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Barberton Board of Education

Regular Meeting

January 22, 2025

Administration Building

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

Roll Call

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Communication

The floor was opened for comments from the public. There were no public comments.

The floor was opened for comments from the Board.

Ms. Sutton - She said she appreciated the hard work that the staff put in to keep all the snow cleared especially since it was so cold. She appreciated the fact that there was no school for the students.

Mr. Boyle - He agreed that it is very cold and he is hoping the temperature would warm up so everyone can get back to school.

Ms. Ludwig - She said it was a great call on the two days off for the students with it being so cold.

Mr. Polacek - He explained when school is called off it's not to be taken lightly. He said our students need us and we need our students. But it is for the safety of the students and staff as well. He said to keep anyone working out in this cold weather in your thoughts. He said our staff is exemplary in keeping everything motivated and moving. Good luck to the sports teams as they continue on.

Mr. Harnden - He congratulated the maintenance staff on keeping sidewalks and parking lots cleared with all of the snow and cold weather that we've had.

Agenda- Mr. Dave Polacek, President

(027/2025) MOTION was made by Harnden second by Ludwig to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda of January 22, 2025.

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

Barberton Board of EducationRegular MeetingJanuary 22, 2025Administration Building***Board Business – Mr. Dave Polacek***

(028/2025) MOTION was made by Sutton second by Boyle to approve the 2025-2026 School Calendar.

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

(029/2025) MOTION was made by Harnden second by Ludwig to approve the Newell Street Cooperation Agreement between the City of Barberton, Barberton Community Foundation and Barberton City School District.

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

Superintendent's Business – Mr. Jason Ondrus, Superintendent

MOTION was made by Boyle second by Harnden to approve the following Superintendent's Business as listed.

(030/2025) To approve the overnight trip March 30 – April 3, 2025 for the BHS Baseball Team to travel to Myrtle Beach, SC submitted by Joe Perretta, Varsity Baseball Coach .

(031/2025) To approve the overnight trip March 29 - April 3, 2025 for the BHS Softball Team to travel to Myrtle Beach, SC to play in the Grand Strand Tournament submitted by Macy Kaisk, Head Softball Coach.

(032/2025) To approve the College Credit Plus Memorandum of Understanding between Kent State University and Barberton City Schools for the 2025-2026sy.

(033/2025) To approve the agreement between The Empire Academy, LLC, 8479 Wilson Mills Rd, Chesterland 44026 and Barberton City Schools for student services for the 2024-2025sy.

(034/2025) To approve the Client Services Agreement with Sunbelt Staffing LLC, 501 Brooker Creek Blvd, Suite A-400, Oldsmar, FL 34677 and Barberton City School District for nursing services retroactive to January 13, 2025 through May 30, 2025.

(035/2025) To approve the agreement between GCL Education Services, LLC, (LEAP Program) 166 2nd Street NW, Barberton and Barberton City Schools for providing education services for the 2024-2025sy.

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(036/2025) To approve the Primary Service agreement with the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio, 6393 Oak Tree Blvd, Independence 44131 and the Barberton Board of Education effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027.

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

Personnel – Mr. Jason Ondrus

MOTION was made by Ludwig second by Sutton to approve the following personnel items as listed.

(037/2025) To approve the resignations listed.

Jackie Bryan /

BIS Fifth Grade Teacher, Regular Program, effective 6/1/2025 REASON: Retirement

Anthony Hermann /

BPS Associate Principal, Regular Program, effective 7/1/2025 REASON: Retirement

Susan Lee /

BPS Teacher Aide Float, Regular Program, effective 2/1/2025 REASON: Retirement

Randa Shaheen /

District English Language Learner, Regular Program, effective 6/3/2025 REASON: Personal Reasons

(038/2025) To approve hiring the licensed personnel listed.

Carrie Bengtson /

BHS Concession Stand, 6% (prorated amount), as needed, 2024-2025sy, Supplemental Program, effective 1/6/2025

Kendal Kelly /

BHS Anti-tobacco School, \$29.52/hr, as needed, 2024-2025sy, Supplemental Program, effective 1/6/2025

Matt Latham /

BHS Ski Club, 2% (prorated), as needed, 2024-2025sy, Supplemental Program, effective 1/6/2025

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Courtney Lawrence /

BHS Technology Coordinator, 10% (prorated), as needed, 2024-2025sy, Supplemental Program, effective 1/6/2025

Melissa Reinhart /

BHS Anti-tobacco School, \$29.52/hr, as needed, 2024-2025sy, Supplemental Program, effective 1/6/2025

Joanne Garabito /

BMS Classroom Transition, \$29.52/hr, up to 4 hrs, 2024-2025 sy, Supplemental Program, effective 12/12/2024

Heather Miller /

BMS Classroom Transition, \$29.52/hr, up to 4 hrs, 2024-2025 sy, Supplemental Program, effective 12/12/2024

Cindy Pavlovich /

BMS Anti-tobacco School, \$29.52/hr, as needed, 2024-2025sy, Supplemental Program, effective 1/6/2025

(039/2025) To approve the off staff hiring listed.

Harley Berlesky /

BHS Head Girls' Track Coach, as needed, 13%, Regular Program, 2024-2025sy, effective 3/1/2025

Kimberly Shifferly /

BHS Girls Basketball Volunteer Scorekeeper, as needed, 0%, Regular Program, 2024-2025 sy, effective 12/1/2024

(040/2025) To approve the non-certified personnel as listed.

Sarah Davenport /

BPS Teacher Aide, Float, 6.5/hrs per school calendar, \$18.93/hr + Longevity, Regular Program, full time, effective 1/21/2025

Karla James /

BPS Teacher Aide, Float, 6/hrs per school calendar, \$18.93/hr + Longevity, Regular Program, full time, effective 1/1/2025

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Ashley Nichols /

BPS Teacher Aide, Float (MH), 6.5/hrs per school calendar, \$18.38/hr + longevity, Regular Program, full time, effective 12/23/2024

Rhonda Ries-Grof /

BPS Cook VI, 3/hrs per school calendar, 16.42/hr + longevity, Regular Program, full time, effective 12/16/2024

Wallace Ball III /

Substitute Custodian, where needed, as needed, 15.00/hr, Regular Program, full time, effective 12/16/2024

Richard Fillmore /

Substitute Teacher Aide, where needed, as needed, 12.00/hr, Regular Program, full time, effective 12/16/2024

Arieanna Foster /

Substitute Teacher Aide, where needed, as needed, 12.00/hr, Regular Program, full time, effective 12/16/2024

Tabitha Miller /

BUS Substitute Bus Aide no CDL, as needed, 11.00/hr, Regular Program, full time, effective 12/16/2024

(041/2025) To approve the leave of absence(s) listed.

Kimberly Eberhart /

BHS Teacher Aide, Float, Regular Program, effective 1/6/2025 - 2/18/2025, REASON: LOA

Dustin Lemmon /

BMS Title I Tutor, Regular Program, effective 1/15/2025 and 1/17/2025, REASON: Medical

Ayes 5 Sutton, Boyle, Harnden, Ludwig and Polacek

MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

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MOTION was made by Harnden and Boyle to approve the following Financial Business as listed.

(042/2025) To approve the minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of December 11, 2024 and the Organizational Meeting and Special Meeting of January 8, 2025.

(043/2025) To approve the Financial Statements for December, 2024.

Ayes 5 Boyle, Harnden, Ludwig, Polacek and Sutton

MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

(044/2025) MOTION was made by Boyle second by Harnden to approve the disposal of the following books from Barberton Middle School.

- Holt Social Studies: World History, ISBN: 0-03-068526-5; 195 copies**
- Holt Social Studies: United States History, Beginning to 1877, ISBN: 0-03-041212-9; 60 copies**
- Scholastic Children's Dictionary, ISBN: 0-439-36563-5; 9 copies**
- Intermediate Dictionary/ Scott Foresman, ISBN: 0-673-12375-8; 10 copies**

Ayes 5 Harnden, Ludwig, Polacek, Sutton and Boyle

MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

MOTION was made by Sutton second by Ludwig to approve the following financial business as listed.

(045/2025) To approve the 3rd Amendment of the Permanent Appropriations for FY25.

(046/2025) To approve the 3rd Amendment of the Certificate of Estimated Resources for FY25.

Ayes 5 Ludwig, Polacek, Sutton, Boyle and Harnden

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MOTION was made by Ludwig second by Boyle to approve the following donations listed.

(047/2025) Donation of \$528.00 from Barberton All Sports Boosters Club, 555 Barber Rd to the Barberton High School Boys Basketball team for hoodies.

(048/2025) Donation of \$100.00 from Barberton Tree Service, 635 Norton Ave to the Barberton Destination Imagination program.

(049/2025) Donation of \$150.00 from Magic City Motorcars, 993 Wooster Rd W to the Barberton Destination Imagination program.

(050/2025) Donation of \$50.00 from AG-PRO, Scott Wright, 3060 Barber Rd to the Barberton Primary School to provide items for the students.

(051/2025) Donation of books from Chuck Bell, 6295 Redbird Terrace, New Franklin 44216 to the Barberton Primary School for their Literacy Night and each Kindergarten student to choose a book. Value: priceless.

(052/2025) Donation of toys from Dollar General, % Chip Stevens, Store Manager, 333 Manchester Rd, Akron 44319 to the Hope for the holidays families. Value: priceless.

(053/2025) Donation of toys from Dollar General, % Linda Gardiner, Store Manager, 1356 S. Arlington Rd, Akron 44306 to the Hope for the holidays families. Value: priceless.

(054/2025) Donation of \$200.00 towards laundry cards from Scott Vlahos, Advantage Equipment/Laundry Time, 1056 Howe Ave, Akron 44310 to be used by students and families of Barberton City Schools.

(055/2025) Donation of several bags of gently used clothing and shoes from Milanka Marinkovic, 704 Mesa Verde Dr to the Barberton Intermediate School Clinic. Value: priceless.

(056/2025) Donation of \$150.00 from Barberton Public Library 602 W. Park Ave. to the Barberton City Schools, Destination Imagination t-shirt sponsorship.

(057/2025) Donation of \$125.00 from Paula's Place, 369 E. Ford Ave. to the Barberton City School Food Service Angel Fund. Donation of hats, gloves, socks and shirts from Art Dowling, P.O. Box 68 to Barberton Middle, Intermediate and Primary Schools. Value: priceless.

(058/2025) Donation of \$500.00 from the Barberton FOP Lodge 13, P.O. Box 405 to the Barberton High School Baseball team.

(059/2025) Donation of \$100.00 from Samuel and Janet Smith, P.O. Box 467, Caddo, OK 74729 to the Barberton High School Boys Tennis team.

Ms. Ludwig commented that the generosity of our community is unbelievable and never ceases to amaze her.

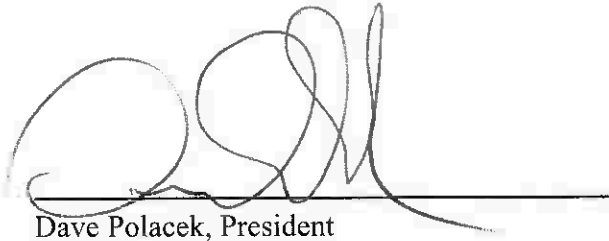
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Adjournment

(060/2025) MOTION was made by Harnden second by Ludwig to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

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


Dave Polacek, President
Craig A. McKendry, Treasurer