Barberton Board of Education

Regular Meeting October 29, 2025 Administration Building

President Dave Polacek called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Roll Call

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Communications

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

The floor was opened for comments from the Board.
Ms. Ludwig - She agreed with Mr. Boyle and said that Coach Gotto did a wonderful job in his 12 years coaching. She also mentioned the MRTL Chili Cook-off on November 8th.
Ms. Sutton - She congratulated the students and staff on a successful first grading period. She also recognized the students that participated in extracurriculars and fall sports teams on their seasons.
Mr. Boyle - He recognized and wanted to thank Coach Gotto on his last game and acknowledged his 12 seasons as the BHS football coach. He said it was a job well done.
Mr. Polacek - He mentioned Coach Gotto and how he brought the magic back to the City when he started coaching 12 years ago. Best wishes to him as he moves on.
Mr. Harnden - He reminded everyone that the MRTL Chili Cook-off fundraiser is at Ignite on November 8th from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. The fundraiser supports Barberton Schools K-5th with school supplies.

Agenda– Mr. Dave Polacek, President

(410/2025) MOTION was made by Harnden second by Sutton to amend the Regular Meeting agenda and add to Item VI, Board Business, letter B. To approve the Resolution for the BJS Stop School Violence grant. and Item X, change to Executive Session and move Adjournment to Item XI.

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

(411/2025) MOTION was made by Boyle second by Harnden to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda for October 29, 2025.

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

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Board Business- Mr. Dave Polacek

(412/2025) MOTION was made by Harnden second by Ludwig to approve and adopt the following new/revised/rescinded Board policies listed.

po0131.1	po5330
po0171	po5350
po1422.01	po5460
po2260.02	po5751
po2271	po6151
po2340	po7421
po2430.02	po7440.01
po5120	po8142
po5131	po8452
po5223	

The Board wanted to hold on po5330 but the rest were approved.

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

(413/2025) MOTION was made by Ludwig second by Boyle to approve the Resolution in support of the BJS Stop Violence grant.

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

Superintendent's Business – Mr. Jason Ondrus

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

(414/2025) To approve Girls' Flag Football with the Cleveland Browns as a club sport in the Spring of 2026.

(415/2025) To approve a grant titled, *Wheelchair*, for $500.00 to the Barberton Community Foundation submitted by Jen Monroe, BHS Teacher.

(416/2025) To approve a grant titled, *CLSD - Birth to PreK* for $593,772.00 to the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce submitted by Brenda Sincel, Preschool Director.

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

Personnel – Mr. Jason Ondrus

MOTION was made by Harnden second by Boyle to approve the following personnel items as listed.

(417/2025) To approve the following resignations

Evans, Kalie	BPS	Teacher Aide, Float	11/4/2025	Personal Reasons
Hodovan, Michele	BIS	Fifth Grade Teacher	7/1/2026	Retirement
Osborne, Jullian	Bus Garage	Bus Aide No CDL	10/15/2025	Personal Reasons
Shifferly, Skylar	BHS	Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach	10/22/2025	Personal Reasons

(418/2025) To approve the licensed personnel listed.

Carter, Emma	ACE Mentor	$30.41/hr	Up to 4 hrs/month	2025-2026	9/29/2025
Lemmon, Dustin	SFA Reading Group Instructors	5%	As Needed	2025-2026	9/1/2025
	After School Tutoring	$31.41/hr	As Needed	2025-2026	10/27/2025
Kianos, Haley					
Storad, Robin					
O'Neil, Donovan	BHS Head Girls' Basketball Coach	22%	As Needed	2025-2026	10/20/2025
Seeman, Conner	Weight Room-Winter	6%	As Needed	2025-2026	11/1/2025
	AMHA After School Tutoring	$30.41/hr	As Needed	2025-2026	10/1/2025
Elrod, Kevin					
Stults, Tim					
Babcock, Riley	DLT	$30.41/hr	As Needed	2025-2026	10/1/2025

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(419/2025) To approve a resolution in relation to the Internal Postings for the following supplementals:

BMS Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach (2)	8%
BHS Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach	14%

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.

(420/2025) To approve the off staff hirings listed.

Oplinger, Lisa	Speech/Language Therapist	Up to 5 days	$250/day	2025-2026	11/1/2025

Berlesky, Harley	BHS Volunteer Girls' Basketball Coach	As Needed	0%	2025-2026	10/20/2025
Carpenter, Martel	BHS Volunteer Girls' Basketball Coach	As Needed	0%	2025-2026	10/20/2025
Cunningham, Gracie	BMS Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach	As Needed	8%	2025-2026	10/1/2025
Fritz, Robert	BHS Head Bowling Coach	As Needed	4%	2025-2026	10/20/2025
Frye, Brian	BHS Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach	As Needed	8%	2025-2026	10/1/2025
George, Andrew	BIS Intramurals	As Needed	3%	2025-2026	9/1/2025
Macdonald, Ashley	Athletic Game Worker	As Needed	Per Athletic Schedule	2025-2026	9/1/2025

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(421/2025) To approve the non-certified personnel as listed.

Antal, Meredith	BIS	Teacher Aide Float	6.5 hrs / day Per School Calendar	$20.37 hr + Longevity	Full Time	9/22/2025
Ciocca, Michele	BIS	Teacher Aide, Float	6.5 hrs / day Per School Calendar	$20.18 hr + Longevity	Full Time	9/22/2025
Evey, Carrie	BIS	Teacher Aide, Float	6 hrs / day Per School Calendar	$20.95 hr + Longevity	Full Time	9/25/2025
Hostler, Bobbijo	BHS	Teacher Aide Float	6.25 hrs / day Per School Calendar	$20.73 hr + Longevity	Full Time	9/22/2025
Korora, Lori	BMS	Teacher Aide 1:1	6.5 hrs / day Per School Calendar	$20.37 hr + Longevity	Full Time	9/22/2025
Lillie, Ashley	BIS	Teacher Aide Float	6 hrs / day Per School Calendar	$20.18 hr + Longevity	Full Time	10/13/2025
Lillie, Ashley	BIS	Teacher Aide 1:1	6.5 hrs / day Per School Calendar	$20.18 hr + Longevity	Full Time	10/1/2025
Maxwell, Afton	BPS	Teacher Aide, Float	6.5 hrs / day Per School Calendar	$20.18 hr + Longevity	Full Time	9/24/2025
Morrison, Sarah	BPS	Teacher Aide Float (MH)	6.5 hrs / day Per School Calendar	$20.18 hr + Longevity	Full Time	9/22/2025
Ailiff, Joshua	Bus Garage	Substitute Bus Aide No CDL	As Needed	$11.00 hr	2025-2026	9/30/2025
Clark, Susan	Where Needed	Substitute Cafeteria Teacher Aide	As Needed	$12.00 hr $15.00 hr	2025-2026	9/29/2025
Gochenour , Makayla	Where Needed	Substitute Cafeteria	As Needed	$15.00 hr	2025-2026	10/6/2025
Petroff, Sherri	Where Needed	Substitute Teacher Aide Secretary	As Needed	$12.00 hr	2025-2026	9/29/2025

Phillips, Sadie	Where Needed	Substitute Cafeteria	As Needed	$15.00 hr	2025-2026	9/22/2025

(422/2025) To approve the leave of absence(s) listed.

Hornbeck, Erica	BIS	Third Grade Teacher	10/23/2025 - 12/19/2025	FMLA
Motil, Lindsay	BPS	First Grade Teacher	9/22/2025	FMLA-Up to 30 days for 2025-26
Nichols, Ashley	BPS	Teacher Aide , Float (MH)	11/21/2025- 4/17/2026	Personal Reasons
Sovchik, Dael	BHS	Physical Education/Health Teacher	10/17/2025 - 10/31/2025	Personal Reasons

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

Financial – Mr. Craig McKendry

MOTION was made by Sutton second by Ludwig to approve the following Financial Business.

(423/2025) To approve the minutes of the Special Meeting September 10, 2025 and Regular Meeting September 22, 2025 and Special Meeting October 8, 2025.

(424/2025) To approve the Financial Statements for September, 2025.

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

MOTION was made by Sutton second by Boyle to approve the following Financial Business.
(425/2025) To approve the following FY 2025-2026 change fund:

Change Fund

- **Joseph Vernacotola - BMS Book Fair change fund for 10/16/2025 - 10/28/2025 - $200.00**

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(426/2025) To approve the disposal of a Hobart 2-door reach-in cooler, BCSD Tag #11396, Model Q2-5, Serial #32-1069318 from the BHS Snack Shack.

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

(427/2025) MOTION was made by Harnden second by Ludwig to approve the Resolution to declare student transportation impractical for the 2025-2026 school year.

BARBERTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION DECLARING TRANSPORTATION IMPRACTICAL

WHEREAS, **the Superintendent for the Barberton City School District has received a request for transportation for students enrolled in a nonpublic or community school, and**

WHEREAS, **the Superintendent has determined the listed students eligible but impractical to transport by public conveyance; and**

WHEREAS, **the Barberton City Board of Education (hereafter the "Board") has carefully considered transportation options for the eligible students listed in items A, B & C under Ohio Revised Code Section 3327.01; and**

WHEREAS, **for each of the students listed, the Board has considered the following factors as enumerated in R.C. §3327.02:**

1) **The time and distance required to provide the transportation;**
2) **The number of pupils to be transported;**
3) **The cost of providing transportation in terms of equipment, maintenance, personnel and administration;**
4) **Whether similar or equivalent service is provided to other pupils eligible for transportation;**
5) **Whether and to what extent the additional service unavoidably disrupts current transportation schedules; and**
6) **Whether other reimbursable types of transportation are available.**

WHEREAS, **the option of offering payment in lieu of transportation is provided by the Ohio Revised Code.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED **by the Barberton City Board of Education as follows:**

Section 1

After fully and carefully considering each of the factors listed above, the Board hereby affirms the determination that it is impractical to transport the students listed in *items*

A, B, & C **for the 2025-26 school year, and further hereby offers the parent(s)/guardian(s) payment in lieu of transportation. This decision was reached after considering the factors enumerated in R.C. §3327.02. Required reports will be made as directed by the Ohio Department of Education.**

Section 2

The Board of Education finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of Education, and that all deliberations of this Board of Education and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

Section 3

This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its adoption and shall supersede any prior resolution or act of this Board of Education that may be inconsistent or duplicative with the provisions of this resolution.

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

Mr. Craig McKendry, Treasurer, gave a discussion on bond refunding with the Board.

(428/2025) MOTION was made by Ludwig second by Sutton to approve the following donations listed.

Donation of 6 sleeves of styrofoam cups & miscellaneous items for field days from Mark Van Gilder to Barberton Intermediate School. Value: priceless.

Donation of two large boxes and two bags of school supplies from CGT Church, 181 E. State St. to Barberton Intermediate School. Value: priceless.

Donation of $500.00 from J Timothy & Michelle Sovacool, 718 Wisteria Dr. to the Barberton High School Girls Volleyball program.

Donation of $135.00 from Barberton Burgers LLC, 75 5th Street SE to the Destination Imagination program.

Donation of $50.00 from DGL Financial Services - Dennis Liddle Jr, 527 W. Lake Ave. to the Barberton High School Cheer program.

Donation of 1 bag of hats, gloves, socks and 1 bag of prizes for good behavior from Community Gospel Tabernacle, 181 E. State St. to the Barberton Intermediate School. Value: priceless.

Donation of $100.00 from Karen Moore, 610 Orchard Ave. to the Josh Miller Scholarship Fund.

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Donation of $250.00 from Barberton FOP Lodge #13, P.O. Box 405 to the Barberton High School Girls Soccer program.

Donation of $9,000.00 from the Barberton Youth Basketball Assoc., 807 Mesa Verde Dr to the Barberton High School Boys Basketball program.

Donation of $25.00 from David & Laura Lach, 3778 Willow Brook Dr, Ravenna 44266 to the Barberton High School Boys Basketball program.

Donation of $300.00 from the Barberton Women's Club, 1504 Maple St to the Barberton High School Magic Hope Chest Closet.

Donation of $500.00 from the Magic City Kiwanis, P.O. Box 561 to the Barberton Middle School Musical.

Donation of $500.00 from the Magic City Kiwanis, P.O. Box 561 to the Barberton Primary School.

Donation of $500.00 from the Magic City Kiwanis, P.O. Box 561 to the Barberton Intermediate School.

Donation of $100.00 from Christie Mash, 1118 Big Valley Dr, Akron 44319 to the Hope for the Holidays.

Donation of craft supplies from Heather Weeks, Barberton High School teacher to the Barberton High School Library/Media Center Makerspace. Value: priceless.

Donation of craft supplies from Kimberly Schoeck, Barberton Primary School teacher to the Barberton High School Library/Media Center Makerspace. Value: priceless.

Donation of a Sony Digital Voice Recorder, Clay Labs for Kids book, Kwik Stix paint sticks valued at $187.55 from Post Acute, 85 3rd Street SE to the Barberton Intermediate School Art Room.

Donation of $50.00 from Bryan & Lisa Keffer, 3458 Windham Circle, Cuyahoga Falls 44223 to the Barberton Middle School Library/Media Center Book Fair.

Donation of 3 YMCA memberships from the YMCA, 500 W. Hopocan Ave. to the Barberton Intermediate School to distribute to families. Value: priceless.

Donation of $500.00 from MAG Resources, P.O. Box 590 to the Preschool.

Donation from the Book Club members listed below who participated in a group donation of $275.00 in memory of Barbara Scott, a retired Barberton City Schools teacher to the Barberton Middle School.

Mary Baldwin, 171 Court Dr, Unit 106, Fairlawn 44333
Jean Bouchard, 7016 Knight Ave NW, Canton 44708
Joyce Downey, 4152 Belleau Woods Circle, Uniontown 44685
Kaylene Hostettler, 2135 Stonehedge Circle, Akron 44319
Patty Martell, 2150 Forest Oak Dr, Akron 44312
Kay Mitchell, 13197 Williamsburg Ave NW, Uniontown 44685
JoAnn Velemirov, 3393 Stratford Green, Uniontown 44685

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MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

Executive Session – O.R.C. §121.22

(429/2025) MOTION was made by Harnden second by Boyle 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: Compensation of a public employee or official.

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

Madams Ludwig and Sutton, Messrs. Boyle, Harnden, Polacek, Andric, McKendry and Ondrus entered into Executive Session at 5:52 p.m.

(430/2025) MOTION was made by Harnden second by Ludwig to re-enter into the Regular Meeting at 6:15 p.m.

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

Adjournment

(431/2025) MOTION was made by Ludwig second by Sutton to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

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

Dave Polacek, President

Craig A. McKendry, Treasurer