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Minutes of Buckeye Local Board of Education – Regular Meeting
Held November 21, 2023 – 6:30 P.M. – Board Room - Braden Middle School

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REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mary Wisnyai, President
Gregory Kocjancic
Stephanie Patriarco
Shannon Pike

MEMBER ABSENT

David Tredente, Vice President

Also present were Superintendent Patrick Colucci and Treasurer Kassandra Brand

CITIZENS PRESENT

Timothy Neal, Danyel Ryan, Tracy DeLuca, Kristi Feather, Pattie Burnham, Tia Woodard, Nikolas Rubesich, Avante Lewis, Chantyla DiMare, Bexslynn Vest, Jaymee Vest, Jon Vest, Roman Vencill, Jeff Drake, Chad Miller, Missy Coy, Ryan Coy, Mason Coy, Madison Coy, Ed Coy, Diane Coy, Bob Ettinger

MEDITATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATIONS/SPECIAL REPORTS

1. Flash the Therapy Dog
2. Open house for Mrs. Wisnyai and Mr. Tredente on 12/19/23 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
2. Buckeye's October 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:

Cameron Brockway, 12th grade, Edgewood High School - Not Present
Mason Coy, 7th grade, Braden Middle School
Bexslynn Vest, 4th grade, Kingsville Elementary School
Avante Lewis, 4th grade, Ridgeview Elementary School

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

A thank you card from Martin Brennan and his family was read.

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TREASURER’S REPORT

Information

Five-Year Forecast

Mrs. Brand, Treasurer, will present the Five-Year Forecast.

Student Wellness and Success Funds Plan

Mrs. Brand, Treasurer, will present the Student Wellness and Success Funds Plan.

TREASURER’S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

82.23 It is the recommendation of the Treasurer that the Board approve the following items:

Mr. Kocjancic moved and seconded by Mrs. Pike to approve the following:

Approval of Minutes

Approve the October 17, 2023 BOE Regular Meeting minutes and the November 15, 2023 Special Meeting minutes, as presented to the board on November 18, 2023.

Financial Reports

Approve bills paid in October and the financial reports as presented to the board on November 18, 2023.

Student Activity Appropriation Adjustments

Approve the Student Activity appropriation adjustments in the amount of \$30,550.00.

SchoolMessenger Renewal

Approve the agreement between PowerSchool Group LLC and Buckeye Local Schools for the SchoolMessenger Communicate solution for a period of 36 months at an annual rate of \$3,644.87, as presented in **Exhibit A**.

Western Governors University Agreement

Approve the Clinical Experience Agreement between Western Governors University and Buckeye Local Schools for a period of three years, as presented in **Exhibit B**.

BEA Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - Evaluations

Approve the BEA MOU regarding teacher evaluations, as presented in **Exhibit C**.

UAW Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - Bus Driver Calamity Days and Non-Report Days

Approve the UAW MOU regarding bus driver calamity and non-report days, as presented in **Exhibit D**.

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TREASURER’S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED)

FY24 Amended Appropriations

Approve the following FY24 amended appropriation:

- Eastgate ARC Grant Fund 499-9024: \$200,000.00

Public School Works

Approve the agreement between Public School Works and Buckeye Local Schools for a compliance and risk management program for a period of three years at an annual fee of \$5,497.00, as presented in **Exhibit E**.

Pitney Bowes, Inc.

Approve the rental agreement with Pitney Bowes, Inc. for metering mail for a period of 60 months at a monthly cost of \$70.75, as presented in **Exhibit F**.

Equipment Disposal Requests

Approve the list of equipment to be disposed of, as presented in **Exhibit G**.

Voluntary Demolition Agreement

Approve the Voluntary Demolition Agreement between the Ashtabula County Land Reutilization Corporation and Buckeye Local Schools to demolish the structures on the property located at 4810 North Ridge Road East at a cost of twenty-five percent (25%) of the cost of demolition. Authorize the superintendent and treasurer to sign the agreement, as presented in **Exhibit N**.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mr. Kocjancic, Mrs. Pike, Mrs. Patriarco, and Mrs. Wisnyai
Motion carried

83.23 Mrs. Pike moved and seconded by Mrs. Patriarco to table the following:

Bond Issue Resolution to Proceed (Resolution No. 2)

Approve the resolution determining to proceed with submitting to the electors of the school district the single question of the issuance of school improvement bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$46,626,000 and the levy of an additional 0.50-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 H**.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mrs. Pike, Mrs. Patriarco, Mr. Kocjancic, and Mrs. Wisnyai
Motion carried

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SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 84.23** It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the following items:

Mr. Kocjancic moved and seconded by Mrs. Patriarco to approve the following:

Graduation Alliance, Inc. Agreements

Approve the agreements between Graduation Alliance, Inc. and Buckeye Local Schools for the Ohio Attendance Recovery Program, as presented in **Exhibit I**, and the Ohio 22+ Adult High School Diploma Program, as presented in **Exhibit J**.

House Bill 33 Resolution

Approve the resolution to make provisional changes to Board Policies and Administrative Guidelines and Forms to comply with HB 33, as presented in **Exhibit K**.

Kingsville Public Library (KPL) Trustee Appointment

To approve Renee Howell’s appointment to the KPL Board of Trustees, as presented in **Exhibit L**.

Nutritional Standards Policy

School districts must adopt and enforce a nutritional standards policy that considers the requirements of Ohio Revised Code 3313.814 and governs the types of foods and beverages that may be sold on the premises of its schools. Report, as filed to the Ohio Department of Education, as shown in **Exhibit M**.

Board Policies and Guidelines - First Reading

Review the following board policies and guidelines as presented to the board on November 17, 2023:

1. Special Update - May 2023
 - po0164 - Notice of Meetings
2. Vol. 42, No. 1 - August, 2023

po0164	po5330	po8120
po014.2	po5330.04	po8210
po2623.02	po5330.05	po8330
po3120.08	po5337	po8600
po4120.08	po6240	po8650
po5113.01	po6700	po9160
po5320	po7440	po9270

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SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED)

Board Policies and Guidelines - Second Reading

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

po5330.04	po5409	po5410
po5464	ag5421A	

Accept Gifts

1. Accept a donation from the Shelby Family Foundation of Ashtabula, Ohio (an American Endowment Foundation Donor Advised Fund) to the Buckeye Local Schools Food Service Department of \$2,000 in support of the district Breakfast/Lunch Program.
2. Accept a donation from The Kendall Foundation in the amount of \$50 to the Edgewood High School Student Council for receiving 3rd place for their decorations and costumes at the Trunk or Treat event held on October 21, 2023.
3. Accept a donation from the Hair Company of Geneva to the Kingsville Elementary Student Council of a Hair Care Basket valued at \$25.

Baseball Team Spring Break Field Trip

Approve the field trip over Spring Break for the Edgewood High School Baseball Team to Vero Beach, Florida, March 25 through March 30, 2024.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mr. Kocjancic, Mrs. Patriarco, Mrs. Pike, and Mrs. Wisnyai
Motion carried

PERSONNEL

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approve the following Personnel items:

85.23 Mrs. Pike moved and seconded by Mr. Kocjancic to approve the following items:

Administrative Staff:

Administrative - Longevity

Jenny Riedel, Assistant Principal at Edgewood High School, 2% longevity, \$1,514.57, effective August 1, 2023.

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PERSONNEL (CONTINUED)

Certified Staff:

Certified - Tutors

1. Kevin Rettinger, Home Instruction Tutor, for no more than 5 hours per week, hourly tutor rate of \$25.51 per hour, effective October 25, 2023.
2. Jill Shaw, Home Instruction Tutor, for no more than 5 hours per week, hourly tutor rate of \$25.51 per hour, effective October 30, 2023.
3. Katie Carter, Home Instruction Tutor, for no more than 5 hours per week, hourly tutor rate of \$25.51 per hour, effective October 30, 2023.
4. Sharon Nelson, Home Instruction Tutor, for no more than 5 hours per week, hourly tutor rate of \$25.51 per hour, effective November 6, 2023.

Certified - Long Term Substitute

Raeann Eldred, Long-Term Substitute, Kingsville Elementary, effective on the 61st day of current assignment, effective November 8, 2023, at \$196.96 per day.

Certified - Resignation

Bethany Juncker, Academic Tutor at Kingsville Elementary, effective November 15, 2023.

Certified - Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA)

Abigail Benjamin, teacher at Ridgeview Elementary, effective March 22, 2024, for no more than 12 work weeks in a 12-month period.

Certified - Extracurricular and Special Fee Assignments:

Name	Position	Start Date	Yrs Exp	Salary
Steve Hill	Head Girls Track	2/19/24	7+	\$5,829.92
Renee Mattson	Head Boys Tennis	3/04/24	7+	\$5,829.92
Renee Mattson	Tech Director (Art) Spring Play	11/10/23	0	\$ 728.74
Jim Sanchez	Head Boys Track	02/19/24	7+	\$5,829.92
Gregory Stolfer	7/8 Asst. Wrestling	11/17/23	7+	\$4,372.44

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

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PERSONNEL (CONTINUED)

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):

Name	Position	Year	Start Date	Yrs Exp	Salary
Sidney Melaragno	7/8 Girls Basketball	2023-24	10/27/23	0	\$3,643.70
Derek Stern	Head Baseball	2023-24	02/19/24	5	\$5,465.55
Randy Vencill	Head Softball	2023-24	02/19/24	2	\$5,101.18

Classified Staff:

Classified - Appointments

1. Jennifer Carpenter, Cafeteria Service Personnel, Edgewood High School, 4 hours per day, Step 1 of 6, \$15.59 per hour, effective October 23, 2023.
2. Joseph Hackathorn, Bus Driver #19, 7 hours per day, Step 1 of 6, \$18.34 per hour, effective November 2, 2023.
3. Jay Ferguson, Bus Driver #23, 6.50 hours per day, Step 1 of 6, \$18.34 per hour, effective November 2, 2023.

Classified - Change in Assignment

Dustin Mills, 1st Shift Custodian at Kingsville Elementary to Head Custodian at Edgewood High School, 8 hours per day, Step 1 of 6, \$19.14 per hour, effective November 6, 2023.

Classified - Resignation

Ryan Elrod, Assistant Wrestling Coach (7/8), effective November 8, 2023.

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PERSONNEL (CONTINUED)

Classified - Retirement

1. Rajena Woodworth, Custodian at Edgewood High School, effective March 1, 2024. Ms. Woodworth has been employed with Buckeye Local Schools for 31 years.
2. Roberta Sipan, Bus Driver for the district, effective October 31, 2023. Ms. Sipan has been employed with Buckeye Local Schools for 2 years.

Classified - Substitutes

1. Nora Maurer - Van Driver, effective October 23, 2023
2. Miranda Scott - Crossing Guard, effective October 26, 2023
3. Joanne Rogers - Cafeteria
4. Korbin Cliff - Student Worker

Volunteers

1. Jim Dufour - Boys Basketball 7/8
2. Rick Nemet - Girls Basketball 7/8

Permanent Substitute Teacher

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.

Donna Urban - Braden Middle School, effective October 30, 2023

One-Year Temporary Non-Bachelor's Substitute Teaching License 2023-2024 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 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. Russell Bleck
2. Grace Martone

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.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mrs. Pike, Mr. Kocjancic, Mrs. Patriarco, and Mrs. Wisnyai
Motion carried

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VISITOR PARTICIPATION RELATIVE TO NEW ITEMS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS – FYI

None.

86.23 ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Pike moved and seconded by Mr. Kocjancic to adjourn this regular meeting at 7:25 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Mrs. Pike, Mr. Kocjancic, Mrs. Patriarco, and Mrs. Wisnyai
Motion carried

Attest:_____

MARY WISNYAI
PRESIDENT

KASSANDRA BRAND
TREASURER