

Barberton Board of EducationOrganizational MeetingJanuary 10, 2024Administration Building

President Pro-Tempore Dave Polacek called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Oath of Office is administered by Judge Betty Sutton to newly elected Board Members Pat Boyle, Thomas Harnden and Cindy Sutton whose terms run from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2027 as follows:

Do you solemnly swear/affirm that you will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and that you will faithfully and impartially discharge our duties as a member of the Board of Education of the Barberton City School District, County of Summit, Ohio, to the best of your ability and in accordance with the laws now in effect, and hereafter to be enacted during your continuance in said office and until your successor is appointed/elected and qualified.

Answer: I will

_____ I will

Pat Boyle

_____ I will

Thomas Harnden

_____ I will

Cindy Sutton

Roll Call

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

Election of President – President Pro Tempore Dave Polacek

NOMINATION of Thomas Harnden for President by Pat Boyle. There were no other nominations.

The vote in favor of Thomas Harnden for President.

Ayes 4, Boyle, Harnden, Polacek and Sutton

No 1, Ludwig

(001/2024) MOTION was made by Boyle second by Sutton to elect Thomas Harnden as President for Calendar Year 2024 (O.R.C. §3313.14).

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

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Mrs. Ludwig commented that the reason she voted no is not a reflection on Mr. Harnden. He has done a great job and will continue to do so. The leadership of the Barberton School Board has been between two people since 2018 and she believes in change and that is why she voted no.

President Harnden assumed office and duties at this point.

Election of Vice-President – President Thomas Harnden

NOMINATION of Dave Polacek for Vice-President by Pat Boyle. There were no other nominations.

The vote in favor of Dave Polacek for Vice-President.

Ayes 4, Boyle, Harnden, Polacek and Sutton

No 1, Ludwig

(002/2024) MOTION was made by Boyle second by Sutton to elect Dave Polacek as Vice-President for Calendar Year 2024 (O.R.C. §3313.14).

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

Mrs. Ludwig commented that her reasoning to vote no is no reflection on Mr. Polacek.

Board Meeting Calendar – President Thomas Harnden

(003/2024) MOTION was made by Polacek second by Ludwig to approve the Board Meeting Calendar for calendar year 2024.

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: Administration Building, unless otherwise noted

Work Sessions

January 10, 2024

April 10, 2024

May 8, 2024

June 12, 2024

August 14, 2024

September 11, 2024

November 10, 2024 (Sunday) Board Retreat

Regular Board Meetings

January 24, 2024

February 28, 2024

March 23, 2022

April 24, 2024

May 22, 2024

June 27, 2024 (Thursday)

July 24, 2024

August 28, 2024

September 25, 2024

October 23, 2024

November 26, 2024 (Tuesday)

December 11, 2024

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

Agenda – Mr. Thomas Harnden

(004/2024) MOTION was made by Polacek second by Boyle to approve the agenda for the Organizational Meeting of January 10, 2024.

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

Board Business – Mr. Thomas Harnden

(005/2024) MOTION was made by Polacek second by Sutton to appoint the following members to the 2024 Board Liaisons:

- Financial – Dave Polacek
- Education & Technology – Pat Boyle
- Policy – Thomas Harnden
- Facilities & Extracurricular Activities – Tina Ludwig
- Parks & Recreation – Cindy Sutton
- Business Advisory Council – Thomas Harnden

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

(006/2024) MOTION was made by Polacek second by Boyle to appoint Cindy Sutton to serve as the Barberton City School District's legislative liaison to the Ohio School Boards Association for Calendar Year 2024 and to appoint Pat Boyle to serve as the Barberton City School District's student achievement liaison to the Ohio School Boards Association for Calendar Year 2024.

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

MOTION was made by Boyle second by Polacek to approve the following Board Business as listed.

(007/2024) To approve Treasurer, Craig McKendry, as designee for Barberton City Schools Sunshine Law Training Compliance Designee for calendar year 2024.

(008/2024) To approve the 2024-2025 School Calendar, as corrected.

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

Financial – Mr. Craig McKendry

(009/2024) MOTION was made by Boyle second by Ludwig to approve a resolution authorizing the advance of local taxes by the county Fiscal officer for the tax year 2023 and payable in 2024, pursuant to Section 321.34 of the Ohio Revised Code.

WHEREAS, Section 321.34 of the Ohio Revised Code states in part; When the local authorities by resolution so request, the county auditor or fiscal officer shall pay the treasurer of any board of education any money that may be in the county treasury to the accounts of the local authorities, respectively, and lawfully applicable to the purpose of the current fiscal year in which the request is made.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Barberton City School District, Summit County, Ohio, that:

Section 1. Board Declarations. That the Board declares the necessity of receiving advances of local taxes for the prompt and efficient operation of the school district and directs the County Fiscal Office to make such tax advances for tax year 2023, and payable in 2024, per Section 321.34 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 2. Compliance with Open Meeting Requirements. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 3. Captions and Headings. The captions and headings in this Resolution are solely for convenience of reference and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any Sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs or clauses hereof.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

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

(010/2024) MOTION was made by Polacek second by Sutton to authorize the Treasurer to approve the following transfer between funds:

For FY 24 \$226,400 from Fund 003 to Fund 034

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Ayes 5 Polacek, Sutton, Boyle, Harnden, and Ludwig

MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

MOTION was made by Polacek second by Boyle to approve the following Financial Business as listed.

(011/2024) To approve that the Board appoints the following Legal advisors to serve as general counsel and for specific projects and areas of practice throughout the school year on an as needed basis:

1. Ennis Britton
2. Peters Kalail ^ Markakis Co., L.P.A.
3. Squire, Patton, Boggs, LLP

(012/2024) To approve that Board Members upon written authorization to the Treasurer, be permitted to participate in insurance programs as provided to licensed employees; and further, that the Treasurer be authorized to deduct insurance charges, where applicable from participating Board Members' compensation. According to the Ohio Revised Code, said payroll deduction shall be deducted the month prior to the payment due date.

(013/2024) To appoint the Records Commission of the Barberton City School District for Calendar Year 2024, comprised of the President of the Board of Education, the Superintendent and the Treasurer of the District. The Records Commission shall meet at least once each calendar year to establish rules for the retention and disposal of records and to review same.

(014/2024) To approve the following Resolution to join the OSBA Legal Assistance Fund.

WHEREAS, the Barberton Board of Education wishes to support the efforts of other boards of education to obtain favorable judicial decisions and,

WHEREAS, the Ohio School Boards Association Legal Assistance Fund has been established for this purpose,

THEREFORE, the Board hereby resolves to join the OSBA LAF for calendar year 2024 and authorizes the treasurer to pay the LAF \$250.00.

(015/2024) To authorize the Treasurer to pay annual membership dues to Ohio School Boards Association for January through December 2023 and subscription to the Virtual Transportation Supervisor.

Ayes 5 Sutton, Boyle, Harnden, Ludwig and Polacek

MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

Executive Session – O.R.C. §121.22

