

**BUCKEYE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, October 17, 2023  
6:30 p.m. – Regular Board Meeting  
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:

The board of education will achieve excellence in learner-focused governance.

The board of education will conduct efficient and effective meetings.

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**

**Mary Wisnyai, President**

**David Tredente, Vice President**

**Gregory Kocjancic**

**Stephanie Patriarco**

**Shannon Pike**

**Mr. Patrick Colucci**  
Superintendent

**Mrs. Cassandra Brand**  
Treasurer

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**1. Opening Items**

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A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call of Members

\_\_\_ **Wisnyai** \_\_\_ **Tredente** \_\_\_ **Kocjancic** \_\_\_ **Patriarco** \_\_\_ **Pike**

C. Meditation

D. Pledge of Allegiance

E. Communications/Special Reports

1) Kingsville Public Library Quarterly Partnership Update

2) Buckeye's September Students of the Month

Thank you to our sponsors:

- Ashtabula County YMCA
- Briquettes Smokehouse
- Kids Only Learning Center
- Cash America Pawn
- CompTech PCS
- Demshar Eaton CPA
- Glotzbecker's Service Center
- Hoffmans Pharmacy
- Lakeview Federal Credit Union
- Melaragno HVAC
- Ringer Wholesale Imprints, Inc.
- Steak 'n Shake Ashtabula
- Thomas Fence Company
- Tony's Deli & Catering

Congratulations to the following students:

- Annie Mae Johnston, 10<sup>th</sup> grade, Edgewood High School
- Amanda Wentz, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Braden Middle School
- Peyton Carlo, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Kingsville Elementary School
- Brezdan Carter, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Ridgeview Elementary School

F. Public Participation Relative to Agenda Items (Bylaw 0169.1) & the Following:

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.

G. Correspondence

2. **Treasurer's Report**

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**Information**

Legislative Update

Legislative update by Mrs. Brand, Treasurer.

**Reports & Recommendations:**

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

- A. Approve the September 19, 2023, BOE Regular Meeting minutes as presented to the board on October 09, 2023.
- B. Approve bills paid in September and the financial reports as presented to the board on October 09, 2023.
- C. Student Activity Appropriation Adjustments  
Approve the Student Activity appropriation adjustments in the amount of \$29,937.25
- D. UAW Memorandum of Understanding (Mechanics)  
Approve the UAW MOU regarding pay rates for bus mechanics driving regular routes outside of their contracted mechanic hours, effective October 2, 2023 and for the duration of the current UAW Collective Bargaining Agreement ending June 30, 2024, as presented in **Exhibit A**.
- E. UAW Memorandum of Understanding (Courier)  
Approve the UAW MOU regarding Kim Braden's adjusted route putting her driver/courier position over 8 hours per day for the duration of the current UAW Collective Bargaining Agreement ending June 30, 2024, as presented in **Exhibit B**.
- F. Vector Security, Inc. Bus Garage Fire Alarm System  
Accept the proposal from Vector Security, Inc. for the installation of a fire alarm system at the Bus Garage in the amount of \$9,071.00 plus monthly monitoring and inspections, as presented in **Exhibit C**.
- G. St. Moritz Security Services, Inc.  
Approve the amended agreement between St. Moritz Security Services, Inc. and Buckeye Local Schools for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented in **Exhibit D**.
- H. Hess & Associates Engineering, Inc. Agreement  
Accept the proposal from Hess & Associates Engineering, Inc. for engineering services to design a sanitary lift station and force main for Edgewood High School, as presented in

**Exhibit E.** Hess & Associates has been involved with the project since the district purchased the property for the pump station and is the most qualified firm for the project.

I. Procuts Lawncare Snow Plowing

Accept the proposal from Procuts Lawncare for one year of snow plowing services at Edgewood High School and Ridgeview Elementary School, as presented in **Exhibits F and G.**

J. Advanced Purchasing Co., LLC Group Purchasing Agreement

Approve the group purchasing agreement between Advanced Purchasing Co., LLC and Buckeye Local Schools for a two-year period commencing on August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2024, as presented in **Exhibit H.**

\_\_\_\_ **Wisnyai** \_\_\_\_ **Tredente** \_\_\_\_ **Kocjancic** \_\_\_\_ **Patriarco** \_\_\_\_ **Pike**

### 3. Superintendent's Report

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#### **Superintendent's Reports & Recommendations**

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

A. Board Policies and Guidelines - First Reading

Review the following board policies and guidelines as presented to the board on October 9, 2023:

- Po5330.04 – Revised PROCUREMENT AND USE OF NALOXONE (NARCAN) IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS
- Po5409 – Revised STUDENT ACCELERATION
- Po5410 - Revised PROMOTION, ACADEMIC ACCELERATION, PLACEMENT, AND RETENTION
- Po5464 - Revised EARLY GRADUATION
- Ag5421A - Revised GRADING

B. Accept Gifts

- 1) Ashtabula County YMCA donated 32 plaques from Playall Awards and Engraving valued at \$734.40 for Buckeye Students of the Month.
- 2) Kids Only Early Learning Center, Inc. donated \$100 toward the Buckeye Students of the Month fund.
- 3) Glotzbecker's Service Center donated \$200 toward the Buckeye Students of the Month fund.
- 4) Ringer Wholesale Imprints donates four *Student of the Month* tee shirts per month for 8 months for a total 32 shirts at \$12.75 each, totaling \$408.00 as a gift to Buckeye Students of the Month.

- 5) Cash America Pawn donated 32 coupons for 2 Free Games at \$15 each, for a total of \$480.00 as a gift to Buckeye Students of the Month.
- 6) Deidre Reminder (in memory of her mother-in-law Carol Hewitt Wilt) donated items for incubating chicken eggs, a value of \$100, to the Kingsville Elementary classroom of Holly White.

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**4. Personnel**

*It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the following Personnel items as presented in 4A – 4I (See item 4J as separate voting item):*

**Certified Staff:**

**A. Certified – Change in Salary – Effective August 21, 2023**

- 1) Abigail Benjamin, from B/150 at \$47,004 to B+10 at \$47,732
- 2) Kelley Loudon, from M+10 at \$73,603 to M+20 at \$75,060
- 3) Renee Mattson, from B at \$45,546 to B+10 at \$47,732
- 4) Angela Ponteri, from B+10 at \$44,089 to B+20 at \$44,818
- 5) Thomas Riedel, from M+10 at \$72,692 to M+20 at \$74,149
- 6) Heidi Robinson, from B at \$60,121 to B+10 at \$62,307
- 7) Alleen Santee, from M+20 at \$73,238 to M+30 at \$74,696
- 8) Ryan Sardella, from M+10 at \$72,692 to M+20 at \$74,149
- 9) Steven Urchek, from M at \$44,818 to M+10 at \$46,275

**B. Certified – Resignation**

Heidi Robinson, Student Council at Ridgeview Elementary, effective August 21, 2023.

**C. Certified / Licensed Employees – Employment of Extracurricular and Special Fee Assignments as presented:**

| <u>Name</u>      | <u>Position</u>                       | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>Salary</u> |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Shannon Johnston | Ridgeview Student Council Co-Advisor  | 8/24/2023         | \$182.19      |
| Heidi Robinson   | Ridgeview Student Council Co-Advisor  | 8/24/2023         | \$182.19      |
| Julie Oberg      | Kingsville Student Council Co-Advisor | 9/20/2023         | \$163.18      |
| Holly White      | Kingsville Student Council Co-Advisor | 9/20/2023         | \$163.18      |
| Connie Sommers   | Musical Drama – Pit Band              | 10/1/2023         | \$364.37      |

**D. Non-Certified/Non-Employees - 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>Years Exp</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>Salary</u> |
|----------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Mary Ann Kline | Spring Drama Director | 7+               | 10/1/2023         | \$2,186.22    |
| Debra Fleming  | Spring Music Director | 0                | 10/1/2023         | \$1,821.85    |
| Stephen Nagy   | Bowling Volunteer     | 0                |                   |               |

**Classified Staff:**

**E. Classified – Appointments**

- 1) Leandra Fogus, Bus Aide for Preschool, 6.25 hours per day, Step 1 of 5, \$15.10 per hour, effective September 25, 2023.
- 2) Candy Shelott, SMEA at Kingsville Elementary, 3 hours per day, Step 1 of 5, \$15.10 per hour, effective October 16, 2023.
- 3) Miranda Scott, SMEA at Kingsville Elementary, 3 hours per day, Step 1 of 5, \$15.10 per hour, effective October 6, 2023.

**F. Classified – Change in Assignment**

- 1) Marguerite Kister, from SMEA at Kingsville Elementary to Library Aide at Kingsville / Ridgeview Elementary, 6.25 hours per day, Step 1 of 11, \$16.32 per hour, effective September 25, 2023.

**G. Classified – Substitutes**

- 1) Michael Cameron – Custodian, Maintenance
- 2) Mary Jo Doyle – Administrative Assistant, Cafeteria
- 3) Patricia Gilbert – Van Driver, Bus Aide
- 4) Joseph Hackathorn – Bus Driver
- 5) Caleb Johnson – Student Worker

- 6) Nicole Phillips – SMEA, effective September 7, 2023
- 7) Daniel Varkett - Custodian

H. Permanent Substitute Teachers

The following individual will be employed up to 4 days per week at \$140 per day as a district-wide substitute teacher for the 2023-2024 school year:

- 1) Tawnya Smith, Kingsville Elementary, effective August 24, 2023.

I. One-Year Temporary Non-Bachelor’s Substitute Teaching License 2023-2024 School Year

In accordance with the passage of Senate Bill 1 of the 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, the Ohio Department of Education has been granted the authority to issue a one-time, non-renewable One-Year Temporary Non-Bachelor’s Substitute Teaching License for the 2023-2024 school year to applicants who do not hold a post-secondary degree but meet the employing school or district’s educational requirements with board approval.

- 1) Nicole Bisbee
- 2) Kasimir Boyd
- 3) Angela Fitch
- 4) Lisa Freeborn

*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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- 1) Abigail Pike

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**5. Visitor Participation Relative to New Items (non-agenda items)**

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*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**

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**7. Adjournment**

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