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Regular Meeting August 27, 2025 Barberton High School

Vice President Tina Ludwig called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dave Polacek

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Communications

The floor was opened for comments from the public.
Kate Walsh with the Barberton Parks and Recreation spoke about needing volunteers for the Labor Day parade and the Mum Festival.

The floor was opened for comments from the Board.

Ms. Sutton - She said that the school year started off wonderfully and she thanked the Administration and staff for pulling it off. She thanked the Magic's Ready to Learn committee for giving supplies to all of our students Kindergarten through 5th grade. She said this is such a special school district.

Ms. Ludwig - She echoed Ms. Sutton's comments on the smooth start to the school year. She thanked the Administration for preparing such a smooth beginning to the year. She mentioned fall sports are upon us and Magic Mayhem being in a few days.

Mr. Boyle - He recognized Rocky's gas station for collecting donated supplies (Stuff the Bus) for the students and the Administration for the use of the bus.

Mr. Harnden - He mentioned the Wink's fundraiser for Destination Imagination happening tonight. He said that the Mum Festival is a great way to get some volunteer hours and he and his wife have been volunteering for many years. He said he's going to challenge another Board member to a canoe race at Mum Fest.

Mr. Ondrus wanted to thank our Student Services Dept., Mr. Hartzell and Mrs. Sutton and their staff for partnering with the Cleveland Browns to promote good attendance for our students. We will have a special guest for Magic Mayhem. Chomps the mascot will be there.

Agenda– Miss Tina Ludwig, Vice President

(369/2025) MOTION was made by Boyle second by Sutton to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda for August 27, 2025.

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

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Board Business- Miss Tina Ludwig

(370/2025) MOTION was made by Boyle second by Harnden to appoint Mr. Thomas Harnden as delegate to the Annual Business Meeting of the Ohio School Boards Association Meeting Monday, November 17, 2025 and Ms. Cindy Sutton as alternate to the Annual Business Meeting of the Ohio School Boards Association Meeting Monday, November 17, 2025.

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

(371/2025) MOTION was made by Harnden second by Sutton to approve the Resolution to Acknowledge Booster and Support Organizations.

A RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE BOOSTER AND SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

WHEREAS **that Barberton City Schools wishes to acknowledge the following booster and support organizations.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED **that the Barberton City Schools will acknowledge:**

Barberton All Sports Boosters
Barberton Band Boosters
Barberton High School PTA
Barberton Middle School PTSA
Barberton Intermediate PTA
Barberton Primary PTO
Barberton PreSchool PTO

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

(372/2025) MOTION was made by Boyle second by Harnden to approve the Resolution to declare student transportation impractical for the 2025-2026 school year.

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**

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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 4 Sutton, Boyle, Harnden and Ludwig
MOTION CARRIED. 4-0

Superintendent's Business – Mr. Jason Ondrus

MOTION was made by Sutton second by Boyle to approve the following Superintendent's Business.
(373/2025) To approve the student transportation contract between Rocket Rides LLC, 166 2nd Street NW and Barberton City School District for the 2025-2026 school year.

(374/2025) To approve the student transportation agreement between Suburban School Transportation Co., Inc, 26 River Rd, Hinckley 44233 and Barberton City Schools for the 2025-2026 school year.

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

MOTION was made by Sutton second by Harnden to approve the following Superintendent's Business.
(375/2025) To approve the submission of a grant titled, *SFA Schoolwide Solutions Team Support* for $5,000.00 to the Barberton Community Foundation submitted by Todd Hone, Associate Principal at Barberton Primary School.

(376/2025) To approve the grant titled, *We Are All Magics: Listen to What We Look Like* for $26,250.00 from the Ohio Arts Council and National Endowment for the Arts submitted by MaryElizabeth Norman, Art Teacher at Barberton Intermediate School.

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

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Personnel – Mr. Jason Ondrus

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

(377/2025) To approve the following resignation(s) as corrected

Wendi Damm /
BHS Science Teacher, Regular Program, effective 8/1/2025,REASON: Resignation/Personal Reasons

(378/2025) To approve the licensed personnel listed.

Christopher Arnold-Law
SOR Module Pathway E, $400.00, as needed, Summer 2025, Supplemental Program, effective 7/1/2025

Brittany Bates /
Wilson Planning, $30.41/hr, up to 15 hrs, 2025-2026sy, Supplemental Program, effective 8/1/2025

Amy Beery /
BIS Latchkey Instructor, $25.00/hr, as needed, 2025-2026sy, Supplemental Program, effective 8/19/2025

Jennifer Colarusso /
Wilson Planning, $30.41/hr, up to 15 hrs, 2025-2026sy, Supplemental Program, effective 8/1/2025

Makenzie Damsa /
BHS Assistant Girls Soccer Coach, 8%, as needed, 2025-2026sy, Supplemental Program, effective 8/1/2025

Shawna DeCola /
Prep for SFA Material Distribution, $30.41/hr, up to 15 hrs, Summer 2025, Supplemental Program, effective 7/1/2025

Sandy DeMarino /
BPS Latchkey Instructor, $25.00/hr, as needed, 2025-2026sy, Supplemental Program, effective 8/19/2025

Katie Dente /
BPS Latchkey Instructor, $25.00/hr, as needed, 2025-2026sy, Supplemental Program, effective 8/19/2025

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Barb Dunwald /
BIS Latchkey Instructor, $25.00/hr, as needed, 2025-2026sy, Supplemental Program, effective 8/19/2025

Quarra Greenawald /
BIS Latchkey Instructor, $25.00/hr, as needed, 2025-2026sy, Supplemental Program, effective 8/19/2025

Michele Hodovan /
BIS Latchkey Instructor, $25.00/hr, as needed, 2025-2026sy, Supplemental Program, effective 8/19/2025

Mary Hyde /
BIS Latchkey Instructor, $25.00/hr, as needed, 2025-2026sy, Supplemental Program, effective 8/19/2025

Becky Kananian /
Wilson Planning, $30.41/hr, up to 15 hrs, 2025-2026sy, Supplemental Program, effective 8/1/2025

Dana Light /
BPS Latchkey Instructor, $25.00/hr, as needed, 2025-2026sy, Supplemental Program, effective 8/19/2025

Steve Mathews /
SOR Module Pathway E, $400.00, as needed, 2024-2025 sy, Supplemental Program, effective 1/26/2025

Rachel Neugebauer /
Wilson Planning, $30.41/hr, up to 15 hrs, 2025-2026sy, Supplemental Program, effective 8/1/2025

Holly Steinman /
BPS Latchkey Instructor, $25.00/hr, as needed, 2025-2026sy, Supplemental Program, effective 8/19/2025

Sheila Velo /
BPS Latchkey Instructor, $25.00/hr, as needed, 2025-2026sy, Supplemental Program, effective 8/19/2025

Krista Young /
Wilson Reading Certification Level 1, $500.00, as needed, Summer 2025, Supplemental Program, effective 7/1/2025

SFA Planning, $30.41/hr, up to 16 hrs, Summer 2025, Supplemental Program, effective 8/8/2025

Beth Bowling
Heidi Cichon
Traci Codispoti
Ashley Craig
Ashlee Dolak
Raetina Giovanini
Melissa Gunsett
Mary Hobbins
Mindy Jackson
Leah Karr
Gretchen Lechner
Lori Manning
Krista McCoy
Brooke Richards
Heather Sharp
Sheila Velo
Scott Wachsberger
Julie Watts
Emily Wiggins

(379/2025) To approve the off staff hiring listed.

Pat Bursac /
BPS Latchkey Instructor, $25.00/hr, as needed, Regular Program, 2025-2026sy, effective 8/19/2025

Julie Jensen /
BPS Latchkey Instructor, $25.00/hr, as needed, Regular Program, 2025-2026sy, effective 8/19/2025

Rory Thorne /
BPS Latchkey Instructor, $25.00/hr, as needed, Regular Program, 2025-2026sy, effective 8/19/2025

Harley Berlesky /
BHS Assistant Cross Country Coach, BMS Assistant Cross Country Coach, 4%, as needed, Regular Program, 2025-2026sy, effective 8/1/2025

Martel Carpenter /
BMS Volunteer Cross Country Coach, 0%, as needed, Regular Program, 2025-2026sy, effective 8/1/2025

(380/2025) To approve the non-certified personnel as listed.

Bridgette Gorham /
PRE Teacher Aide, Float, 7/hrs per school calendar, $20.37/hr + longevity, Regular Program, full time, effective 8/18/2025

Stefanie Hull /
BHS Office Aide, Guidance, 6/hrs per school calendar, $18.51/hr + longevity, Regular Program, full time, effective 8/14/2025

Marilyn Hurst /
BHS Teacher Aide 1:1, 6.75/hrs per school calendar, $20.37/hr + longevity, Regular Program, full time, effective 8/18/2025

Mindy Shue /
BIS Cook V, 6/hrs per school calendar, $18.24/hr + longevity, Regular Program, full time, effective 8/18/2025

Dawn Wigner /
BHS Teacher Aide, Float (MH), 6.25/hrs per school calendar, $20.37/hr + longevity, Regular Program, full time, effective 8/18/2025

Meredith Antal /
Substitute Teacher Aide, where needed, as needed, $12.00/hr, Regular Program, 2025-2026sy, effective 8/18/2025

Scott Carroll /
Substitute Custodian, Substitute Teacher Aide, where needed, as needed, $15.00/hr, Regular Program, 2025-2026sy, effective 8/18/2025

Lori Korora /
Substitute Teacher Aide, where needed, as needed, $12.00/hr, Regular Program, 2025-2026sy, effective 8/18/2025

Myoshi McTyeire /
Substitute Teacher Aide, where needed, as needed, $12.00/hr, Regular Program, 2025-2026sy, effective 8/18/2025

Sarah Morrison /
Substitute Cafeteria, where needed, as needed, $15.00/hr, Regular Program, 2025-2026sy, effective 8/18/2025
Substitute Secretary, Substitute Teacher Aide, where needed, as needed, $12.00/hr, Regular Program, 2025-2026sy, effective 8/18/2025

Aiden Potter /
Substitute Teacher Aide, where needed, as needed, $12.00/hr, Regular Program, 2025-2026sy, effective 8/18/2025

Nancy Swope /
Substitute Cafeteria, where needed, as needed, $15.00/hr, Regular Program, 2025-2026sy, effective 8/18/2025

Skyler Wykoff /
Substitute Cafeteria, where needed, as needed, $15.00/hr, Regular Program, 2025-2026sy, effective 8/18/2025

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(381/2025) To approve the leave of absence as listed.

Souad Cherfan /
BMS Cook VI, full time, effective 8/21/2025 - 10/10/2025, Personal Reasons

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

Financial – Mr. Craig McKendry, Treasurer

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

(382/2025) To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting July 30, 2025.

(383/2025) To approve the Financial Statements for July, 2025.

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

(384/2025) MOTION was made by Harnden second by Boyle to approve the following change cash funds retroactive to 6/26/2025.

Change Cash Fund

- **CONCESSION STAND - check to Carrie Bengtson for $400.00 - voided and re-issued to Matt Denham**
- **BHS VENDING - Carrie Bengtson cashed check for $200.00 - change fund delivered/deposited to vending machines**

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

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

(385/2025) To approve the disposal of six (6) Guitar Themed Flags to Struthers High School Marching Band, 111 Euclid Ave, Struthers 44471 in the amount of $1,200.00.

(386/2025) To approve the disposal of five (5) Track Covers to Medina City Schools, 739 Weymouth Rd, Medina 44256 in the amount of $1,200.00.

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

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(387/2025) MOTION was made by Harnden second by Boyle to approve the following donations listed.

Donation from Adelina & George Angeloff, 756 E Ford Ave of $100.00 to the Barberton High School Boys Soccer program; $100.00 to the Barberton High School Girls Soccer program and $100.00 to the Barberton High School Cheer program.

Donation of $50.00 from Aaron & Nicole Fox, 768 E Cassell Ave to the Barberton High School Boys Soccer program.

Donation of a 1950's Barberton sweater from Jim Robinette, 12 5th Street NE to the Barberton High School Athletic office. Value: priceless.

Donation of $1,250.00 from OHSAA, 4080 Roselea Pl, Columbus 43214-3069 to the Barberton High School Athletic office.

Donation of $100.00 from First Choice Lawn & Landscape, 1106 S. Azalea Blvd. to the Barberton High School Golf program.

Donation of $200.00 from DGL Financial Services, 527 W. Lake Ave. to the Barberton High School Golf program.

Donation of $100.00 from James & Temple Dippel, 1106 S Azalea Blvd. to the Barberton High School Golf program.

Donation of $50.00 from Brian & Stacy Carpenter, 201 Elmwood Ave, to the Barberton High School Boys Soccer program.

Donation of $50.00 from William & Sara Judge, 476 E State St. to the Barberton High School Boys Soccer program.

Donation of $100.00 from Tri-C Distributors, 551 Portage Lakes Dr, Akron 44319 to the Barberton High School Boys Soccer program.

Donation of $50.00 from Melanie & Mike Vinay, 1493 Wilsonway Dr. to the Barberton High School Boys Soccer program.

Donation of $100.00 from the Frye Family, 1313 South Ave. to the Barberton High School Boys Soccer program.

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Donation of $50.00 from Kathy Wines, 229 E. Cassell Ave. to the Barberton High School Boys Soccer program.

Donation of $50.00 from the Moore Family, 5451 Harding Ave. #3 to the Barberton High School Boys Soccer program.

Donation of $50.00 from Terri Armbruster, 1087 Columbus Ave to the Barberton High School Boys Soccer program.

Donation of $50.00 from the Wines Family, 5098 Hametown Rd. to the Barberton High School Boys Soccer program.

Donation of $50.00 from Paul & Jen Armbruster, 163 Morgan Ave. to the Barberton High School Boys Soccer program.

Donation of $50.00 from the Davenport Family, 323 E Park Ave. to the Barberton High School Boys Soccer program.

Donation of $50.00 from the Baird Family, 134 St John St. to the Barberton High School Boys Soccer program.

Donation of $100.00 from the Carlucci Family, 797 Mesa Verde Dr. to the Barberton High School Boys Soccer program.

Donation of $50.00 from the Barberton Liedertafel, 191 2nd Street NW to the Barberton High School Boys Soccer program.

Donation of $50.00 from the Pfouts Family, 201 Elmwood St. to the Barberton High School Boys Soccer program.

Donation of $50.00 from the Carpenter Family, 201 Elmwood Ave, to the Barberton High School Boys Soccer program.

Donation of a 2-cavity standard slab mold and a compression set fixture from Desenco Inc., Ron Lane, 1938 S. Arlington Rd, Akron 44306 to the Barberton High School Polymer program.

Donation of prizes/incentives from Tri-C Distributors, Jeff Carlucci, 551 Portage Lakes Dr, Akron 44319 to the Barberton Primary School.

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Donation of $50.00 from Connor Alderman, 387 Portsmouth St. to the Barberton High School Boys Soccer program.

Donation of back packs and school supplies from Frank Avenue Worship Center, 367 Frank Ave, to Barberton Middle School. Value: priceless.

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

Adjournment

(388/2025) MOTION was made by Sutton second by Boyle to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

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

Dave Polacek, President

Craig A. McKendry, Treasurer