



**The mission of the Barberton City School District is meeting each child where they are at and growing them year to year until they are on one of three pathways - Enrolled, Enlisted, Employed.**

## **BARBERTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

633 Brady Ave  
Barberton OH 44203

Organizational Meeting  
**Wednesday, January 10, 2024**  
Administration Building  
5:30 p.m.

### **I. CALL TO ORDER - Mr. Dave Polacek, President Pro Tempore**

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. 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

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Pat Boyle

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Thomas Harnden

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Cindy Sutton

- C. Roll Call
- Pat Boyle
  - Thomas Harnden
  - Tina Ludwig
  - Dave Polacek
  - Cindy Sutton

D. Election of President for Calendar Year 2024 (O.R.C §3313.14) by Mr. Dave Polacek, President Pro Tempore.

**Nomination** \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ do you accept the nomination.

**Any other nominations** \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ do you accept the nomination.

(If there are multiple nominations, President Pro Tempore will take a vote on each nomination in the order they were received. After tallying the ayes and nays the President Pro Tempore will announce the nominee that received the majority of the votes.)

\_\_\_\_\_ has received the majority of the votes.

May I have a motion and a second to accept the results of the vote?

Any discussion?

MOTION:

SECOND:

Comments or Questions:

Boyle A/N Harnden A/N Ludwig A/N Polacek A/N Sutton A/N  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Not Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Other Action \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **has been elected President for Calendar Year 2024**  
**(The newly elected President assumes office and duties at this point.)**

E. Election of Vice-President for Calendar year 2024 (O.R.C. §3313.14) by President \_\_\_\_\_.

**Nomination** \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ do you accept the nomination.

**Any other nominations** \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ do you accept the nomination.

(If there are multiple nominations, President will take a vote on each nomination in the order they were received. After tallying the ayes and nays the President Pro Tempore will announce the nominee that received the majority of the votes.)

\_\_\_\_\_ has received the majority of the votes.

May I have a motion and a second to accept the results of the vote?

Any discussion?

MOTION:

SECOND:

Comments or Questions:

Harnden A/N Ludwig A/N Polacek A/N Sutton A/N Boyle A/N  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Not Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Other Action \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **has been elected Vice-President for Calendar Year 2024**

F. Time, place and date of Board Meetings in the calendar year 2024 (O.R.C. §3313.15) by President \_\_\_\_\_

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: Administration Building

<u>Work Sessions</u>	<u>Regular Board Meetings</u>
January 10, 2024	January 24, 2024
	February 28, 2024
	March 27, 2024
April 10, 2024	April 24, 2024

May 8, 2024

May 22, 2024

June 12, 2024

June 27, 2024 (Thursday)

July 24, 2024

August 14, 2024

August 28, 2024

September 11, 2024

September 25, 2024

October 23, 2024

November 10, 2024 (Sunday) Board Retreat

November 26, 2024 (Tuesday)

December 11, 2024

MOTION:

SECOND:

Comments or Questions:

Ludwig A/N Polacek A/N Sutton A/N Boyle A/N Harnden A/N

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Not Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Other Action \_\_\_\_\_

## II. INFORMATIONAL

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Jan 12 BHS Boys' Basketball vs Highland High School
- Jan 15 Martin Luther King Day - No School
- Jan 17 BHS Girls' Basketball vs Highland High School
- Jan 17 BHS Swimming vs Aurora High School
- Jan 20 Best of Stage and Screen in the BHS Theater @ 7:00 pm
- Jan 23 BHS Boys' Basketball vs Copley High School
- Jan 24 BHS Girls' Basketball vs Copley High School

## III. AGENDA

To approve the Organizational Meeting Agenda of January 10, 2024 as presented.

MOTION:

SECOND:

Comments or Questions:

Polacek A/N Sutton A/N Boyle A/N Harnden A/N Ludwig A/N  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Not Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Other Action \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. BOARD BUSINESS**

A. To appoint the following members to the 2024 Board Liaisons:

- Financial - \_\_\_\_\_
- Education & Technology - \_\_\_\_\_
- Policy - \_\_\_\_\_
- Facilities & Extracurricular Activities - \_\_\_\_\_
- Parks & Recreation - \_\_\_\_\_
- Business Advisory Council - \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION:

SECOND:

Comments or Questions:

Sutton A/N Boyle A/N Harnden A/N Ludwig A/N Polacek A/N  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Not Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Other Action \_\_\_\_\_

B. Recommend the Board approve the following items.

1. To appoint one member to serve as the Barberton City School District's legislative liaison to the Ohio School Boards Association for Calendar Year 2024.

Appointee \_\_\_\_\_

2. To appoint one member to serve as the Barberton City School District's student achievement liaison to the Ohio School Boards Association for Calendar Year 2024.

Appointee \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION:

SECOND:

Comments or Questions:

Boyle A/N Harnden A/N Ludwig A/N Polacek A/N Sutton A/N

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Not Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Other Action \_\_\_\_\_

- C. Recommend approving Treasurer, Craig McKendry, as designee for Barberton City Schools Sunshine Law Training Compliance Designee for calendar year 2024.
- D. Recommend approving the 2023-2024 School Calendar. (Board members received copy.)

MOTION:

SECOND:

Comments or Questions:

Harnden A/N Ludwig A/N Polacek A/N Sutton A/N Boyle A/N

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Not Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Other Action \_\_\_\_\_

## V. FINANCIAL BUSINESS - Mr. Craig McKendry, Treasurer

Recommend the Board approve the financial business as listed.

- A. 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.

MOTION:

SECOND:

Comments or Questions:

Ludwig A/N Polacek A/N Sutton A/N Boyle A/N Harnden A/N  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Not Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Other Action \_\_\_\_\_

- B. To authorize the Treasurer to approve the following transfer between funds:  
For FY 24 \$226,400 from Fund 003 to Fund 034

MOTION:

SECOND:

Comments or Questions:

Polacek A/N Sutton A/N Boyle A/N Harnden A/N Ludwig A/N  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Not Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Other Action \_\_\_\_\_

- C. 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
  
- D. 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.
  
- E. 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.
  
- F. 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.*
  
- G. To authorize the Treasurer to pay annual membership dues to Ohio School Boards Association for January through December 2024 and a subscription to the Virtual Transportation Supervisor.

MOTION:

SECOND:

Comments or Questions:

Sutton A/N Boyle A/N Harnden A/N Ludwig A/N Polacek A/N  
 Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Not Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Other Action \_\_\_\_\_



**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION - O.R.C. §121.22**

- To consider one or more, as applicable, of the check marked items with respect to a public employee or official:
  - Appointment;
  - Employment;
  - Dismissal;
  - Discipline;
  - Promotion;
  - Demotion;
  - Compensation of a public employee or official; or
  - Investigation of charges/complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual (unless public hearing requested)
- To consider the Purchase of Sale of Property.
- To consult with Legal Counsel or pending litigation.
- To discuss negotiations or Collective Bargaining.
- To discuss matters required to be kept confidential by Federal or State Law.
- To discuss Security Arrangements or Emergency response protocols of the District.

MOTION:

SECOND:

Comments or Questions:

Polacek A/N Sutton A/N Boyle A/N Harnden A/N Ludwig A/N  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Not Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Other Action \_\_\_\_\_

Board entered executive session at \_\_\_\_\_.

Board re-entered Regular Meeting at \_\_\_\_\_.

**VII. PRESENTATION**

Mr. Bob McBride, General Counsel - discussion on Board responsibilities.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION:

SECOND:

Comments or Questions:

Sutton A/N Boyle A/N Harnden A/N Ludwig A/N Polacek A/N

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Not Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Other Action \_\_\_\_\_

Sincerely,

*Jeffrey Ramnytz*

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Superintendent