

BUCKEYE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

January 21, 2015

6:30 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

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Superintendent

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BUCKEYE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
January 21, 2015

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call of Members
- III. Meditation
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- V. Approval of Minutes
- VI. Communications
 - School Board Recognition
 - Kingsville Public Library – Partnership Update from Shelly Lyle
- VII. Public Participation Related to Agenda Items
 - Please limit your comments to three minutes or less.*
- VIII. Ridgeview Building Report
- IX. Treasurer's Report
 - A. Reports and Recommendations

It is the recommendation of the Treasurer that the Board approve the following items.

1. Bills Paid in December

The list of bills paid in December, as sent to the Board on January 16, 2015

2. Financial Reports

The financial reports, as sent to the Board on January 16, 2015

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X. Superintendent's Report

A. Information

1. Student Fees – 2015-16 – Draft of Revisions – as found in Exhibit **A**

2. Follow-up Items from Organizational Meeting of January 3, 2015

B. Reports and Recommendations

For Board of Education Discussion

Weighting of Grades – The following item is available for board action if it so chooses. It is not recommended by the superintendent. If the board, by majority vote supports the resolution, it will be added to Policy 5460 – Graduation and Related Grading Requirements, as follows.

Beginning with the Class of 2019, those courses designated as “Advanced Placement (AP)” or “honors” or as directed by state statute as requiring a weighted value will be so weighted as follows:

A = 5 points
B = 4 points
C = 2 points
D = 1 point
F = 0 points

Final grade point average will be calculated using these values.

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the following item.

1. Policy 5460 – Graduation Requirements and Related Grading Requirements
Approve Board Policy 5460 – Graduation Requirements and Related Grading Requirements, with changes as noted in Exhibit **B**.

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X. Superintendent's Report

B. Reports and Recommendations

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the following items.

2. Board Policy

Second Reading – Approve the following board policies.

Revisions

- 1530 Evaluation of Principals and Other Administrators
- 2430 District-Sponsored Clubs and Activities
- 2520 Selection of Instructional Materials and Equipment
- 5223 Released Time for Religious Instruction
- 5330 Use of Medications
- 5408 Academic Acceleration, Early Entrance to Kindergarten, and Early High School Graduation
- 5830 Student Fundraising
- 6144 Investments
- 7540.03 Student Education Technology Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety
- 7540.04 Staff Education Technology ~~Network and Internet~~ Acceptable Use and Safety
- 8330 Student Records
- 8400 School Safety
- 8500 Food Services
- 8510 Wellness
- 8540 Vending Machines
- 8550 Competitive Food Sales
- 8660 Incidental Transportation of Students by Private Vehicle
- 9211 District Support Organizations

New

- 2430.02 Participation of Community/STEM School Students in Extra-curricular Activities
- 5336 Care of Student with Diabetes

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X. Superintendent's Report

B. Reports and Recommendations

3. Reduction Plan for 2015-16

Approve the Reduction Plan for the 2015-16 school year, as found in Exhibit C, and direct the superintendent to implement the plan.

4. Kingsville Public Library Trustee

Appoint Dennis Kortyka, 2824 E. Center Road, P.O. 36, North Kingsville, to the Kingsville Public Library Board of Trustees for the term of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2021.

5. Accept Gift

Accept the following gift to the board of education.

Donation of Fair Play scoreboard with wireless control panel and carrying cases **\$5,990.00**

From ACMC, Allstate Insurance, Greg Sweet, Healthy Smile Center, Ashtabula County Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and Side Effects Co. (installation) to the Edgewood High School Athletic Department

6. Overnight Field Trip for Extracurricular Activity

Approve the overnight extracurricular field trip for the varsity wrestling team to attend the Eastern Ohio Wrestling League Tournament on February 6, 2015, per the information provided to the board of education under separate cover.

C. Personnel

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the following items.

1. Resignation

Gregory Stolfer, asst. girls track coach (V), effective January 13, 2015

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X. Superintendent's Report

C. Personnel

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the following items.

2. Appointments – 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>School Year</u>	<u>Yrs. Exp.</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Gary Young	Asst. girls softball coach	2014-15	6	2-23-2015	\$2,594.16

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C. Personnel

3. Appointments – Operational

Substitute Student Worker

Alex Sturgill

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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XI. Visitor Participation Relative to New Items

Please limit your comments to three minutes or less.

XII. Executive Session

- For the purpose of considering the employment of an employee or official of the school district

XIII. Adjournment

Activity Fee Proposal for 2015-2016

Current	Proposed
High School \$150 total	\$125 per activity, maximum \$250
Junior High \$125 total	\$100 per activity, maximum \$200
Clubs \$25	No Fee
Chorus \$50	\$50
Free and Reduced lunch-waived fees	Free and Reduced lunch-do not waive fees

Changes from current to proposed

- Lower the fee per activity
- Charge per activity with a maximum per student
- No charge for joining clubs
- Remove the free/reduced lunch discount

Rationale:

- Provides a more equitable fee based on number of activities participated in
- No Ashtabula County School District that charges activity fees has a reduction for free/reduced lunch status
- Majority of Ashtabula County School Districts charge per activity with a maximum per individual or family

Financial impact

- Based on 2013/2014 activity fees, this will increase District revenue \$18,000 or about 26%
- 60% will pay less than prior year
- 40% will pay more than prior year
- 17% get a discount based on maximum per student

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUCKEYE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

STUDENTS
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REVISED POLICY

GRADUATION AND RELATED GRADING REQUIREMENTS

In order to acknowledge each student's successful completion of the instructional program, appropriate to the achievement of District goals and objectives as well as personal proficiency, the Board of Education awards a diploma to eligible students at fitting graduation ceremonies.

The Board shall award a regular high school diploma to every student enrolled in this District who meets the requirements of graduation established by this Board or who properly completes the goals and objectives specified in his/her individualized education program (IEP) including either the exemption from or the requirement to complete the tests required by the State Board of Education in order to graduate. Each student must demonstrate, unless exempted, at least a proficient level of skill on the achievement tests required by the State Board of Education to graduate.

The requirements for graduation from high school effective January ~~1, 2014~~ **21, 2015 (for classes of 2015 and 2016)** include earning twenty-seven (27) units of credit in grades nine through twelve as follows:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Units of Credit Required</u>
English Language Arts	4.0
Health	1/2 .5
Physical Education	1/2 .5
Mathematics	4.0
Science	3.0
Social Studies	3.5 3.0
Fine Arts, including music	1/2 .5
Technology	1.0
Career Search	1/2 .5
Financial Literacy	1/2 .5
Manage Transitions	1/2 .5
Workforce I / Manage Transitions	.5
Workforce II / Career Search	.5
History of Economics/Financial Literacy	.5
Electives	8.5 9.0
	27.0

(Note: Students must complete two semesters in Fine Arts, grades 7-12.)

Beginning with the class of 2017, credit requirements will be modified as follows with reduction in elective requirements:

- **Class of 2017 8.0 electives, total credits = 26**
- **Class of 2018 7.0 electives, total credits = 25**
- **Class of 2019 6.0 electives, total credits = 24**

Grade scale –

Beginning with the 2015-16 school year, the grade scale for grades 4 – 12 will be as follows:

- A = 90 – 100**
- B = 80 – 89**
- C = 70 – 79**
- D = 60 – 69**
- F = 59 or less**

Calculation of Edgewood Top Ten, Valedictorian, Salutatorian –

These rankings areas are based on grade point averages attained. To be considered for the above recognition, a student must attend Edgewood High School at least the final three (3) semesters prior to graduation.

In the event of a grade point average tie (calculated to two decimal points), when calculating the above, the tie breakers, in order, are:

- 1. Most advanced courses completed (honors, AP, foreign language III, IV and others if required by statute)**
- 2. Most credits completed**

Credit may be earned by:

- A. completing coursework;
- B. testing out of or demonstrating mastery of course content; or
- C. pursuing one or more educational options in accordance with the District's Credit Flexibility Program.

Credit may be earned at an accredited postsecondary institution.

Every high school may permit students below the ninth grade to take advanced work for credit. This work shall count toward the graduation requirements if it was both:

- A. taught by a person who possesses a license/certificate issued under state law that is valid for teaching high school;
- B. designated by the Board as meeting the high school curriculum requirements.

Students who successfully complete two seasons of district-sponsored high school interscholastic athletics, cheerleading, and/or marching band shall not be required to complete any physical education course as a condition to graduate. An interscholastic athletic season is defined by the rules and by-laws of the Ohio High School Athletic Association. Partial credit will not be granted.

Ohio Core Opt-Out

~~In accordance with the provisions of R.C. 3313.603, a student who enters ninth grade on or after July 1, 2010 and before July 1, 2014 may opt out of the Ohio core curriculum requirements for graduation if all of the following conditions as specified in law and as detailed in AG 5460C are satisfied.~~

An honors diploma shall be awarded to any student who meets the established requirements for graduation or the requirements of his/her IEP; attains the applicable scores on the achievement tests required by the State Board of Education for graduation; and meets any additional criteria the State Board may establish.

Commencement exercises will include only those students who have successfully completed all requirements for graduation (including the credit requirements outlined earlier in this policy and ~~a passing score on all five (5) sections of the Ohio Graduation Test~~) **all required assessments as determined by the State of Ohio** as certified by the high school principal or those students who have been deemed eligible to participate in such exercises in accordance with the terms of their IEP. No student who has completed the requirements for graduation shall be denied a diploma as a disciplinary measure. A student may be denied participation in the ceremony of graduation when personal conduct so warrants.

The Board also shall grant a diploma of adult education to all District residents over the age of twenty-one (21) who meet the requirements established by the State Board of Education.

The Superintendent shall establish whatever administrative guidelines are necessary to comply with state rules and regulations.

R.C. 3313.60, 3313.603, 3313.61, 3313.611, 3313.614, 3313.647, 3323.08

R.C. 3301.07, 0710, 0711

A.C. 3301-41-01, 3301-13-01 to 07

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Revised 1/19/10

Revised 4/17/12

Revised 4/15/14

REDUCTIONS**VALUE (all estimates)**

1. Approximately five teaching positions (may include attrition)	\$250,000
2. Reduce administrative costs (various scenarios and values possible, likely partial positions involved...value could increase)	\$50,000
3. Purchased Service – 3% reduction, primarily through lessened ESC cost	\$30,000
4. Business Operations – 5% reduction, does not include P.I. funds	\$20,000
5. Increase activity fee, 26%	\$18,000
6. Reduce building budgets – 10%	\$15,000
7. Reduce secretarial staff via attrition	\$30,000
8. Reduce extended time (9 total days)	\$3,000
9. Reduce treasurer compensation	\$13,000
10. Reduce superintendent secretary compensation	\$10,000