

BUCKEYE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Organizational Meeting
Tuesday, January 15, 2019

6:00 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

Gregory Kocjancic
Shannon Pike
Tina Stasiewski
David Tredente
Mary Wisnyai

Mr. Patrick Colucci
Superintendent

Mrs. Jamie Davis
Treasurer

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I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call of Members

____Kocjancic ____Pike ____ Stasiewski ____Tredente ____Wisnyai

III. Meditation

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

V. Organizational Items

A. Election of President and Vice-President

The president pro-tempore will lead this process. Once a majority of the full board selects a president, the president conducts the rest of the meeting.

(Accept nominations, no second needed.)

1. President

____Kocjancic ____Pike ____ Stasiewski ____Tredente ____Wisnyai

(After vote, newly elected president takes over meeting.)

2. Vice-President

____Kocjancic ____Pike ____ Stasiewski ____Tredente ____Wisnyai

Note: There is no technical requirement for an oath of office for president or vice-president – only for newly elected board members.

B. Set Date, Time and Location for BOE Meetings

Meetings are scheduled for 2019, as indicated below, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room at Braden Middle School, unless otherwise noted.

- January 15
- February 19
- March 19
- April 16
- May 21
- June 18
- July 16
- August 20
- September 17
- October 15
- November 19
- December 17

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C. Adoption of Robert's Rules of Order

The parliamentary authority governing the Board of Education shall be Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, in all cases in which it is not inconsistent with statute, administrative code, or the bylaws.

D. Appoint Liaisons to the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA)

1. Legislative Liaison
2. Student Achievement Liaison
3. OSBA Capital Conference Delegate and Alternate Delegate

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E. Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) Membership

1. Approve membership in OSBA for calendar year 2019 at a cost of \$4,823.
2. Approve membership in OSBA – Legal Assistance Fund for calendar year 2019 at a cost of \$250 as in **Exhibit A**.

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F. 2019 Compensation for Board Members

Each Board member shall be compensated in the amounts and for the number of meetings as outlines in O.R.C. 3313.12 (Board of Education Bylaw 0147). Current compensation for Board members is \$125.00 per meeting.

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G. Service Fund

Approve an appropriation of \$10,000 to the "Service Fund" to be used for the purpose of paying the expenses actually incurred by board members in the performance of their duties.

According to Section 3315.15 of the Ohio Revised Code, the amount which may be appropriated to the "Service Fund" is not to exceed \$2.00 per pupil or \$20,000, whichever is greater.

H. OSBA, OASBO, BASA, and ACESC Seminars

Request approval of the Board of Education members, Superintendent and Treasurer's attendance at OSBA, OASBO, BASA, and the ACESC sponsored seminars held in 2019 and payment of the same to be made in accordance with Board practices.

I. Representation of Legal Counsel

Approve the following list of firms for legal counsel representation during 2019:

- Squire Patton Boggs (US) L.L.C.
- Andrews and Pontius, L.L.C.
- Lindsay Gingo Law, L.L.C.
- McDonald and Hopkins, L.L.C.
- Bricker and Eckler, L.L.P.

Additionally, the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) and the Ashtabula County Prosecutor may be used as appropriate.

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J. District Committees

Ad Hoc committees, including established district committees, may be created and changed at any time by the Board of Education President of which members shall be appointed by the President. Members will acknowledge representation when called upon.

Note: Acknowledge that the Records Commission is comprised of the Board of Education President, Treasurer, and Superintendent. R.C. 149.41 – The Records Commission must meet every 12 months. It is required to inventory the district's public records and adopt a records retention schedule.

VI. Treasurer Items

A. Authorization Resolution

Resolution to authorize the Treasurer of the Buckeye Local School District to request advances as necessary from the County Auditor;

AND FURTHER RESOLVE to authorize the Treasurer to pay bills on a monthly basis, if the expenditure issued is provided in the Annual Appropriations Resolution. A report shall be made monthly to the board of education of a complete and detailed list of bills paid the previous month. At that time, approval on the action taken will be requested;

AND FURTHER RESOLVE to authorize the Treasurer to declare interim funds and proceed with the investments during calendar year 2019 in accordance with the Uniform Depository Law. A report shall be made monthly to the board of education of each investment that has been made. At that time, approval on the action taken will be requested;

AND FURTHER RESOLVE to authorize the Treasurer to appropriate as needed at the end of each month, and to transfer to any other fund as necessary in order to avoid an operating deficit;

AND FURTHER RESOLVE to authorize the Treasurer to designate these newspapers of general circulation in the district to continue to receive meeting notices as required by law;

1. Star Beacon
2. Gazette News

AND FURTHER RESOLVE to authorize the signature of the Treasurer or the facsimile thereof, to be used on all checks and warrants.

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VII. Superintendent Items

A. Authorization Resolution

Resolution to grant authority to the Superintendent of the Buckeye Local School District to excuse teachers and other school employees for attendance at, and provide all approved expenses for professional and/or in-service meetings in 2019;

AND FURTHER RESOLVE to grant the Superintendent or his designee authority to file applications for all projects considered desirable for the Buckeye Local School District;

AND FURTHER RESOLVE to designate the Superintendent or his designee as purchasing agent for the Buckeye Local School District for 2019;

AND FURTHER RESOLVE to authorize the Superintendent, under the provisions of O.R.C. 3313.47 to employ personnel, extend contracts and accept resignations when necessary between board meetings;

AND FURTHER RESOLVE to recognize the Superintendent or his designee as the appeal officer for out-of-school suspensions;

AND FURTHER RESOLVE to authorize the Superintendent to delegate to principals the authority to enter into contracts, as needed, in areas of photography, yearbook, graduations, and related school events. Principals must notify Superintendent of such agreements;

AND FURTHER RESOLVE to authorize the Superintendent to apply for supplemental local, state and federal monies to be appropriated by the Treasurer in accordance with the approved budget and/or grant guidelines.

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B. Appointment to Positions for the 2019 Year

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the Principals to work collaboratively with the Superintendent in the following positions:

1. Title IX Hearing Officer
2. Anti-Harassment Grievance Officer
3. 504 Compliance Officer
4. Civil Rights Coordinator
5. Homeless Liaison

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VIII. 5-minute Recess



Ohio School Boards
Association

TO: Board Presidents and Superintendents
FROM: Sara C. Clark, Chief Legal Counsel
DATE: December 2018
SUBJECT: 2019 LEGAL ASSISTANCE FUND MEMBERSHIP

I am writing to encourage your board to consider becoming a member of OSBA's Legal Assistance Fund (LAF) for 2019.

Since 1977, LAF has provided supportive assistance to boards of education in cases or controversies of statewide significance. Qualifying districts may request and receive:

- ❖ financial assistance to pay for a portion of litigation expenses
- ❖ an amicus curiae brief to be filed on behalf of the district
- ❖ legal research or consultation to assist the district's attorney

In 2018, LAF provided support in nine cases involving matters of statewide significance. Among other topics, these cases involved school construction breach of contract claims, employee nonrenewals, school board liability and the constitutionality of HB 70, which is the bill that made drastic and rapid changes to the operation and authority of Ohio's academic distress commissions. Our support in these cases is making a difference and contributing toward favorable judicial decisions that can have a very positive impact on your district and its students.

As a benefit of LAF membership, you will receive a yearly subscription to *School Law Summary (SLS)*. Four electronic issues will keep you up to speed on major developments in state and federal case law affecting education in Ohio.

Please make joining LAF a priority. Through your support, we can continue to focus on legal issues that impact all Ohio school districts.

To join, please place consideration of joining LAF on your next board meeting agenda. A sample resolution is enclosed for your convenience. Invoices were mailed separately to district treasurers, so please encourage your treasurer to remit payment after board approval.

If you have any questions or if there is anything we can do to provide assistance, please call Lenore Winfrey, senior administrative assistant of legal services at (614) 540-4000 or (855) OSBA-LAW.

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OSBA leads the way to educational excellence by serving Ohio's public school board members and the diverse districts they represent through superior service, unwavering advocacy and creative solutions.

**OSBA Legal Assistance Fund
Sample Resolution to Participate in the OSBA Legal Assistance Fund**

Whereas, the _____ Board of Education wishes to support the efforts of other boards of education to obtain favorable judicial decisions and,

Whereas, the Ohio School Boards Association Legal Assistance Fund has been established for this purpose,

Therefore, the Board hereby resolves to participate in the OSBA LAF for calendar year _____ and authorizes the treasurer to pay the LAF \$250.