Barberton Board of Education

Board Retreat November 12, 2025 Barberton High School

President Dave Polacek called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda – Mr. Dave Polacek

(432/2025) MOTION was made by Harnden second by Sutton to approve the agenda for the Board Retreat, November 12, 2025 as presented.

Ayes 5 Boyle, Harnden, Ludwig, Polacek and Sutton
MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

Ohio Department of Education and Workforce Presentation

Mr. Christopher Wright, Fiscal Consultant, Office of Financial Analysis and Oversight explained that the Barberton City School District's financial forecast, which is a financial communication tool for the district, was presented to the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce on October 10, 2025. He explained that tonight's discussion is about the examination that ODEW did on the forecast that was presented and to come up with a plan to overcome the predicted financial distress for the district. Mrs. Kimberly A. S. Richard, Assistant Administrator, Financial Analysis and Oversight, Office of Financial Analysis and Oversight gave a little further explanation regarding the deficit that the district is expected to face in the next fiscal year. She said we need to have a plan in place to reduce expenses and set up monthly budgets.

Shared Services Alliance Presentation

Mr. Ryan Pendleton, Shared Services Alliance Executive Director, gave an update on the financial oversight that he will provide to the district. He will look at enrollment, staffing, purchased services and more to help the district with the financial forecast that we will be submitting in February 2026.

Potential School Levy During The 2026 Calendar Year

Mr. Craig McKendry, BCSD Treasurer, discussed potentially having a levy on the ballot in May of 2026 and what that would entail.

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Executive Session – O.R.C. §121.22

(433/2025) MOTION was made by Boyle second by Harnden to enter into Executive Session to consider one or more, as applicable, of the check marked items with respect to a public employee or official: Employment.

Ayes 5 Harnden, Ludwig, Polacek, Sutton and Boyle
MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

Madams Ludwig and Sutton, Messrs. Boyle, Harnden, Polacek, Ondrus, McKendry and Andric entered into Executive Session at 7:25 p.m.

(434/2025) MOTION was made by Ludwig second by Boyle to re-enter into the Board Retreat at 8:08 pm.

Ayes 5 Ludwig, Polacek, Sutton, Boyle, and Harnden
MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

Adjournment

(435/2025) MOTION was made by Harnden second by Ludwig to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm.

Ayes 5 Polacek, Sutton, Boyle, Harnden and Ludwig
MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

Dave Polacek, President

Craig A. McKendry, Treasurer