning, enrollment declining, and consolidation

Kevin Santee – Potential to bring more funds in – grant writing, corporate sponsors

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TREASURER
RECOMMENDATIONS

160.14 It is the recommendation of the treasurer that the Board approve the following items
Mrs. Wisnyai moved and seconded by Mr. Hall to approve the following

BILLS PAID IN OCTOBER

The list of bills paid in October as sent to the Board on November 14, 2014

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial reports, as sent to the Board on November 14, 2014

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
INFORMATION

Presentation by Mary Balmford, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Supervisor

School Improvement Update:

1. As a result of data from Buckeye's State Report Card for 2013-14, the District Leadership Team was created and a district plan has been developed using input from the district leadership team. The team determined two district goals:
 - By the end of 2014-15, 100% of students will be proficient or higher as measured by state or local reading assessments.
 - By the end of 2014-15, 100% of teachers will implement various differentiation strategies in their classrooms.

Implementing and monitoring these two goals will support the achievement of all students, specifically students with disabilities. Building goals for each building will align with these goals.

Professional Development Update:

1. The professional development plan for the district is structured to support achievement of the two district plan goals.
2. Teachers in the middle school and high school are receiving professional development in the area of formative assessments and aligning these assessments to the standards from Dr. Donna Snodgrass. Dr. Snodgrass will meet with staff three times this year. In addition the high school and middle school will receive professional development in differentiation and high yield strategies to support the district goals.
3. K-5 teachers are receiving professional development in implementing writing strategies in narrative, informational, and opinion writing. This supports the rigor of the common core and the expectations of the PARCC assessments, as well as the district plan.

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Third Grade Fall OAA Results

1. Preliminary Results:
 - District Passage Rate; 61.9%
 - Kingsville Passage Rate 55%
 - Ridgeview Passage Rate 67%
2. Third graders who did not pass last year: 2/4 passed the fall assessment: will be promoted to grade 4 @ the semester
3. Title I has budgeted additional hours to tutor third graders who did not meet the passage rate in the fall.

Reduction Planning, 2015-16

Superintendent Diringer shared a document with the Board that included approximately \$400,000 of potential reductions for the 2015-2016 school year. This topic will be discussed again in December with a goal of a Board directive in January.

Update on Weighted Grades and Grade Scale

SUMMARY COMMENTS

Potential Changes to Grade Scale / Weighted Grades – Braden, Edgewood

Clarification	Source	Where located
1. Graduation Requirements	Board Policy – 5460	Annually appears in Course Description / Scheduling Booklet
2. Grade Scale	Board approved annually	Annually appears in Student / Parent Handbook
3. Weighted Grades (if approved)	Building option	Annually appears in Course Description / Scheduling Booklet
4. Class Rank / Recognition Procedure (Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Top 10) Note: If ties for positions by GPA, then the number of advanced courses taken and, if still tied, number of credits taken are used as the final tie breaker.	Building option	Annually appears in Course Description / Scheduling Booklet

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Research –

1. Former high school principal's recommendation was to move to a 90-80-70 grade scale for 2015-16 school year. Currently, five of seven county schools have such a scale.
2. Former high school principal's recommendation was to move to weighted grades for advanced courses. Currently, two of seven county schools have weighted grades and those are limited to AP courses only. (Be advised that if a school has weighted grades in 2014-15 or beyond, all college level courses taken must be weighted.)
3. Current Principal Neal's informal evaluation of teacher input last year related to weighted grades and grade scale indicate minimal and unofficial input. It appears, subjectively, that most teachers are ambivalent about a grade scale change (understanding that teachers control rigor) and likely more than half question the weighting of grades.

Recommendations –

1. Change grade scale in grades 6 – 12 to the 90-80-70 version for the 2015-16 school year.
2. Do not weight grades.
3. Require that the Student / Parent Handbook for 2015-16 school year and beyond include grade scale, explanation of non-weightedness and strategy for breaking ties in Valedictorian, Salutatorian, top ten of senior class.

As a result, the board would approve these three factors annually.

Note: An aside to the weightedness and grade scale issue, the number of credits for graduation (currently 27) will likely need to be revisited with the move to a single period schedule at the high school, as well as economic constraints.

North Kingsville Building Discussion

Rich Kreisher updated the Board on the North Kingsville building. An advertisement was placed in the Star Beacon to sell the building. No interest was received. The next step will be to look at real estate brokers with school experience to assist with a potential sale.

Comments regarding Capital Conference

Superintendent Diringer and Mrs. Howell spoke regarding the valuable information they received while attended the Ohio School Board Association conference last week.

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**SUPERINTENDENT
 RECOMMENDATIONS**

161.14 It is the recommendation of the superintendent that the Board approve the following items

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

Indoor Track

Approve the opportunity for high school students to participate in indoor track under the conditions, as sent to the board.

School Law Hotline Agreement

Approve the agreement between the law firm of McGown and Markley Co., L.P.A. and the Buckeye Local Schools, as sent to the board.

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

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

162 .14 PERSONNEL

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

Resignations – For Public Acknowledgement Only

The following individuals, for information, have indicated they will resign after fulfilling their supplemental contract for the 2014-15 school year:

- Ken Parise – Assistant football coach
- Kevin Santee – Head boys soccer coach
- Vince Peluso – Head girls soccer coach

Extracurricular and Special Fee Assignments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Exp</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Kevin Santee	Asst. boys basketball coach (7/8)	2014-15	1	11/19/2014	\$2,890.22
James Sanchez	Head boys track coach (V)	2014-15	7+	03/09/2015	\$4,539.78
Beth Simpson	Head girls track coach (V)	2014-15	3	03/09/2015	\$3,891.24

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Extracurricular and Special Fee Assignments

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION TO APPOINT CERTIFIED /
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, the board has deemed the following certified/licensed non-employee(s) 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>Yrs. Exp.</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Bill Lipps	Head boys baseball coach (V)	2014-15	7+	02/23/2015	\$4,539.78
Renee Mattson	Head boys tennis coach (V)	2014-15	1	03/09/2015	<u>\$2,594.16</u>

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>
Rory Groce	Asst. boys basketball coach (JV)	2014-15	0	11/19/2014	\$2,890.22
Joel Laughlin	Head girls softball coach (V)	2014-15	1	11/23/2014	\$3,891.24

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Volunteer Coach

Start Date

Chelsey Miller - asst. girls basketball (7/8) 11/19//2014

Winter Basketball Coordinator /\$500

Joseph Measel

Appointments – Operational Staff

Substitute SMEA/Library Aide/Crossing Guard/Bus Aide

Sherry Dragon

Substitute Secretary

Cheryl Brunnell

Meghan Stevenson

Substitute Cafeteria Service Personnel

Christine Batanian

Jessica Brundage

Kimberly Fitchet

Michelle Petro

Jeanette McCracken

Tina Vincenzo

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. Hall, Mrs. Howell, Mr. Kocjancic, Mr. Tredente, Mrs. Wisnyai
Motion carried

VISITOR PARTICIPATION RELATIVE TO NEW ITEMS

Alexandra Foltz presented the Board with a petition against reorganizing the elementary buildings to K-3 and 4-5. The Board explained that option has been removed.

Matt Ianetta asked questions about the activity fee associated with youth soccer and youth basketball

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163.14 ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tredente moved and seconded by Mrs. Wisnyai to adjourn this regular meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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

Attest: _____

GREGORY KOCJANCIC
PRESIDENT

MICHELE TULLAI
TREASURER