

BUCKEYE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Organizational Meeting
Tuesday, January 14, 2020

6:00 p.m.
Wallace H. Braden Middle School

“BUCKEYE – WE EDUCATE FOR SUCCESS.”

VISION STATEMENT

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Board Policy # 0165.1, Item B

Buckeye Local Board of Education

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Shannon Pike
Tina Stasiewski
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Mr. Patrick Colucci
Superintendent

Mrs. Jamie Davis
Treasurer

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ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
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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. Oath of Office to Newly Elected Board Members

Treasurer will administer the oath of office.

B. 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

C. Set Date, Time and Location for BOE Meetings

Meetings are scheduled for 2020, as indicated below, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room at Braden Middle School, unless otherwise noted.

- January 14
- February 18
- March 17
- April 20
- May 19
- June 23
- July 21
- August 18
- September 22
- October 20
- November 17
- December 15

I. 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 2020 and payment of the same to be made in accordance with Board practices.

J. Representation of Legal Counsel

Approve the following list of firms for legal counsel representation during 2020:

- Squire Patton Boggs (US) L.L.C.
- Andrews and Pontius, L.L.C.
- Gingo & Bair 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.

____Kocjancic ____Pike ____ Stasiewski ____Tredente ____Wisnyai

K. 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.

L. Public Records Training

That the Board designate the Superintendent and/or Treasurer to attend, on behalf of the Board, the public records training which is required under Ohio Revised Code Section 109.43(B).

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 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 previous 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.

___Kocjancic ___Pike ___ Stasiewski ___Tredente ___Wisnyai

B. Appointment to Positions for the 2020 Year

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the High School Principal / Middle School Principal to work collaboratively 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

___Kocjancic ___Pike ___ Stasiewski ___Tredente ___Wisnyai

VIII. Five Minute Recess

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

1. Opening Items

A. Return from Recess

B. Communications/Special Reports

1) Kingsville Public Library – Partnership Update – Mariana Branch

2) School Board Recognition/Proclamation – Patrick Colucci and Jamie Davis, **Exhibit C**

C. Public Participation Relative to Agenda Items (Bylaw 0169.1)

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.

D. Correspondence

N/A

2. Treasurer's Report

Reports and Recommendations

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

A. Approve the December BOE meeting minutes as presented to the board on January 9, 2020.

B. Approve bills paid in December and the financial reports as presented to the board on January 9, 2020.

C. Operational Substitute Pay Rates

Revise pay rates to \$8.70/hour for the following substitutes serving in operational positions due to state guidelines, effective January 1, 2020:

- Administrative Assistants
- Aides – Bus, Library, SMEA
- Cafeteria Cooks and Service Personnel
- Central Call-In
- Courier
- Crossing Guards
- Student Worker

D. 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Tax Budget

Adopt the tax budget for the eighteen-month period commencing July 1, 2020, as presented in **Exhibit D**.

E. Mileage Rate Decrease

Approve \$0.575 as the Federal IRS prescribed mileage rate effective January 1, 2020.

F. EdChoice Scholarship (Voucher) Program

Adopt the resolution to oppose the EdChoice Scholarship Program as presented in **Exhibit E**.

____Kocjancic ____Pike ____ Stasiewski ____Tredente ____Wisnyai

3. Superintendent's Report

Reports and Recommendations

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

A. Board Policy – Volume 38, Number 1, August 2019, Second Reading

As sent to the Board of Education on December 13, 2019, please review the following revised and/or new board policies for board adoption:

- Po1615 – (New) Use of Tobacco by Administrators
- Po3215 – (Revised) Use of Tobacco by Professional Staff
- Po4215 – (Revised) Use of Tobacco by Classified Staff
- Po5512 – (Revised) Use of Tobacco
- Po7434 – (Revised) Use of Tobacco on School Premises
- Po8400 – (Reissued) School Safety

B. Accept Gifts

- 1) Accept a donation from Greg Sweet Chevy Network in the amount of \$16,000.00 for the Weight Room.

- 2) Accept a donation from The Shelby Family Foundation of Ashtabula in the amount of \$1000.00 to help pay for meals for students.

C. Approve the Varsity Softball trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on March 20, 2020.

___Kocjancic ___Pike ___ Stasiewski ___Tredente ___Wisnyai

4. Personnel

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the following Personnel items as presented in 4A – 4B:

Certified Staff:

- A. Katie Carter was assigned as a temporary Intervention Specialist Teacher at Braden Middle School beginning October 28, 2019 through January 10, 2020. Katie will be placed at a Masters, 1-year experience, \$9,493.26.

Classified Staff:

- B. Classified Staff – Employment of Substitutes as presented:

Student Worker
Kory Manhard

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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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

___Kocjancic ___Pike ___ Stasiewski ___Tredente ___Wisnyai



Ohio School Boards Association
 8050 N. High Street, Suite 100
 Columbus, Ohio 43235-6481
 (614) 540-4000

Exhibit A

Invoice number 20-11255518

Dec. 6, 2019

District Treasurer
 Buckeye Local
 3436 Edgewood Dr
 Ashtabula OH 44004-5993

AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

DUE DATE January 31, 2020

OSBA'S tax identification number is 31-4414897

| DATE | PO NUMBER | DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT |
|---------|-----------|--|-------------|
| 1/31/20 | | ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES (Acct. 001-2310-841) January — December 2020: Dues based on your district's ADM and cost per pupil data from the Ohio Department of Education for the 2017-18 school year. Any increase or decrease in dues from the previous year is caused by a change in your district's ADM and/or cost per pupil. A portion of your annual membership dues will be used to pay actual and necessary registration fees and travel expenses, for OSBA trustees, committee members and other district representatives who represent the Association or its member districts at the annual NSBA and OSBA conferences, advocacy institute, leadership institute, or other conferences, seminars, meetings and similar events at the regional, state and national level. | \$4,756 |
| | | CHECK DESIRED SUBSCRIPTION ITEMS (Please add any of the below subscription fees to your membership dues for the final invoice amount.) | |
| | _____ | Annual OSBA Briefcase Subscription - Electronic Issues Only (Up to 15 names on the subscription roster - to be included with the membership roster, which will be sent to the district after receiving membership payment. All subscribers must receive Briefcase electronically to qualify.) | FREE |
| | _____ | Annual OSBA Briefcase Subscription - Paper/Electronic Issues (Acct. 001-2310-542) (Up to 15 names on the subscription roster - to be included with the membership roster, which will be sent to the district after receiving membership payment) | \$ 145 |
| | _____ | Annual School Management News Subscription - Electronic Issues Only (Acct. 001-2412-542) (Up to 15 names on the subscription roster - to be included with the membership roster, which will be sent to the district after receiving membership payment.) | \$ 150 |
| | _____ | Annual School Management News Subscription - Paper/Electronic Issues (Acct. 001-2412-542) (Up to 15 names on the subscription roster - to be included with the membership roster, which will be sent to the district after receiving membership payment.) | \$ 200 |

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.

AMOUNT DUE \$ _____



**Ohio School Boards Association
Legal Assistance Fund**
8050 N. High Street, Suite 100
Columbus, Ohio 43235-6481

Invoice number 20-2222872-LAF

December 12, 2019

District Treasurer
Buckeye Local
3436 Edgewood Dr
Ashtabula OH 44004-5993

AMOUNT DUE \$ 250.00

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

DUE DATE January 31, 2020

OSBA Legal Assistance Fund tax identification
number is 31-0934576

**Return top portion with check payable to the Ohio School Boards Association
Legal Assistance Fund and send to the address above.**



Invoice number 20-2222872-LAF

December 12, 2019

District Treasurer
Buckeye Local
3436 Edgewood Dr
Ashtabula OH 44004-5993

AMOUNT DUE \$ 250.00

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

DUE DATE January 31, 2020

OSBA Legal Assistance Fund tax identification
number is 31-0934576

| DATE | PO NUMBER | DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT |
|--|-----------|--|--------|
| 12/12/19 | | OSBA LEGAL ASSISTANCE FUND CONSULTANT SERVICE OSBA Legal Assistance Fund (LAF) Consultant Service Contract pursuant to R.C. Section 3313.171 (January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020) | 250.00 |
| | | LAF membership should be charged to Account No. 001-2310-418 | |
| Checks MUST be made payable to the Ohio School Boards Association Legal Assistance Fund | | | |

AMOUNT DUE \$ 250.00

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

Proclamation

WHEREAS, it shall be the mission of the Buckeye Local School District to provide all students with the best possible education; and

WHEREAS, the school board sets the direction for our community's public schools by envisioning the community's educational future; and

WHEREAS, the school board sets policies and procedures to govern all aspects of school district operation; and

WHEREAS, the school board keeps attention focused on progress toward the school district's goals and maintains a two-way communications loop with all segments of the community; and

WHEREAS, serving on a school board requires an unselfish devotion of time and service to carry on the mission and business of the school district, and

WHEREAS, the school board must respond on behalf of the community to the educational needs of students; and

WHEREAS, the school board voluntarily accepts the above-mentioned responsibilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Patrick E. Colucci, Superintendent, do hereby proclaim January 2020, as School Board Recognition Month.

I encourage all citizens to publicly and privately thank the school board members from all school districts serving this community for their dedicated service to our children.

Patrick E. Colucci, Sr.
Superintendent

Jamie Davis
Treasurer

ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET INFORMATION

Name of School District **BUCKEYE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

For the Fiscal Year Commencing **July 1, 2020**

Fiscal Officer Signature *Janice Davis*

January 15, 2020

COUNTY OF ASHTABULA

Background

Substitute House Bill No. 129 (HB129) effective June 3, 2002, was enacted by the 124th General Assembly in part to allow a county budget commission to waive the requirement that a taxing authority adopt a tax budget for a political subdivision or other taxing unit, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 5705.281.

Under the law in effect prior to June 3, 2002, the budget commission could only waive the tax budget for a subdivision or other taxing unit that was receiving a share of the county undivided local government fund or the county undivided local government revenue assistance fund under an alternative method or formula pursuant to ORC Sections 5747.53 and 5747.63. Thus, tax budgets could be waived only for counties, municipalities, townships, and park districts. This restriction is now removed.

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.281

Under the amended version of this section pursuant to HB 129, a county budget commission, by an affirmative vote of a majority of the commission, including an affirmative vote by the county auditor, may waive the tax budget for any subdivision or other taxing unit. However, the commission may require the taxing authority to provide any information needed by the commission to perform its duties, including the division of the tax rates as provided under ORC Section 5705.04.

County Budget Commission Duties

The county budget commission must still certify tax rates to each subdivision or other taxing unit, by March 1 for school districts and by September 1 for all other taxing authorities under ORC Section 5705.35, even when a tax budget is waived. Also, the commission is still required to issue an official certificate of estimated resources under ORC Section 5705.35 and amended official certificates of estimated resources under ORC Section 5705.36.

Therefore, when a budget commission is setting tax rates based on a taxing unit's need, for purposes of ORC Sections 5705.32, 5705.34, and 5705.341, its determination must be based on that other information the commission asked the taxing authority to provide under ORC Section 5705.281, when the tax budget was waived. Also, an official certificate must be based on that other information the commission asked the taxing authority to provide.

Alternative Tax Budget Information Filing Deadline

The fiscal officer for each school district must file one copy of this document with the County Auditor on or before 01/20/2020. [Note: The traditional deadline for submission of the tax budget has been January 20. There is the potential for flexibility on this date as a result of HB 129 depending on the needs of the Budget Commission, but in order for them to be on track with the certificate of available resources, the date may need to be very close to January 20].

GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETING THE ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET INFORMATION*

SCHEDULE 1

The general purpose of schedule 1 is to meet the requirement of Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 5705.04 which requires the taxing authority of each subdivision to divide the taxes levied into separate levies. For help use the schedule B issued by the budget commission for the current year and add any new levies. This will help to ensure that no levies are missed.

In column 1 list only those individual funds which are requesting general property tax revenue. In column 2 purpose refers to the following terms, inside, current expenses, and special levy for example. In column 4 levy type refers to renewal, additional, and replacement for example. In column 9 identify the amount of general property tax you wish to request.

SCHEDULE 2

The general purpose of schedule 2 is to demonstrate the need to produce property tax revenues to cover the estimated expenditures for the budget year. ORC Section 5705.341 states in part;
"Nothing in this section or any section of the ORC shall permit or require the levying of any rate of taxation, whether within the 10 mill limitation or whether the levy has been approved by the electors, the political subdivision or the charter of a municipal corporation in excess of such 10 mill limitation, unless such rate of taxation for the ensuing fiscal year is clearly required by a budget properly and lawfully, adopted under this chapter or by other information required per ORC 5705.281."

Property tax revenue includes real estate taxes, personal property taxes, homestead and rollback, and the personal property 10,000 exempt monies.

SCHEDULE 3

The general purpose of schedule 3 is to produce an Official Certificate of Estimated Resources for funds that do not receive property tax revenue.

In column 3, total estimated receipts should include all revenues plus transfers in.

SCHEDULE 4

The general purpose of schedule 4 is to provide for the proper amount of millage to cover debt service requirements on voted bond issues. Major capital improvement projects are sometimes financed through the use of voted bonds. The taxing authority seeks voter approval of general obligation bonds and of the levy of property taxes outside the indirect debt limitation in whatever amount is necessary to pay debt service on those bonds.

In column 6 you must take into consideration any carry over plus or minus cash balance estimated for the current year. This can happen because there are no sure things concerning tax payments and the valuation of personal property taxpayers.

SCHEDULE 5

The general purpose of schedule 5 is to properly account for tax anticipation notes. See schedule 5 for more details.

* Please reproduce all pages as necessary.

STATEMENT OF FUND ACTIVITY

(Complete only for General Fund , Bond Retirement Fund any other funds
requesting general property tax revenue)

Buckeye Local Schools

SCHEDULE 2

FUND: GENERAL AND BOND FUND RETIREMENT (HB264)

| I | II | III | IV | V | VI |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| DESCRIPTION | Prior Fiscal Year 2019 ACTUAL | Current FY 2020 ESTIMATE | Budgeted FY July 1-Dec.30 2020 FY21 ESTIMATE | Budgeted FY Jan. 1-June 30 2021 FY21 ESTIMATE | Next FY July 1-Dec.30 2021 FY22 ESTIMATE |
| Beginning Unencumbered Fund Balance | \$10,506,024 | \$12,173,704 | \$12,923,824 | \$12,962,181 | \$13,662,696 |
| Revenues: | | | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$6,787,095 | \$6,621,584 | \$2,979,713 | \$3,641,871 | \$2,979,713 |
| Income Tax | | | | | |
| Other Receipts | \$12,408,887 | \$12,428,536 | \$6,071,090 | \$6,071,090 | \$6,081,872 |
| Transfers In | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Total Resources | \$29,702,006 | \$31,223,824 | \$21,974,627 | \$22,675,142 | \$22,724,280 |
| Total Expenditures & Encumbrances | \$17,528,302 | \$18,300,000 | \$9,012,446 | \$9,012,446 | \$9,320,241 |
| Ending Unencumbered Fund Balance | \$12,173,704 | \$12,923,824 | \$12,962,181 | \$13,662,696 | \$13,404,039 |

FUND: PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT

| I | II | III | IV | V | VI |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| DESCRIPTION | Prior Fiscal Year 2019 ACTUAL | Current FY 2020 ESTIMATE | Budgeted FY July 1-Dec.30 2020 FY21 ESTIMATE | Budgeted FY Jan. 1-June 30 2021 FY21 ESTIMATE | Next FY July 1-Dec.30 2021 FY22 ESTIMATE |
| Beginning Unencumbered Fund Balance | \$275,208 | \$311,926 | \$275,974 | \$236,296 | \$240,022 |
| Revenues: | | | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$448,145 | \$434,048 | \$195,322 | \$238,726 | \$195,322 |
| Income Tax | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Other Receipts | \$1,918 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Transfers In | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Total Resources | \$725,271 | \$745,974 | \$471,296 | \$475,022 | \$435,344 |
| Total Expenditures & Encumbrances | \$413,345 | \$470,000 | \$235,000 | \$235,000 | \$235,000 |
| Ending Unencumbered Fund Balance | \$311,926 | \$275,974 | \$236,296 | \$240,022 | \$200,344 |

STATEMENT OF FUND ACTIVITY

Funds with Revenue Other Than Local Taxes

SCHEDULE 3

| I Fund BY Type | II Beginning Estimated Unencumbered Fund Balance | III Total Estimated Receipts | IV Total Resources Available For Expenditures | V Total Estimated Expenditures & Encumbrances | VI Ending Estimated Unencumbered Balance |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Special Revenue Funds | 64,000 | 1,105,810 | 1,169,810 | 932,835 | 236,975 |
| Debt Service Funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Capital Project Funds | 26,600 | 0 | 26,600 | 26,600 | 0 |
| Expendable Trust Funds | 19,200 | 7,340 | 26,540 | 2,800 | 23,740 |
| Enterprise Funds | 282,305 | 655,400 | 937,705 | 615,250 | 322,455 |
| Internal Service Funds | | | | | |
| Non-Expendable Trust Funds | 108,200 | 3,550 | 111,750 | 2,250 | 109,500 |
| Agency Funds | 495,810 | 45,480 | 541,290 | 34,200 | 507,090 |
| TOTAL FOR MEMORANDUM ONLY | 996,115 | 1,817,580 | 2,813,695 | 1,613,935 | 1,199,760 |
| <p>Note: Additional detail may be required by your County Auditor. Consider reports such as financial summaries, revenue summaries, and expenditure summaries as attachments to the tax budget document. Such reports could be computer generated from your accounting database and will provide individual fund activity (both actual and projected).</p> | | | | | |

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES

Buckeye Local Schools _____

SCHEDULE 5

Tax anticipation notes are issued in anticipation of the collection of the proceeds of a property tax levy. The amount of money required to cover debt service must be deposited into a bond retirement fund, from collections and distribution of the tax levy, in the amounts and at the times required to pay those debt charges as provided in the legislation authorizing the tax anticipation notes. (ORC Section 133.24)

The appropriation to the fund which normally receives the tax levy proceeds is limited to the balance available after deducting the amounts to be applied to debt service.

After the issuance of general obligation securities or of securities to which section 133.24 of the ORC applies, the taxing authority of the subdivision shall include in its annual tax budget, and levy a property tax in a sufficient amount, with any other monies available for the purpose, to pay the debt charges on the securities payable from property tax. (ORC Section 133.25)

| | Name Of Tax Anticipation Note Issue | Name Of Tax Anticipation Note Issue |
|--|---|---|
| Amount Required To Meet Budget Year Principal & Interest Payments: | | |
| Principal Due | NONE | |
| Principal Due Date | | |
| Interest Due | | |
| Interest Due Date | | |
| Interest Due | | |
| Interest Due Date | | |
| Total | | |
| Name Of The Special Debt Service Fund | | |

| | | |
|--|--|--|
| Amount Of Debt Service To Be Apportioned To The Following Settlements: | | |
| February Real | | |
| August Real | | |
| June Tangible | | |
| October Tangible | | |
| Total | | |
| Name Of Fund To Be Charged | | |

The BUCKEYE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION, Ashtabula County, Ohio, met in _____ session on the 14th day of January, 2020, with the following members present:

M____. _____ moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE STATE OF OHIO EDCHOICE SCHOLARSHIP (VOUCHER) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Ohio legislature has recently made amendments which greatly increase the number and availability of vouchers for students to attend private/parochial schools at public tax expense, and

WHEREAS, such vouchers will be available to numerous families and students who have never attended Buckeye Local or any other public schools and for whom state funding has never been provided to Buckeye Local or any other public schools, and

WHEREAS, Buckeye Local's state funding will be unjustly decreased by the amount of the vouchers provided to such families and students who have not and will not attend public schools and others who transfer to private/parochial schools, and

WHEREAS, the loss of revenue to the Buckeye Local School District would devastate the District's finances, and

WHEREAS, private/parochial schools accepting students with public tax vouchers would not be required to accept all students but would be permitted to retain their selective admission policies without enforcement of other laws applicable to public schools, and

WHEREAS, private/parochial school students are not subject to the testing standards required of public-school students so that the actual performance of

private/parochial schools subsidized with public tax dollars will not be known, relative to equivalent public-school evaluation standards, and

WHEREAS, this Board believes that the EdChoice voucher program as it currently exists presents serious constitutional issues regarding the separation of church and state and the funding of religious institutions with public tax dollars, and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has the constitutional responsibility to secure a thorough and efficient system of common schools, and

WHEREAS, the EdChoice voucher program will have exactly the opposite effect by providing funding to private/parochial schools at the expense and to the detriment of public schools and their students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Buckeye Local School District Board of Education that this Board reaffirms its commitment to free accessible public schools which are adequately and equitably funded to guarantee a comparable education for ALL children and therefore opposes and respectfully requests the repeal of the ill-conceived EdChoice voucher program of the State of Ohio.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board opposes any funding programs, vouchers or otherwise, that have the effect of diverting public tax dollars from public schools to private/parochial schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to forward copies of this Resolution to all Ohio state legislators, the Superintendent of Public Instruction and Governor of the State of Ohio.

M____ seconded the motion.

Upon roll call vote resulted as follows:

| | |
|-------|-------|
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |

ADOPTED: _____, 2020.

ATTEST:

Treasurer

President