

# BUCKEYE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

6:30 p.m.

## **“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**

**Shannon Pike, President**

**Stephanie Patriarco, Vice President**

**Gregory Kocjancic**

**Chad Miller**

**Roman Vencill**

**Mr. Patrick Colucci**  
**Superintendent**

**Mrs. Kassandra Brand**  
**Treasurer**

**BUCKEYE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
Tuesday, April 23, 2024

**1. Opening Items**

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A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call of Members

\_\_\_\_ **Kocjancic** \_\_\_\_ **Miller** \_\_\_\_ **Patriarco** \_\_\_\_ **Pike** \_\_\_\_ **Vencill**

C. Meditation

D. Pledge of Allegiance

E. Communications/Special Reports

- 1) Kingsville Public Library Quarterly Update
- 2) Buckeye's March Students of the Month

Thank you to our sponsors:

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

Congratulations to the following students:

- Jacob Ranck, 12<sup>th</sup> grade, Edgewood High School
- Jacob Tran, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Braden Middle School
- Malachi Mendenhall, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Kingsville Elementary School
- Clayton Ettinger, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Ridgeview Elementary School

3) Zachery Tieche, Tremco Roofing Advisor

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

#### Fiscal Year 2023 State Audit

Mrs. Brand, Treasurer, will review the 2023 State Audit.

### Reports & Recommendations:

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

- A. Approve the March BOE Regular meeting minutes as presented to the board on April 10, 2024.
- B. Approve bills paid in March and the financial reports as presented to the board on April 10, 2024.

\_\_\_\_ **Kocjancic** \_\_\_\_ **Miller** \_\_\_\_ **Patriarco** \_\_\_\_ **Pike** \_\_\_\_ **Vencill**

C. Student Activity Appropriation Adjustments

Approve the Student Activity appropriation adjustments in the amount of \$17,908.65.

\_\_\_\_ **Kocjancic** \_\_\_\_ **Miller** \_\_\_\_ **Patriarco** \_\_\_\_ **Pike** \_\_\_\_ **Vencill**

D. MNJ Technologies and GreatWave Communications E-Rate Agreements

- GreatWave Communications - \$ 21,000 of E-rate Category 2 Managed Internal Broadband Services (MIBS) services and \$8,000 of installation of internal connections as presented in **Exhibit A**. The performance dates of this contract are 07/01/2024 through 6/30/2025.
- MNJ Technologies - \$100,800 of E-rate Category Two Internal Connections products and services, as presented in **Exhibit B**. This contract may commence as early as 04/01/2024 and shall terminate on 9/30/2025.

\_\_\_\_ **Kocjancic** \_\_\_\_ **Miller** \_\_\_\_ **Patriarco** \_\_\_\_ **Pike** \_\_\_\_ **Vencill**

E. Creation of Fund

Authorize the Treasurer to create the following fund and to establish necessary receipt and appropriation accounts for such fund:

- Ref Reps Officiating Education System 009-4590

\_\_\_\_ **Kocjancic** \_\_\_\_ **Miller** \_\_\_\_ **Patriarco** \_\_\_\_ **Pike** \_\_\_\_ **Vencill**

- F. Ashtabula County Technical & Career Campus Registered Nurse Program Agreement  
Approve the agreement between Ashtabula County Technical & Career Campus and Buckeye Local Schools to cooperate to provide a supervised learning experience for students in the adult Registered Nurse Program at A-Tech, as presented in **Exhibit C**.

\_\_\_\_ **Kocjancic** \_\_\_\_ **Miller** \_\_\_\_ **Patriarco** \_\_\_\_ **Pike** \_\_\_\_ **Vencill**

- G. Workers' Compensation Service Contract  
Authorize the Treasurer to enter into a one-year contract with Sheakley UniService, Inc. for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, to provide workers' compensation services.

\_\_\_\_ **Kocjancic** \_\_\_\_ **Miller** \_\_\_\_ **Patriarco** \_\_\_\_ **Pike** \_\_\_\_ **Vencill**

- H. Building Technicians Corporation Agreement  
Approve the Article of Agreement between Building Technicians Corporation and Buckeye Local Schools for roofing repairs and replacement at Kingsville Elementary School and Edgewood High School, as presented in **Exhibit D**.

\_\_\_\_ **Kocjancic** \_\_\_\_ **Miller** \_\_\_\_ **Patriarco** \_\_\_\_ **Pike** \_\_\_\_ **Vencill**

- I. Parking Lot Repairs Bid  
Accept the parking lot repairs bid from All Ways Construction, LLC in the amount of \$479,086.72.

\_\_\_\_ **Kocjancic** \_\_\_\_ **Miller** \_\_\_\_ **Patriarco** \_\_\_\_ **Pike** \_\_\_\_ **Vencill**

- J. Equipment Disposal Requests  
Approve the list of equipment to be disposed of, as presented in **Exhibit E**.

\_\_\_\_ **Kocjancic** \_\_\_\_ **Miller** \_\_\_\_ **Patriarco** \_\_\_\_ **Pike** \_\_\_\_ **Vencill**

- K. Healthcare Process Consulting, Inc.  
Approve the Medicaid School Program Service Agreement between Healthcare Process Consulting, Inc. and Buckeye Local Schools for an annual fee of \$14,500 for a period of three years, commencing on July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2027, as presented in **Exhibit F**.

\_\_\_\_ **Kocjancic** \_\_\_\_ **Miller** \_\_\_\_ **Patriarco** \_\_\_\_ **Pike** \_\_\_\_ **Vencill**

### 3. Superintendent's Report

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#### Information

Mr. Colucci, Superintendent, will present information from the Coalition of Ohio Rural and Appalachian Schools (CORAS) on student cell phone usage in schools, as presented in **Exhibit G**.

## Superintendent's Reports & Recommendations

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

### A. Administrative Contract Renewals

Re-employ the following individuals in accordance with Section 3319.02 of the Ohio Revised Code and issue a contract for a three-year period from August 1, 2024 to July 31, 2027:

- 1) Timothy Neal, Principal, Kingsville Elementary, \$96,720.02 base plus \$1,560.01 longevity.
- 2) Tracy DeLuca, Principal, Ridgeview Elementary, \$82,680.95 base plus \$4,680.02 longevity.
- 3) Ashley Brent, Assistant Principal, Braden Middle School, \$82,680.95 base.

\_\_\_\_ **Kocjancic** \_\_\_\_ **Miller** \_\_\_\_ **Patriarco** \_\_\_\_ **Pike** \_\_\_\_ **Vencill**

### B. 2024-2025 District Calendar Amendment

Approve the amended 2024-2025 Buckeye Local School District Calendar, as presented in **Exhibit H**.

\_\_\_\_ **Kocjancic** \_\_\_\_ **Miller** \_\_\_\_ **Patriarco** \_\_\_\_ **Pike** \_\_\_\_ **Vencill**

### C. Board Policies - First Reading

Review the following board policies as presented to the board on March 20, 2024:

- |             |          |          |             |
|-------------|----------|----------|-------------|
| • po0165    | • po0168 | • po2623 | • po2623.02 |
| • po3120.04 | • po4124 | • po5310 | • po8600    |
| • po8600.04 | • po8640 | • po8650 | • po8660    |

\_\_\_\_ **Kocjancic** \_\_\_\_ **Miller** \_\_\_\_ **Patriarco** \_\_\_\_ **Pike** \_\_\_\_ **Vencill**

### D. Coalition of Ohio Rural and Appalachian Schools (CORAS)

Approve the service contract with the Coalition of Ohio Rural and Appalachian Schools Legislative Co. and Sunday Creek Horizons for legislative research and educational public policy development for rural school districts, their respective teachers, and their respective school communities for fiscal year 2025, as presented in **Exhibit I**.

\_\_\_\_ **Kocjancic** \_\_\_\_ **Miller** \_\_\_\_ **Patriarco** \_\_\_\_ **Pike** \_\_\_\_ **Vencill**

### E. Pay to Participate Fees

Approve the suspension of Pay to Participate Student Activity Fees for extracurricular activities beginning with the 2024-25 school year. The Board retains the right to reinstate these fees at any time.

\_\_\_\_ **Kocjancic** \_\_\_\_ **Miller** \_\_\_\_ **Patriarco** \_\_\_\_ **Pike** \_\_\_\_ **Vencill**

F. Student Lunch Price Increase

Approve the recommendation to increase student lunch prices for the 2024-25 school year, as presented in **Exhibit J**.

\_\_\_\_ **Kocjancic** \_\_\_\_ **Miller** \_\_\_\_ **Patriarco** \_\_\_\_ **Pike** \_\_\_\_ **Vencill**

G. Accept Gifts

- 1) Accept a donation from the Buckeye Vocal Music Association (BVMA) to the Edgewood Choral Department to be used toward the purchase of a new keyboard in the amount of \$200.00.
- 2) Accept a donation from East Ashtabula Educational Assistance Corp. to Edgewood High School in the amount of \$2,000.00 for 2 - \$1,000.00 scholarships to EHS Seniors in accordance with the scholarship requirements.
- 3) Accept a donation from KMB Photography, Inc. to the BLSD Athletic Department in the amount of \$119.55.
- 4) Accept a donation from Playon Sports to the BLSD Athletic Department in the amount of \$42.65.
- 5) Accept a donation from Alana and Chad Miller for Student of the Month in the amount of \$85.38.

\_\_\_\_ **Kocjancic** \_\_\_\_ **Miller** \_\_\_\_ **Patriarco** \_\_\_\_ **Pike** \_\_\_\_ **Vencill**

4. **Personnel**

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*It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the following Personnel item as presented in 4A-4L (See item 4M as separate voting item):*

**Certified Staff:**

A. Certified – Tutor

Alexis Nelson, Home Instruction Tutor, Braden Middle School, for no more than 5 hours per week, tutor rate of pay \$25.51/hour, effective April 15, 2024.

B. Certified – Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA)

Sarah Wittreich, guidance counselor at Ridgeview Elementary, effective April 16, 2024, for no more than 12 work weeks in a 12-month period.

C. Certified – Resignations

- 1) Nicole Kray, National Honor Society, Edgewood High School, resignation effective at the end of the 2023-24 school year.
- 2) Holly White, Student Council Co-Advisor, Kingsville Elementary, effective at the end of the 2023-24 school year.

D. Certified – Technology Substitute

Whereas, the Board of Education hereby employs Gregory Stolfer, Jr. as a Technology Substitute for the 2024-2025 school year at a rate of \$20 per hour for a total of 150 hours, not to exceed \$3,000.

E. Certified – Non-Renew Permanent Substitute Teachers, effective June 30, 2024

Kira Campbell  
Tawnya Smith  
Patti Stauffenegger

F. Certified – Non-Renew Tutor Contracts, effective June 30, 2024

Tonya Belnap-Tiscenko	Pamela Poff	Kimberly Weeks
Bethany Juncker	Carrie Rhodes	
Jennifer Myers	Shelby Schwotzer	
Julie Oberg	Tawnya Smith	

G. Non-Certified/Non-Employees – Extracurricular and Special Fee Assignments

**SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION TO APPOINT NON-CERTIFIED /  
NON-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**, 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>Year</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Yrs Exp</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Jay Bowler	Head Boys Basketball	2024-25	11/01/24	7+	\$6,755.40

**Classified Staff:**

H. Classified – Appointment

Richard Burnheimer, Bus Mechanic for the District, 8 hours per day, Step 6 of 9, \$20.71/hour, effective April 22, 2024.

I. Classified – Substitutes

- 1) Natasha Hibbard – Administrative Assistant, Cafeteria
- 2) Michael Ochoa – Student Worker
- 3) Brittany Stacy – Administrative Assistant, Cafeteria
- 4) Lexi Terrano – Student Worker
- 5) Mason Thorr – Student Worker

J. Classified – Non-Renew Tutor Contract, effective June 30, 2024

Christy Vencill

K. Classified – 2024 Summer Food Service Program

Stacy Conrad – Manager, \$20.00/hour

Food Service Workers - \$15.00/hour

- 1) Shauna Blizzard
- 2) Jean Conrad
- 3) Darla Helfer
- 4) Tawnya Kiser
- 5) Nicole Paul
- 6) Beverly Pierce
- 7) Debbie Turner (as needed)
- 8) Dan Varkett
- 9) Tanya Zimmerman

L. One-Year Temporary Non-Bachelor's Substitute Teaching License 2023-24 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 2023-24 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.

Kevin Brown – effective April 3, 2024

\_\_\_\_Kocjancic \_\_\_\_Miller \_\_\_\_ Patriarco \_\_\_\_Pike \_\_\_\_Vencill



*It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the following Personnel item as presented in 4M:*

M. Certified – Non-Renew Tutor Contracts, effective June 30, 2024

Jacqueline Allenbaugh

\_\_\_\_ Kocjancic \_\_\_\_ Miller \_\_\_\_ Patriarco \_\_\_\_ Pike \_\_\_\_ Vencill

**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**

**7. Executive Session**

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For the discussion of personnel - appointment, employment of public employees/officials, and investigation of complaints.

\_\_\_\_ Kocjancic \_\_\_\_ Miller \_\_\_\_ Patriarco \_\_\_\_ Pike \_\_\_\_ Vencill

**8. Adjournment**

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\_\_\_\_ Kocjancic \_\_\_\_ Miller \_\_\_\_ Patriarco \_\_\_\_ Pike \_\_\_\_ Vencill