

Barberton Board of Education

Board Retreat

November 12, 2023

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President Thomas Harnden called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat Boyle, Thomas Harnden, Tina Ludwig and Dave Polacek

PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: Megann Eberhart

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda – Mr. Thomas Harnden

(524/2023) MOTION was made by Polacek second by Ludwig to approve the agenda for the Board Retreat, November 12, 2023 as presented.

Ayes 4 Boyle, Harnden, Ludwig and Polacek

MOTION CARRIED. 4-0

Strategic Plan Review-

Mr. Ondrus stated that there are still two full calendar years left on the current plan. He said that in the fall of 2025 to bring the group back together and also get board input for the next five year plan. He said the 5 goal areas and the plan has served us well. He said we met three stars in gap closing and we should be very proud of this. He let everyone know that the Barberton Preschool received a 5 star rating and everyone thought that was awesome. Mr. Ramnytz spoke about how we have cleaned up our EMIS reporting and the five year graduation rate will be better next year. He let the Board know that there will be an EMIS presentation at the Regular Board meeting coming up on Tuesday. Mr. Ondrus stated that a major highlight is having the Academic coaches in the schools and how great it's been. He said we are going to finish the next two years strong.

College Career Readiness

Mr. Ramnytz spoke about EMIS reporting and how college career, workforce and military reports will be counted starting in 2025. He said we haven't done well in reporting this in recent years. He said that we need to make sure that our kids are on one of these pathways starting in the 5th grade. He stated that we need to increase the reporting of these pathways. By starting them on the pathways in 5th grade we will be able to increase these numbers by the time the students enter into the 8th grade, getting them on a pathway and being successful through high school and on to graduation.

Financial Forecast

Mr. McKendry discussed and reviewed the five year forecast that will be presented at the Regular Board Meeting November 21, 2023. We will be in the black at the end of the five year forecast instead of the red for right now. He doesn't see in our immediate future of going to back the public for a levy at this present time. Our current levy goes through 2029 fiscal year so our first renewal chance will be in 2028.

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Rise Suspension Program

Mr. Ramnytz sent information to the board and no one had any questions.

Future of Open Enrollment

Mr. Ramnytz has been in communication with AMHA about an increase of 100 or so families (50 plus students) being placed in the area that are immigrants from Afghanistan and Eastern Europe being placed here and if we get all the families we are expecting, we will not have room for open enrollment students. Mr. Polacek mentioned that there is a stigma that we are into open enrollment to get more money into the district but that we need to make sure that people understand that we have open enrollment to fill open spots that are available. BCS will be sending a letter of support to AMHA to help with this endeavor of families being placed here in our area.

April 8th Eclipse

There was discussion on student activities for the day of the Eclipse and the schedule.

Executive Session – O.R.C. §121.22

(525/2023) MOTION was made by Ludwig second by Boyle to enter into Executive Session to discuss Employment.

Ayes 4 Ludwig, Polacek, Boyle, and Harnden,
MOTION CARRIED. 4-0

Madam Ludwig, Messrs. Boyle, Harnden, Polacek entered into Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. to discuss employment.

President Harnden reconvened the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Adjournment

(526/2023) MOTION was made by Ludwig second by Boyle to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Ayes 4 Boyle, Harnden, Ludwig and Polacek
MOTION CARRIED. 4-0



Thomas Harnden, President



Craig McKendry, Treasurer