Baron Brief

April Board of Education Recap

On Wednesday, April 15, 2026, the Buckeye Valley Board of Education held its regular April session at the Delaware Area Career Center (DACC). Prior to the meeting, Board members and guests enjoyed a guided tour of the DACC facility, with an opportunity to try welding. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by a Buckeye Valley Junior in the Welding & Sheet Metal Fabrication I program.

District Updates

- Buckeye Valley West Elementary has been officially named a “Governor’s Science of Reading Champion.” This recognition highlights our commitment to proven, effective literacy instruction for our youngest learners.
- Board President Mary Kate Pembroke encouraged all board members and members of the community to advocate for Buckeye Valley’s interests with all five legislators who represent the district at the Statehouse.
- The Board of Education will document the evaluation process for the Superintendent and the Treasurer, use that process, and then evaluate the process. This project is estimated to extend from now until the end of 2026 and will include a self-evaluation process for the Board itself.
- The Board of Education will collaborate with the administration to create a Board Handbook documenting the norms, procedures, schedules, and responsibilities of the Board. The handbook will be presented to the board for approval at the October board meeting.
- The Board signed a new resolution affirming its position regarding the proposed bypass through Marion, Morrow, and Delaware Counties.

Personnel & District Operations

- The Board of Education approved the retirement of long-time teacher Douglas Joseph, effective after the end of this school year.
- The Board formally recognized May 4 - 8, 2026, as Staff Appreciation Week.

Policy Updates

- A committee of teachers, counselors, and administrators worked on updating graduation requirements for about two years; the updated requirements were approved at the meeting.
- The board approved 15 other updates based on state legislative changes.
- One policy and two bylaws appeared on the agenda for their first reading. The board is expanding the opportunity for the public to register to give comments at regular board meetings.

Looking Ahead:

Next Board of Education Meeting & Middle School Groundbreaking Ceremony

The Buckeye Valley Local School District Board of Education cordially invites all students, staff, families, and community members to attend the formal Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Buckeye Valley Middle School addition.

- Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2026
- Time: 5:30 PM
- Location: Behind Buckeye Valley Middle School, 683 Coover Road

Please join us as we commemorate this significant milestone in our district's history and celebrate the future of our students. The ceremony will conclude prior to the start of the regular Board of Education meeting at 6:30 pm at the High School in Baron Hall. (This event is weather-dependent.)

The next Board of Education meeting will be held on May 13, 2026, at 6:30 pm.

Note: For full agendas and official minutes, please visit the Buckeye Valley BoardDocs page.