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Barberton Board of Education

Regular Meeting January 28, 2026 Administration Building

President Thomas Harnden called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: Pat Boyle, Thomas Harnden, Brenda Rickenbacker and Cindy Sutton
Members Absent: Jason Slater

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 had no comments.

Mr. Boyle - He has nothing at this time.

Mrs. Rickenbacker - She had no comments.

Mr. Harnden - He said be safe with the weather outside. Not sure if there will be school the rest of the week.

Agenda– Mr. Thomas Harnden

(029/2026) MOTION was made by **Boyle** second by **Sutton** to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda of January 28, 2026.

Ayes 4 Boyle, Harnden, Rickenbacker and Sutton
MOTION CARRIED. 4-0

Board Business – Mr. Thomas Harnden

Presentation - Ryan Pendleton, Shared Services Alliance, presented for the Board to consider one of three different levy resolution millage rates. (7, 9 or 11)

(030/2026) MOTION was made by **Boyle** second by **Sutton** to submit a resolution to the electors of the school district the question of an additional 11-mill tax levy for the purpose of current expenses pursuant to section 5705.21 of the revised code, as corrected to the agenda to strike the percentages.

Ayes 4 Harnden, Rickenbacker, Sutton and Boyle
MOTION CARRIED. 4-0

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(031/2026) MOTION was made by **Boyle** second by **Sutton** to approve a first reading of the following Barberton City School District Board of Education policies:

- 2431 - Interscholastic Athletics (revised)
- 2460 - Special Education (revised)
- 2460ODE - Special Education (rescind)
- 5113 - Inter District Open Enrollment (revised)
- 5200 - Attendance (revised)
- 5330 - Use of Medications (revised)
- 5610 - Removal, Suspension, Expulsion and Permanent Exclusion of Students (revised)
- 8500 - Food Services (revised)

Ayes 4 Rickenbacker, Sutton, Boyle and Harnden
MOTION CARRIED. 4-0

(032/2026) MOTION was made by **Rickenbacker** second by **Sutton** to approve the revised Barberton City School District Board of Education policy #5136, Personal Communication Devices.

Ayes 4 Sutton, Boyle, Harnden and Rickenbacker
MOTION CARRIED. 4-0

Mr. Boyle asked for an explanation on this policy. Mr. Ondrus explained that it is regarding cell phone usage and limitations within the school buildings and was reviewed by NEOLA, legal and Administration.

Superintendent's Business – Mr. Jason Ondrus

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

(033/2026) To approve the following overnight/extended student trips submitted by the 4 Cities Compact.

1. Business Marketing Academy, February 24 – February 25, 2026 to the Ohio Career Development Conference in Columbus, OH.
2. Business Marketing Academy, April 25 - April 28, 2026 to the International Career Development Conference in Atlanta, GA.
3. Advanced Manufacturing, Advancement to Nursing, Fire Safety/EMT, May 5 - May 6, 2026 to the SkillsUSA State Championship in Columbus, OH.
4. SkillsUSA - National Competition, only 1st place winners will attend, June 24- June 28, 2026 in Atlanta, GA.

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(034/2026) To approve the College Credit Plus Memorandum of Understanding between Kent State University and Barberton City Schools for the 2026-2027school year.

(035/2026) To approve the 2026-2027 Barberton City School District Calendar.

Ayes 4 Sutton, Boyle, Harnden and Rickenbacker
MOTION CARRIED. 4-0

Personnel – Mr. Jason Ondrus

MOTION was made by **Boyle** second by **Sutton** to approve the following personnel items as listed.
(036/2026) To approve the resignations listed.

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	EFFECTIVE	REASON
Alati, Dylan	BMS	Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach	12/10/2025	Personal Reasons
Arman, Terry	Bus Garage	Bus Driver	8/3/2026	Retirement
Beery, Amy	BIS	Fifth Grade Teacher	7/1/2026	Retirement
Fuller, Taylor	PRE	Custodian II	2/6/2026	Personal Reasons
Horner, Jennifer	BIS	Teacher Aide 1:1	1/5/2026	Personal Reasons
Jensen, James	BPS/BMS	Gifted Coordinator	6/1/2026	Retirement
McCulligan, Natalie	BIS	Fourth Grade Teacher	2/9/2026	Personal Reasons
Myers, Madison	BPS	Teacher Aide, Float	1/20/2026	Personal Reasons

(037/2026) To approve hiring the licensed personnel listed.

NAME	BUILDING AND TEACHING ASSIGNMENT	SALARY	CONT YEAR	EFFECTIVE DATE
	Athletic Game Worker	Per Athletic Cal.	2025-2026	1/1/2026
Austin, Beth				
Austin, Jay				
Clum, Brandon	BHS Asst Boys Track Coach	7%	2025-2026	3/1/2026
O'Neil, Donovan	BHS Asst Boys & Girls Track Coach	4%	2025-2026	3/1/2026
Wesolowski, Mark	BMS Asst Boys Basketball Coach	8%	2025-2026	12/11/2025

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(038/2026) To approve the following Resolution.

Part I. WHEREAS the Barberton City School District Board of Education has offered the following positions:

BHS Head Softball Coach	12%

To licensed employees and no such employee who qualified to fill the positions applied or accepted.

Part II. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the non-licensed individuals listed in Att. 3 be recognized as a volunteer and/or extended a contract for the 2025-2026 school year for the above named positions contingent upon receipt of BCI & FBI background check according to Ohio Revised Code.

(039/2026) To approve the following Resolution.

In relation to the Internal Postings for the following supplementals:

BHS Assistant Softball Coach (3)	7%
BHS Assistant Baseball Coach	7%
BMS Boys Assistant Track Coach (2)	4%
BMS Girls Assistant Track Coach (2)	4%

The internal posting(s) was for those employees of the district who are licensed individuals. It has been determined that no such employee is qualified to fill the position(s) for the above listed supplements, therefore the position(s) shall be posted externally. This resolution is in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.53.

(040/2026) To approve the off staff hiring listed.

NAME	POSITION	SALARY	SY	EFFECTIVE
Alati, Dylan	BHS Volunteer Boys Asst Basketball Coach	0%	2025-2026	1/1/2026
Berlesky, Harley	BHS Head Girls' Track Coach	14%	2025-2026	3/1/2026
Jackson, Shalonna	BMS VolunteerAsst Wrestling Coach	0%	2025-2026	1/26/2026
Jones, Mike	BHS Asst Baseball Coach	7%	2025-2026	3/1/2026
Kelley, Michael	BMS Volunteer Asst Wrestling Coach	0%	2025-2026	1/26/2026
Lange, Dwayne	BMS Volunteer Asst Wrestling Coach	0%	2025-2026	1/26/2026
Papp, Adam	BMS Volunteer Asst Wrestling Coach	0%	2025-2026	1/26/2026
Scott, Randy	BHS Head Softball Coach	12%	2025-2026	1/29/2026
Shifferly, Skylar	BHS Head Boys' Tennis Coach	10%	2025-2026	3/1/2026
Smith, Dan	BHS Asst Baseball Coach	7%	2025-2026	3/1/2026
Swain, Pat	BHS Asst Baseball Coach	7%	2025-2026	3/1/2026

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(041/2026) To approve the non-certified personnel as listed.

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	SALARY	SY	EFFECTIVE
Horner, Jennifer	Where Needed	Substitute Teacher Aide	$12.00 hr	2025-2026	1/5/2026
Sturm, Jennifer	Bus Garage	Substitute Bus Aide No/CDL	$11.00 hr	2025-2026	1/26/2026

(042/2026) To approve the leave of absence(s) listed.

NAME	BLDG	POSITION	EFFECTIVE	REASON
Boccuti, Annie	BIS	Teacher Aide, Float	1/26/2026 pm - 5/29/2026	Personal
Geul, Amanda	Bus Garage	Bus Driver	1/20/2026-1/30/2026	Personal

Ayes 4 Boyle, Harnden, Rickenbacker and Sutton
MOTION CARRIED. 4-0

Financial Business

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

(043/2026) To approve the minutes of the Organizational Meeting January 14, 2026 and Special Meeting of January 21, 2026.

(044/2026) To approve the Financial Statements for December, 2025.

Ayes 4 Harnden, Rickenbacker, Sutton and Boyle
MOTION CARRIED. 4-0

(045/2026) MOTION was made by **Boyle** second by **Sutton** to authorize the Treasurer to approve the following transfer between funds:

For FY 26 $226,400.00 from Fund 003 to Fund 034

Ayes 4 Rickenbacker, Sutton, Boyle and Harnden
MOTION CARRIED. 4-0

(046/2026) MOTION was made by **Sutton** second by **Rickenbacker** to approve the following donations listed.

Donation of a box of scarves and hats from the Pink Lamb's Yarn Nook, 4087 S. Cleveland Massillon Rd, Norton 44203 to the Barberton Intermediate School. Value: priceless..

Donation of clothes from Integrity, 971 Wooster Rd. W to the Barberton Primary School clinic. Value: priceless.

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Donation of gloves from Carrie Bengtson, BHS French Teacher, to the Barberton High School Magic Closet. Value: priceless.

Donation of two bags of clothes from Melissa Walker, BHS Science Teacher, to the Barberton High School Magic Closet. Value: priceless.

Donation of $250.00 to the Barberton High School Choir and $250.00 to the Barberton High School Band from the Magic City Kiwanis, P.O. Box 561.

Donation of a basket of hats and gloves from Chase Bank, 444 Robinson Ave. to Barberton Intermediate School. Value: priceless.

Donation of Christmas gifts from First Presbyterian Church, 636 W. Park Ave. to two Preschool families. Value: priceless.

Donation of $500.00 from Norton Fireman's Association, 3380 Greenwich Rd, Norton 44203 to Barberton High School EMT testing.

Donation of $110.00 from Wadsworth Firefighters Local 4136, 343 College St, Wadsworth 44281 to Barberton High School EMT testing.

Donation of gloves and hats from the Barberton Moose Lodge, 250 - 31st Street NW to the Barberton Intermediate School. Value: priceless.

Donation of $150.00 from David Taylor Construction Corp, 1097 Columbus Ave to the Barberton Destination Imagination.

Donation of hats and gloves from Carmalene Baker, 661 N Way St to the Barberton Intermediate School. Value: priceless.

Ayes 4 Sutton, Boyle, Harnden and Rickenbacker
MOTION CARRIED. 4-0

Mr. Harnden thanked the community for their donations to the schools.

Adjournment

(047/2026) MOTION was made by **Rickenbacker** second by **Boyle** to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Ayes 4 Sutton, Boyle, Harnden, Rickenbacker
MOTION CARRIED. 4-0

Thomas Harnden, President

Cindy Sutton, Treasurer Pro Tempore