

**BUCKEYE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Regular Board Meeting  
Thursday, May 26, 2021  
6:30 p.m.  
ZOOM Meeting

**“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**

**Shannon Pike – President**  
**Tina Stasiewski – Vice President**  
**Gregory Kocjancic**  
**David Tredente**  
**Mary Wisnyai**

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

**Mrs. Cassandra Brand**  
**Treasurer**

**BUCKEYE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Thursday, May 26, 2021

**1. Opening Items**

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A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call of Members

\_\_\_ **Kocjancic** \_\_\_ **Stasiewski** \_\_\_ **Tredente** \_\_\_ **Wisnyai** \_\_\_ **Pike**

C. Executive Session

\_\_\_ **Kocjancic** \_\_\_ **Stasiewski** \_\_\_ **Tredente** \_\_\_ **Wisnyai** \_\_\_ **Pike**

For the consideration of appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, compensation, negotiation, and other legal matters of public employee(s).

\_\_\_ **Kocjancic** \_\_\_ **Stasiewski** \_\_\_ **Tredente** \_\_\_ **Wisnyai** \_\_\_ **Pike**

D. Meditation

E. Pledge of Allegiance

F. Communications/Special Reports

1) Kingsville Public Library – Partnership Update

G. 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.

***The Board hereby suspends its policy 0169.1, Public Participation at Board Meetings, for any and all provisions regarding in-person public comment. This action does not prohibit public comment during Board meetings. Rather, public comment may be heard at the Board's discretion in accordance with the meeting notices provided by the Treasurer regarding public comment, and in accordance with the remaining portion of policy 0169.1 that is not in conflict with this resolution and/or such meeting notices.***

H. Correspondence

## 2. Treasurer's Report

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### Information

#### A. Five Year Forecast

Mrs. Brand, Treasurer, will review the Five Year Forecast.

### Reports & Recommendations:

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

B. Approve the April BOE meeting minutes as presented to the board on May 11, 2021.

C. Approve bills paid in April and the financial reports as presented to the board on May 11, 2021.

D. Approve the Student Activity appropriation adjustments in the amount of \$8,295.00.

#### E. Then and Now Certificates

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Treasurer the following be approved:

WHEREAS, Section 5704.41 requires the fiscal officer of a school district to certify the amount required to make an expenditure has been lawfully appropriated and is in the school district's treasury, free from any previous encumbrances before the expenditure is made.

WHEREAS, there are exceptions to the requirement, and

WHEREAS, the exceptions are: an invoice that exceeds a purchase order by \$3,000, "then and now" certificates, and blanket certificates in the amount of \$50,000 or more;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BUCKEYE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

To approve the following Then and Now Certificates:

PO Number: 210635, Vendor: Scholastic Classroom Magazines, Description: Jr. High Scholastic Magazines, Amount: \$3,527.22

PO Number: 210649, Vendor: Maplevale Farms, Description: Lunchroom Food and Supplies, Amount: \$4,749.39.

#### F. OHSAA Membership

Authorize the 2021-2022 membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association and authorize the treasurer to pay any associated fees, as presented in **Exhibit A**.

G. Revised Five-Year Forecast

Approve the Revised Five-Year Forecast, as sent to the Board on May 14, 2021, as presented in **Exhibit B**. A five-year forecast is required to be revised and filed with the Ohio Department of Education annually by May 31.

H. 015-9021 Mental Health and Recovery Fund

Authorize the treasurer to create fund 015-9021 and to establish necessary receipt and appropriation accounts for such fund. *Mental Health and Recovery Fund* - developed to expand mental health prevention initiatives.

I. 572-9221 Supporting School Improvement Fund

Authorize the treasurer to create fund 572-9221 and to establish necessary receipt and appropriation accounts for such fund. *Non-Competitive Supplemental School Improvement Grant* - intended to support high-quality, sustainable school improvement activities that increase student achievement and address the needs of identified schools.

J. 507-9022 Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund II (ESSER II)

Authorize the treasurer to create fund 507-9022 and to establish necessary receipt and appropriation accounts for such fund. *ESSER II* - intended to help safely reopen schools, measure and effectively address significant learning loss, and take other actions to mitigate the impact of COVID-19.

K. Dr. Roger A. Colucci Memorial Scholarship Revision and Reclassification

Reclassify the Dr. Roger A. Colucci Memorial Scholarship from Endowment fund 008 9001 to Special Trust fund 007 9006 and approve the revisions to the scholarship guidelines, as presented in **Exhibit C**.

L. Forecast5 Analytics - 5Sight

Approve the license agreement between Forecast5 Analytics, Inc. and Buckeye Local Schools for the 2021-2022 school year as presented in **Exhibit D**.

M. OSC School Bus Purchase

Authorize the purchase of one (1) - 72 passenger unitized conventional school bus chassis and bodies that were bid through the Ohio Schools Council, as presented in **Exhibit E**.

N. PSI Wetland Delineation

Approve the proposal for Professional Services, Inc. to conduct a Jurisdictional Waters Delineation of wetlands at 4810 North Ridge East, Ashtabula as in **Exhibit F**.

\_\_\_\_Kocjancic \_\_\_\_ Stasiewski \_\_\_\_Tredente \_\_\_\_Wisnyai \_\_\_\_Pike

### 3. Superintendent's Report

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#### Information

A. Board Policy – First Reading

po7450 – Revision of Property Inventory

B. E-Rate Funding for 2021

The district has been awarded \$96,000 in eRate funding for next school year. ERate subsidizes the district's Internet Connection and core networking necessities at \$.80 on the dollar.

C. Edgewood High School Receives Two Grants

- 1) Botvin LifeSkills Training (LST) High School Program Grant to implement the program beginning this fall. This includes a \$5,000 grant as in **Exhibits G-H**.
  
- 2) Ohio School Wellness Initiative (OSWI) Pilot Program – Edgewood High School was one of 10 schools selected to represent the Lake region and one of 80 pilot schools selected of 200 applications across the state of Ohio. Includes a stipend of \$5,000.

#### Superintendent's Reports & Recommendations

*It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the BOE approve the following items as presented in 3D-3M:*

D. Board Policies – Second Reading

Approve the following board policies:

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|-------------|----------|-------------|
| ● po1422    | ● po3362 | ● po6325    |
| ● po1623    | ● po4122 | ● po6424    |
| ● po1662    | ● po4123 | ● po6600    |
| ● po2240    | ● po4362 | ● po7440.01 |
| ● po2260    | ● po5336 | ● po7455    |
| ● po2260.01 | ● po5517 | ● po8420.01 |
| ● po2266    | ● po6114 | ● po8450.01 |
| ● po3122    | ● po6144 | ● po8500    |
| ● po3123    | ● po6146 | ● po8510    |

E. BEA Master Agreement

Recommendation to approve the tentative Master Agreement with the Buckeye Education Association (BEA), effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024. The Buckeye Education Association ratified the tentative Master Agreement on May 24, 2021

F. Administrative Salary Adjustment

Recommendation to approve the same percentage increase approved in the BEA Master Agreement for the administrators for three years (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024) along with the same insurance design and premium share as the teaching staff, effective October 1, 2021 through October 1, 2024.

G. BEA Contract Salary Increases

Recommendation to approve the contract increases for previously approved employees for positions beginning in the 2021-22 school year.

H. Substitute Pay Increase

Approve an increase of the Certified Substitute daily rate from \$95.00/day to \$110.00/day.

I. Graduating Seniors for the Class of 2021

Approve the current list of seniors for graduation on June 8, 2021 contingent upon each student completing all of the requirements necessary for graduation from the Buckeye Local School District, as presented in **Exhibit I**.

J. Student Accident Insurance

Approve student accident insurance for the 2021-22 school year as presented in **Exhibit J**.

K. Student Activity Fees

Approve the 2021-22 Student Building & Class Fees and Student Activity Fees, as presented in **Exhibits K-N**.

L. Additional Administrative Responsibilities

Michael Notar, Principal at Edgewood High School, additional responsibilities for the 2020-21 school year include District Online Administrator (Ace Program), District Attendance Administrator, and District Test Administrator, stipend \$7,500.

M. Accept Gifts as presented:

- 1) Accept a donation from the East Ashtabula Educational Assistance Corporation of two (2) \$1,000 scholarships to Edgewood High School Seniors in accordance with the scholarship requirements.
- 2) Accept a donation of \$145.96 from KMB Photography to Edgewood Athletics for Spring Sports Pictures.

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#### 4. **Personnel**

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

**Certified Staff:**

A. Certified – Appointment

Jon Butchko, Home Instruction Tutor, Edgewood High School, 5 hours per week at \$24.04 per hour for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.

B. Certified – Family Medical Leave (FMLA)

Kaytee Shimek, tutor at Braden Middle School, effective April 22, 2021, for no more than 12 work weeks in a 12-month period.

C. Certified - Extended School Year Tutors

Recommendation to employ the following tutors for 5 hours per week, 3 weeks, effective July 27, 2021 through August 12, 2021:

- Christina Welch
- Jessica Veon

D. Certified – Substitute

Hannah Clark, substitute teacher at Kingsville Elementary through the end of the 2020-21 school year.

E. Certified – Re-employ Current Staff for 2021-2022 School Year

The following One-, Two-, Three-Year and Continuing BEA Contracts are listed at the current BEA Contract rate but are subject to change based on the newly negotiated agreement:

1) One-year Limited Contract:

Katie Carter	\$54,251
Debora Jamie Humphreys	\$56,654
Carley Lane	\$37,770
Renee Mattson	\$19,743
Lindsey McGraw	\$45,324
Rachael Richards	\$39,486
Kaytee Shimek	\$39,486
Bethany Sillaman	\$45,667
Krystle Sleigh	\$44,637
Abigail Smith	\$40,860
Greg Stolfer	\$49,100
Jennifer Swiger	\$54,594
Christina Welch	\$39,486

2) Two-year Limited Contract:

Jon Butchko	\$57,684
Mario Butera	\$47,384
Peyton Longden	\$46,354

3) Three-year Limited Contract:

Beverly Adams	\$57,864
Amber Burns	\$53,564
Julie Crossley	\$62,835
Dave Fowler	\$62,835

Ashley Gritzer	\$53,564
Gregory R. Stolfer	\$50,131
Jessica Veon	\$62,835

- 4) Continuing Contract:  
 Shannon DeCamillo \$61,118

F. Certified Appointments for Extended Time

The following certified staff will be employed for additional days during the 2021-2022 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u># of Days</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sarah Izzi	Guidance	12	\$4,387.59
Sarah Wittreich	Guidance	12	\$4,276.22
Annette Pfeifer	Guidance	12	\$4,677.15
Ashley Gritzer	Guidance	12	\$3,474.42
Christina Fischer	Library/Media	12	\$4,443.24

G. Certified Appointment – Co-curricular Contract Extensions

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Connie Sommers	Band Director	7+	\$6,180.48
Connie Sommers	Associate Band Dir.	7+	\$4,120.32
George Kirby	Chorus Dir. – HS	7+	\$2,403.52
George Kirby	Chorus Dir. - MS	7+	\$1,545.12

H. \*Certified Licensed Employees – Extracurricular and Special Fee Assignment:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Years Exp.</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Nicole Dufour	Asst. Cheerleading (G-7/8)	7+	8/1/2021	\$1,716.80

I. \*Certified Licensed/Non-Employees – Extracurricular and Special Fee Assignment:

**SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION TO APPOINT CERTIFIED / 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**, the board has deemed the following certified/licensed non-employee(s) 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>
Julie Stern	Asst. Volleyball (V)	7+	8/1/2021	\$4,120.32

J. \*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>
RJ Baldwin	Asst. Football (G-7/8)	0	8/1/2021	\$3,433.60
Ted Barger	Asst. Football (V)	7+	8/1/2021	\$4,120.32
Jesse Browning	Asst. Football (V)	2	8/1/2021	\$3,433.60
Jim Dufour	Asst. Football (G-7/8)	0	8/1/2021	\$3,433.60
Jeff Herron	Asst. Football (V)	7	8/1/2021	\$4,120.32
Tyler Welton	Asst. Football (V)	6	8/1/2021	\$3,776.96
Luke Stecki	Asst. Cross Country (G-7/8)	0	8/1/2021	\$1,373.44

Kirstyn Ecklund	Asst. Girls Soccer (V)	1	8/1/2021	\$3,433.60
Rob Schmude	Asst. Boys Soccer (JV)	4	8/1/2021	\$3,776.96
Elizabeth Walker	Asst. Girls Tennis (G-7/8)	3	8/1/2021	\$1,373.44
Stephanie Marcy	Asst. Volleyball (G-7/8)	4	8/1/2021	\$3,776.96
Kyra Vencill	Asst. Volleyball (G-7/8)	7+	8/1/2021	\$4,120.32
Shawna Whitaker	Asst. Cheerleading (7/8 & JV)	5	8/1/2021	\$1,545.12

\*NOTE: Contracts are listed at the current BEA Contract rate but are subject to change based on the newly negotiated agreement.

K. Approve the Winter Basketball Coordinator, Derek Stern, \$500.00, effective December 1, 2020.

L. Approve the following Volunteers for the 2021-2022 SY:

Garrett Webster	Football	Varsity
Nate Winchell	Football	Varsity
Ricky Baldwin	Football	7/8 Grades
Caleb Merendino	Boys Soccer	Varsity
Anthony Zuccaro	Boys Soccer	Varsity

**Classified Staff:**

M. Classified – New Hire

Dustin Mills, swing custodian at Edgewood High School and Ridgeview Elementary, step 1 of 6, \$17.74 per hour, effective April 26, 2021.

N. Classified – Resignation

Kelly Varkett, district courier and van driver, effective May 28, 2021. Ms. Varkett has served the district for 16 years.

O. Classified – Limited Contracts

Re-employ the following classified staff members under a two-year limited contract from July 2021 through June 2023:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Christine Batanian	SMEA-B	1 of 5	\$14.80
Neil Bennett	Adm. Asst-BA	7 of 30	\$18.50
Nicole Bisbee	SMEA-R	1 of 5	\$14.80
Leeandra Holcomb	SMEA-K	1 of 5	\$14.80
John Maurer	Bus Driver	6 of 6	\$20.06
Tracy McNeil	Bus Driver	5 of 6	\$19.91
Dustin Mills	Custodian-R	1 of 6	\$17.92

Libby Pallutch	Accounts Payable	10 of 30	\$20.47
Beverly Pierce	Cafeteria Serv. Pers.	3 of 6	\$15.44
Karla Vencill	Bus Driver	6 of 6	\$20.06
Kelly Wojtowicz	Bus Driver	6 of 6	\$20.06

P. Classified Summer/Fall/Spring Maintenance

All Summer Maintenance workers will be utilized within our buildings and other positions when needed:

1) Classified Summer Maintenance, Effective June 12, 2021

Tari Simon	Painter
Susan Farmer	Mower
Becky Pinkerton	Bus Maintenance
Kim Braden	District Trimmers
Pattie Burnham	District Trimmers

2) Classified Summer Maintenance Substitutes

Rita Nicka	All
Jody Anthony	All
Tracey McNeil	All
Stacey Cox	Mower

Q. Classified – Substitute Student Workers

Brandon Vidmar  
Josh Sommers  
Riley Stevenson

*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.*

\_\_\_ Kocjancic \_\_\_ Stasiewski \_\_\_ Tredente \_\_\_ Wisnyai \_\_\_ Pike

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

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*Please submit an intent to participate in the “Chat” box in the Zoom platform 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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\_\_\_ Kocjancic \_\_\_ Stasiewski \_\_\_ Tredente \_\_\_ Wisnyai \_\_\_ Pike