

BUCKEYE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 25, 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

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING**
Tuesday, June 25, 2024

1. Opening Items

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call of Members

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

C. Meditation

D. Pledge of Allegiance

E. Communications/Special Reports

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

Reports & Recommendations:

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

A. Approve the May 28, 2024 BOE Regular Meeting and the June 6, 2024 Special Meeting minutes as presented to the board on June 13, 2024.

B. Approve bills paid in May and the financial reports as presented to the board on June 13, 2024.

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

C. FY2024 Final Appropriations

Approve the Final Appropriations for fiscal year 2024, as presented in **Exhibit A**.

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

D. Athletics Transfer

Authorize the transfer of \$10,000.00 from the general fund into Fund 300-0000 for athletics for the 2023-2024 school year.

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

E. Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources

Authorize the treasurer to request an Amended Certificate of Estimated resources from the County Auditor.

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

F. Advances

Authorize the treasurer to advance funds from the general fund to the following funds. All funds will be repaid to the general fund during fiscal year 2025.

- 300-0000 Athletics \$428.17
- 300-0000 Yearbook \$8,035.16
- 499-9024 Eastgate ARC Grant - Wastewater Plant \$106,000.00
- 507-9124 ARP Homeless Targeted Support Grant \$7,408.78
- 590-9024 Title II Grant \$7,000.00

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

G. Lunchroom Student and Adult Outstanding Balances

Authorize the transfer of \$45,454.05 from the general fund into Food Service Fund 006-9000 for unpaid lunchroom charges/outstanding balances.

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

H. FY2025 Temporary Appropriations

- Approve fiscal year 2025 temporary appropriations at 25% of fiscal year 2024 total expenditures for the following funds:
 - 001 General Fund
 - 003 Permanent Improvement Fund
 - 006 Lunchroom Fund
- and to appropriate the unencumbered balances of the following funds:
 - 004 Building Fund (HVAC)
 - 009 Uniform Supply Fund
 - 018 Student Activity Funds
 - 019 Other Grants
 - 200 Student Activity Funds
 - 300 Student Activity Funds
 - 499-9050 Safety Training Grant
 - 499-9124 BWC School Safety and Security Grant

- 507-9223 ARP ESSER III
- 507-9124 ARP Homeless Targeted Support Grant
- 507-9924 ARP Homeless Grant
- 536-9224 Title I School Improvement
- 572-9024 Title I Grant
- 572-9124 Expanding Opportunities Grant
- 584-9024 Title IV
- 590-9024 Title II

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

I. Community Eligibility Provision Agreement

Approve the agreement between the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (DEW) and Buckeye Local School District for participation in the Community Eligibility Provision for the four-year period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2028, as presented in **Exhibit B**.

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

J. Student Instructional and Class Fees

Approve the suspension of Instructional and Class Fees beginning with the 2024-25 school year. The Board retains the right to reinstate these fees at any time.

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

K. Consents and Special Needs Resolution

Approve the resolution determining that the school district is a Special Needs District and authorizing the preparation and filing of materials in connection with the application for (i) designation of the school district as a special needs district pursuant to Section 133.06(e) of the Revised Code and (ii) consents pursuant to Section 133.06(c) of the Revised Code, as presented in **Exhibit C**.

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

L. Bond Issue Resolution of Necessity (Resolution No. 1)

Approve the resolution declaring the necessity of submitting the electors of the school district the question of the issuance of school improvement bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$36,626,000 and the levy of an additional 0.5-mill tax to provide funds for the acquisition, construction, enlargement, renovation, and financing of general permanent improvements, pursuant to Section 5705.218 of the Revised Code, as presented in **Exhibit D**.

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

M. Restroom Dividers

Approve the quote from Shiffler Equipment Sales for the installation of restroom solid partitions at Edgewood High School, as presented in **Exhibit E**.

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

N. Catapult K12

- Accept the quote from Catapult K12 for website redesign in the amount of \$5,500.00, as presented in **Exhibit F**.
- Accept the three-year quote from Catapult K12 for CMS Website Hosting, Connect Mass Communication, and a District Branded App, as presented in **Exhibit G**.

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

O. Textbook and Equipment Disposal Requests

Approve the list of books and equipment to be disposed of via direct disposal, as presented in **Exhibit H**.

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

P. Schools of Ohio Risk Sharing Authority, Inc. (SORSA)

Approve the participation agreement with Schools of Risk Sharing Authority (SORSA) for the district's property and liability insurance for fiscal year 2025, effective July 1, 2024, as presented in **Exhibit I**.

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

Q. SC Strategic Solutions, LLC (SCSS) Agreement

Approve the agreement between SC Strategic Solutions, LLC and Buckeye Local School District for software and services for Requisition/USAS Integration, Electronic Forms/Workflow, and Mileage with Google Integration for a period of three years, as presented in **Exhibit J**.

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

3. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent's Reports & Recommendations

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

A. Administrative – Additional Hours

Approve additional hours for Steve Kray, Maintenance/Building & Grounds Supervisor, effective June 1, 2024, through July 31, 2024, at his per diem rate not to exceed 10 days during this time.

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

B. Administrative Salary Adjustment

Recommendation to approve the same percentage increase approved in the BEA Master Agreement for the administrators for three years (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027) along

with the same insurance design and premium share as the teaching staff, effective October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2027.

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

C. Central Office Salary Adjustment

Recommendation to approve the same percentage increase approved in the UAW Master Agreement for the central office personnel for three years (July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027) along with the same insurance design and premium share as the operational staff, effective October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2027.

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

D. Superintendent and Treasurer Salary Adjustment

Recommendation to approve the same percentage increase approved in the BEA Master Agreement for the Superintendent, Patrick E. Colucci and the Treasurer, Kassandra Brand, for three years (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027) along with the same insurance design and premium share as the teaching staff, effective October 1, 2024 through October 1, 2027.

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

E. Board Policy 0164 Amendment

Approve the resolution to amend Board Policy 0164 and to waive the requirement for a second reading of proposed changes, as presented in **Exhibit K**.

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

F. Board Policy – Second Reading

Approve the following board policy as presented to the board on May 16, 2024:

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____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

G. Athletic Policy – Student/Parent Handbook

Approve the Athletic Student/Parent Handbook for the 2024-25 school year, as presented in **Exhibit L**.

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

H. BEA Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Additional Extracurricular Activities

Approve the BEA MOU regarding the addition of Bowling and ESports as extracurricular activities, as presented in **Exhibit M**.

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

I. Kingsville Public Library (KPL) Levy Renewal – Resolution to Proceed

Approve the resolution for the Kingsville Public Library to proceed with declaring the necessity of and submitting to the electors of the Kingsville Public Library District the question of the renewal of an existing 1.0-mill tax levy for the purpose of current expenses of the Kingsville Public Library on the November 5, 2024 ballot, as presented in **Exhibit N**.

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

J. State ex rel. Ames v. Buckeye Local School District Settlement Agreement and Release

Approve the resolution to approve the settlement agreement and release, as presented in **Exhibit O**.

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

K. Accept Gifts

- 1) Accept a donation from Lots-A-Leche Dairy to the Buckeye Safety Committee Warrior Shield to be used toward the purchase of safety items for the 2024-25 safety kits in the amount of \$50.00.
- 2) Accept a donation from Dollar General of various books (100 count) to the Kingsville Library to expand library reading. The approximate value is unknown.
- 3) Accept a donation from The Shelby Family Foundation of Ashtabula, OH to the BLSD Food Service Department to be used for the free breakfast/lunch program in the amount of \$3,000.00.

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

4. **Personnel**

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the following Personnel items as presented in 4A-4N (See items 4O as a separate voting item):

Administrative Staff:

A. Administrative – Resignation

Nikolas Rubesich, Principal at Braden Middle School, effective June 25, 2024. Mr. Rubesich has served the Buckeye district for 1 year.

Certified Staff:

B. Certified – Appointments

- 1) Emma Greenwood, Kindergarten Teacher at Kingsville Elementary, effective August 19, 2024, salary to be determined.
- 2) Gabrielle Ewing, Kindergarten Teacher at Kingsville Elementary, effective August 19, 2024, salary to be determined.
- 3) Ryan Neuman, Math Teacher at Braden Middle School, effective August 19, 2024, salary to be determined.

C. Certified – Tutors for the 2024-25 School Year

All tutors are effective August 19, 2024, with an hourly rate of \$26.27 per hour.

- 1) Pamela Poff, Title I Tutor, Edgewood High School, 4 hours per day plus 1 additional hour, as needed.
- 2) Christy Vencill, Title I Tutor, Edgewood High School, 7.50 hours per day.
- 3) Kira Campbell, Academic Tutor, Edgewood High School, 7.50 hours per day.
- 4) Kimberly Weeks, Academic Tutor, Kingsville Elementary, 7.50 hours per day.
- 5) Tonya Belnap-Tiscenko, Academic Tutor, Ridgeview Elementary, 7.50 hours per day.

D. Certified – Change in Assignment

- 1) Kady Infield, from kindergarten teacher at Kingsville to Intervention Specialist at Kingsville.
- 2) Tricia Oros, from 1st grade teacher at Ridgeview to 2nd grade teacher at Ridgeview.
- 3) Shannon Johnston, from 2nd grade teacher at Ridgeview to 3rd grade teacher at Ridgeview.
- 4) Maria Gentry, from 4th grade teacher at Ridgeview to 5th grade teacher at Ridgeview.
- 5) Steven Urchek, from Intervention Specialist at Kingsville to Intervention Specialist at Braden.
- 6) Kaytee Shimek, from Intervention Specialist at Braden to Intervention Specialist at Braden and Edgewood.

E. Certified – Resignations

Lindsey McGraw, Kindergarten Teacher, Kingsville Elementary, effective at the end of the 2023-24 school year. Ms. McGraw has served the Buckeye district for 4 years.

F. Certified – Extracurricular and Special Fee Assignments

Approve the following extracurricular and special fee assignments for the 2024-25 school year, as presented in **Exhibit P**.

G. Certified – Salary Placement

- 1) Kimberly Alderman, Intervention Specialist at Kingsville Elementary, B, 9yrs exp., \$54,419.00.
- 2) Sharon Seegert, Art Teacher at Braden Middle School, M, 22 yrs. exp., \$75,310.00.

- 3) Julie Simmons, Intervention Specialist at Ridgeview Elementary, M +30, 14 yrs. exp., \$75,060.00.

Classified Staff:

H. Classified – Appointments

- 1) Rita Wagner, Bus Driver-Floater, 8 hours/day, Step 6 of 25, \$21.44/hour, effective August 22, 2024.
- 2) Michael Boone, Custodian, Kingsville Elementary, 8 hours/day, Step 5 of 25, \$19.88/hour, effective July 1, 2024.
- 3) Timothy Marshall, Maintenance for District, 8 hours/day, Step 8 of 25, \$20.60/hour, effective July 1, 2024.

I. Classified – Contract Revision

Richard Burnheimer, Bus Mechanic, from a 2-year limited contract to a 1-year limited contract, Step 6 of 25, \$21.69 per hour, for the 2024-25 school year.

J. Classified – Substitute

Mary Ann Dunne – Summer Food Worker

K. Classified – Substitutes 2024-2025 School Year

Administrative Assistant

Resa Bilbie

Tashina Drake

Angela Fitch

Rebecca Forbes

Julie Huntley

Joanne Rogers

Sharon Rose

Diane Rundo – Food Service Only

Brad Vincenzo

Jaqueline Wolford

SMEA/Library Aide/Crossing Guard/Bus Aide

Tashina Drake – SMEA/Library Aide

Angela Fitch

LeAndra Fogus

Rebecca Forbes

Julie Huntley

Nora Maurer

Sharon Rose

Candy Shelott

Constance Smith – SMEA/Bus Aide

Brad Vincenzo – Bus Aide
Jacqueline Wolford

Cafeteria – Food Service

Emma Jean Conrad
Mary Jo Doyle
Rebecca Forbes
Julie Huntley
Beth Kiser – Elementary only
Nora Maurer
Tracey McNeil
Joanne Rogers
Candy Shelott

Bus Driver

Jody Anthony
Resa Bilbie
Leslie Desin
Joseph Hackathorn
John Maurer
Nora Maurer
Brad Vincenzo

Courier

Kim Braden
Leslie Design
LeAndra Fogus
Julie Huntley
John Maurer
Tracey McNeil
Rebecca Pinkerton
Joanne Rogers

Custodian

Kim Braden
Leslie Desin
Greg Drummond
LeAndra Fogus
Mark Loudon
Tracey McNeil
Rita Nicka
Constance Smith

Summer Maintenance

Jody Anthony
Resa Bilbie
Kim Braden
Jennifer Carpenter
LeAndra Fogus
Joseph Hackathorn
Mark Loudon (not Buckeye employee)
Tracey McNeil
Rita Nicka
Rebecca Pinkerton
Constance Smith

Student Workers

Hannah Brunell
Korbin Cliff
John Cline
Katee Clutter
Miles Daywalt
Isabella Emery
Jacob Ernst
David Gaines IV
Emma Lasher
Michael Ochoa
Hannah Osoro
Morgan Pasco
Heaven Rivera
Lexi Terrano
Mason Thor
Zachary Thor
Aiden Vidmar
Noah Wood

L. 2024-25 Athletic Workers

Michelle Barnum
Kristen Bush
Missy Coy
George Dragon
Annie Evans
Nancy Frey
Nicole Goodenow
Steve Hill
Steve Kray, Sr.
Tina Kray

Emma Mauro
Katelynn McCollister
Greg Mendrala
Annie Perez
Kathleen Saturday
Ed Spencer
McKenna Vencill

M. Volunteer

Stephanie Marcy - Volleyball

N. One-Year Temporary Non-Bachelor's Substitute Teaching License 2024-25 School Year

In accordance with the passage of Senate Bill 1 of the 134th 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 2024-25 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. The Superintendent recommends the following individuals for hire as as-needed substitutes, and confirms they meet the Board's requirements for educational attainment and moral character.

- 1) Tashina Drake
- 2) Angela Fitch

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

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

O. Certified – Tutor for the 2024-25 School Year

Jacqueline Allenbaugh, Academic Tutor, Braden Middle School, 7.50 hours/day, \$26.27 per hour, effective August 19, 2024.

____ **Kocjancic** ____ **Miller** ____ **Patriarco** ____ **Pike** ____ **Vencill**

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. Executive Session

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

____Kocjancic ____Miller ____ Patriarco ____Pike ____Vencill

8. Adjournment

____Kocjancic ____Miller ____ Patriarco ____Pike ____Vencill