

BUCKEYE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 25, 2014

6:30 p.m.

Wallace H. Braden Middle School

"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

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Superintendent

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BUCKEYE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
November 25, 2014

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call of Members
- III. Meditation
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- V. Approval of Minutes
- VI. Communications

Kingsville Public Library – Partnership Update from Dan Madden, Trustee

- VII. Public Participation Related to 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.

- VIII. Treasurer's Report

A. Reports and Recommendations

It is the recommendation of the Treasurer that the Board approve the following items.

- 1. Bills Paid in October

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

- 2. Financial Reports

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

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IX. Superintendent's Report

A. Information

1. Presentation by Mary Balmford, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Supervisor – District Improvement Plan to address report card from the Ohio Department of Education and professional development for 2014-15 school year.
2. Reduction Planning, 2015-16 – Potential reductions include those as found in Exhibit **A**.
3. Update on Weighted Grades and Grade Scale – Exhibit **B**
4. Further discussion – North Kingsville Building – Rich Kreisher
5. Comments regarding Capital Conference

B. Reports and Recommendations

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

1. Indoor Track
Approve the opportunity for high school students to participate in indoor track under the conditions, as sent to the board.
2. School Law Hotline Agreement
Approve the agreement between the law firm of McGown and Markley Co., L.P.A. and the Buckeye Local Schools.

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IX. Superintendent's Report

C. Personnel

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

1. 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

2. Extracurricular and Special Fee Assignments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School Year</u>	<u>Yrs. 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	<u>\$3,891.24</u>
TOTAL					\$11,321.24

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2. 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>
TOTAL					\$7,133.94

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2. 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	02/23/2015	<u>\$3,891.24</u>
				TOTAL	\$6,781.46

<u>Volunteer Coach</u>	<u>Start Date</u>
Chelsey Miller - asst. girls basketball (7/8)	11/19//2014

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Winter Basketball Coordinator /\$500

Joseph Measel

3. 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.

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X. Visitor Participation Relative to New 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.

XI. Adjournment

2015-16 TENTATIVE REDUCTION PLAN**DRAFT**

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 though lessened ESC cost	\$30,000
4. Business Operations – 5% reduction, does not include P.I. funds	\$20,000
5. Increase activity fee, 50%	\$35,000
6. Reduce building budgets – 10%	\$15,000
7. Reduce secretarial staff via attrition	\$30,000

POTENTIAL CHANGES TO GRADE SCALE / WEIGHTED GRADES – BRADEN, EDGEWOOD**SUMMARY COMMENTS**

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

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.