

*Barberton Board of Education*Regular MeetingJanuary 24, 2024Administration Building

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

***Roll Call***

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pat Boyle

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

***Presentation***

School Board Recognition Month - Mr. Jason Ondrus, Assistant Superintendent, read the Proclamation recognizing that the month of January is School Board Recognition Month. The board members were presented with a gift for their service for Barberton City Schools.

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, our community values a quality education as a vital step along the pathway to success for our children; and

**WHEREAS**, Pat Boyle, Thomas Harnden, Tina Ludwig, Dave Polacek and Cindy Sutton contribute greatly to this community through their service on the Barberton City Schools' Board of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, these local decision-makers set the policies and procedures to govern all aspects of school district operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the school board keeps attention focused on progress toward the school district's goals and maintains a two-way communications loop with all segments of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, these school board members are serving our community with integrity, honor and a commitment to our children's futures;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jason Ondrus, Assistant Superintendent of Barberton City Schools, do hereby declare my appreciation to the members of the Barberton City Schools' Board and proclaim the month of January 2024, as

**SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH** in January 2024. I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the dedication and hard work of local school board members and in working with them to mold an education system that meets the needs of both today's and tomorrow's children.

***Communication***

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

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The floor was opened for comments from the Board.

Ms. Sutton - She had no comments.

Ms. Ludwig - She wanted to commend our hometown boy, John Cominsky, for a great season and being one win away from the Super Bowl. She also congratulated the boys basketball team for being in first place in the Suburban league and the girls basketball team celebrating fifty years..

Mr. Polacek - He spoke about the Sports Boosters selling "Magics 100" lottery tickets that will benefit all Barberton Athletics. He talked about how great the Barberton VFW is and their donation for the 7th grade camp and so many other projects that they have helped for Barberton Schools.

Mr. Harnden - He spoke about the Esther Ryan Shoe Fund Spaghetti dinner on February 9th from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. He said they were still looking for volunteers if anyone is interested in that.

*Board Business - Mr. Thomas Harnden*

**(019/2024) MOTION was made by Polacek second by Ludwig to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda of January 24, 2024.**

Ayes 4 Harnden, Ludwig, Polacek and Sutton

MOTION CARRIED. 4-0

*Superintendent's Business - Mr. Jeff Ramnitz*

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

**(020/2024) To approve the overnight trip May 15 - May 17, 2024 for BMS 7th grade camp at Camp Manatoc submitted by Andrea Tomer and Abigail Robinson, Camp Directors and BMS Teachers.**

**(021/2024) To approve the submission of a grant by Phil Hodanbosi titled *Ohio Career Technical Education Equipment Grant* for \$1,647,949.02 to the Ohio Department of Education & Workforce to be used for the 4 Cities Compact Network Systems/Cyber Security and Advanced Manufacturing Programs.**

**(022/2024) To approve the submission of a grant by Shelley Habegger titled *Barberton Preschool Summer Learning* for \$32,350.00 to the Barberton Community Foundation for an active summer school experience for our youngest learners.**

**(023/2024) To approve the College Credit Plus Memorandum of Understanding between Kent State University and Barberton City Schools for the 2024-2025sy.**

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**(024/2024) To approve the College Credit Plus Memorandum of Understanding between Stark State College and Barberton City Schools for the 2024-2025sy.**

Mr. Polacek wanted to thank all those that go above and beyond for seeking out Grants to give the students wonderful opportunities.

Ayes 4 Harnden, Ludwig, Polacek and Sutton

MOTION CARRIED. 4-0

***Personnel – Mr. Jeff Ramnytz***

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

**(025/2024) To approve the resignations listed.**

Kristina Halter /

BPS Teacher Aide 1:1, Regular Program, effective 1/24/2024 REASON: Personal Reasons

Bruce Lightfoot /

PRE Custodian I, Regular Program, effective 6/01/2024 REASON: Retirement

Jeffrey Ramnytz /

ADM Superintendent, Regular Program, effective 8/29/2024 REASON: Retirement

Taylor Wright Bruckmann /

BMS Teacher Aide 1:1, Regular Program, effective 1/22/2024 REASON: Personal Reasons

**(026/2024) To approve hiring the licensed personnel listed.**

Elyssa Hilton /

BMS Power of the Pen, \$28.66/hr., up to 15 hrs, 2023-2024sy, Supplemental Program, effective 1/22/2024

Leah Blachaniec /

BPS BRIC Program (Child Guidance), \$28.66/hr., as needed, 2023-2024sy, Supplemental Program, effective 12/01/2023

Jennifer Colarusso /

BPS BRIC Program (Child Guidance), \$28.66/hr., as needed, 2023-2024sy, Supplemental Program, effective 12/01/2023

Deb Decker /

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BPS BRIC Program (Child Guidance), \$28.66/hr., as needed, 2023-2024sy, Supplemental Program, effective 12/01/2023

Dynasty Garrett /

BPS BRIC Program (Child Guidance), \$28.66/hr., as needed, 2023-2024sy, Supplemental Program, effective 12/01/2023

Kristen Miller /

BPS BRIC Program (Child Guidance), \$28.66/hr., as needed, 2023-2024sy, Supplemental Program, effective 12/01/2023

Amber O'Hara /

BPS BRIC Program (Child Guidance), \$28.66/hr., as needed, 2023-2024sy, Supplemental Program, effective 12/01/2023

Kimberly Schoeck /

BPS BRIC Program (Child Guidance), \$28.66/hr., as needed, 2023-2024sy, Supplemental Program, effective 12/01/2023

Griffin Brown /

BHS Head Girls' Soccer Coach, 12%, as needed, 2024-2025sy, Supplemental Program, effective 7/02/2024

Brandon Clum /

BHS Assistant Boys' Track Coach, 7%, as needed, 2023-2024sy, Supplemental Program, effective 3/01/2024

**(027/2024) To approve a resolution in relation to the Internal Postings for the following supplementals:**

**BHS Head Girls' Track Coach**

**12-17%**

**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.**

**(028/2024) To approve the off staff hiring listed.**

Harley Berlesky /

BHS Volunteer Girls' Track Coach, as needed, 0, Regular Program, 2023-2024sy, effective 3/01/2024

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Martel Carpenter /

BHS Volunteer Girls' Track Coach, as needed, 0, Regular Program, 2023-2024sy, effective 3/01/2024

Giorgio Jackson /

BHS Volunteer Girls' Track Coach, as needed, 0, Regular Program, 2023-2024sy, effective 3/01/2024

Brenna Walker /

Athletic Game Worker, as needed, Per Athletic Schedule, Regular Program, 2023-2024sy, effective 12/01/2023

**(029/2024) To approve the non-certified personnel as listed.**

Randy Bray /

BPS Custodian I, 8 hrs/day per school calendar, \$19.53/hr + Longevity, Regular Program, full time, effective 12/18/2023, TRANSFER: A. Fuller

Erica Hailstock /

BUS Bus Aide W/CDL, 5. hrs/day per school calendar, \$18.61/hr + longevity, Regular Program, full time, effective 2/05/2024

Derek Massarelli /

BIS Teacher Aide, Float (E.D. Unit), 6.5 hrs/day per school calendar, \$18.30/hr + longevity, Regular Program, full time, effective 1/08/2024, TRANSFER: New Position

Jared Robinson /

BPS Custodian II, 8 hrs/day per school calendar, \$20.02/hr + longevity, Regular Program, full time, effective 1/08/2024, TRANSFER: R. Bray

James Thomas /

BUS Bus Aide No/CDL, 5 hrs/day per school calendar, \$13.14/hr + longevity, Regular Program, full time, effective 12/11/2023

Sandra Ries /

Substitute Cafeteria, where needed, as needed, \$12.00/hr, Regular Program, 2023-2024sy, effective 1/23/2024

Substitute Teacher Aide, where needed, as needed, \$12.00/hr, Regular Program, 2023-2024sy, effective 1/23/2024

Jermaine Wilborn /

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BUS Substitute Bus Aide, No/CDL, as needed, \$11.00/hr, Regular Program, 2023-2024sy, effective 12/18/2023

**(030/2024) To approve the leave of absence(s) listed.**

Tiffany Fugitt /

BUS Bus Aide w/CDL, Regular Program, effective 12/18/2023 - 1/23/2024, REASON: Until released by Physician

Karen George /

BUS Bus Driver, Regular Program, effective 12/18/2023 - 12/21/2023 REASON: Personal

Roberta Harris /

BPS Cook VI, Regular Program, effective 10/31/2023 - 11/17/2023, REASON: Personal

Jennifer Styer /

BUS Bus Driver, Regular Program, effective 2/09/2024 ½ day - 2/15/2024, REASON: Personal

Ayes 4 Ludwig, Polacek, Sutton and Harnden

MOTION CARRIED. 4-0

Mr. Ramnytz introduced Mr. Sabol so that he could introduce the new Head Girls Soccer Coach, Mr. Griffin Brown. He was a former Barberton student and he is a teacher at Barberton Middle School.

***Financial – Mr. Craig McKendry***

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

**(031/2024) To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2023.**

**(032/2024) To approve the Financial Statements for December, 2023.**

Ayes 4 Polacek, Sutton, Harnden and Ludwig

MOTION CARRIED. 4-0

**MOTION was made by Polacek second by Ludwig to approve the following Financial Business as listed.**

**(033/2024) To authorize the Treasurer to approve the following transfer between funds:**

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**(034/2024) To approve the sale of school bus #8, 2008 Freightliner/Thomas, title # 355187 to Perram Electric, 6882 Ridge Rd, Wadsworth 44281 in the amount of \$2,000.00.**

Ayes 4 Sutton, Harnden, Ludwig and Polacek

**MOTION CARRIED. 4-0**

Discussion by Mr. Craig McKendry with the Board regarding the EPA Grant for EV buses. The Board said to go ahead and apply for the Grant and see what happens.

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

**(035/2024) Donation of \$14,532.65 from Foundation 4 Life, 9850 S 300 W, Sandy, UT 84070 to the Barberton City School District for individual classrooms for students with hearing impairments.**

**(036/2024) Donation of 6 coupons (12 free pizzas) valued at \$100.00 from East of Chicago, 1317 Shannon Ave, Barberton to the Hope for the Holidays Program.**

**(037/2024) Donation of a 1928 Hopocan BHS Yearbook, June 1927 Magician and a June 1926 Magician from Pat Davidson, 24472 Manchester Trail, Port Charlotte, FL 33980 to the Barberton High School Library Media Center Historical Collection. Value: Priceless.**

**(038/2024) Donation of \$100.00 from Susan & Henry Lencer Jr., 33011 Route 66, Leeper, PA 16233 to the Barberton High School Athletic Department in memory of Harry Wiant.**

**(039/2024) Donation of \$100.00 from Joan Pletcher & Pamela Speis, P.O. Box 345, Clarion, PA 16214 to the Barberton High School Athletic Department in memory of Harry Wiant.**

**(040/2024) Donation of clothing from Nely Nunez, mother of Saul Esquivel, 1516 Wooster Rd. W, Barberton to the Barberton Intermediate School clinic. Value: Priceless.**

**(041/2024) Donation of 200 cookie/gingerbread house kits from Art Dowling, P.O. Box 68, Barberton to the Barberton Preschool, Primary and Intermediate Schools. Value: Priceless.**

**(042/2024) Donation of a Playstation and 27 games from Robyn Harvey, Teacher Aide at Barberton Primary School, to the Barberton High School Library Media Center Makerspace. Value: Priceless.**

**(043/2024) Donation of \$200.00 from the Barberton Community Foundation, 460 W. Paige Ave, Barberton to the Barberton High School Girls' Basketball Program.**

**(044/2024) Donation of four tissue boxes and a bag of tootsie pops from members of the Barberton First Church of Christ, 552 Harvard Ave., Barberton to Barberton High School. Value: Priceless.**

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**(045/2024) Donation of \$1,000.00 from the Blackbaud Giving Fund, 65 Fairchild St., Charleston, SC 29492 to Mrs. Latham’s Science Club at Barberton Middle School.**

**(046/2024) Donation of \$8,000.00 from the Barberton VFW, 75 6th Street, Barberton to the Barberton Middle School for the 7th Grade Outdoor Education (Camp Manatoc) 7th grade camp.**

**(047/2024) Donation of gloves for Barberton Primary and Intermediate School and hats and socks to Barberton Middle and High School from Art Dowling, PO Box 68, Barberton. Value: Priceless.**

**(048/2024) Donation of gloves, hats and scarves from Pastor Mike Prebynski, First Baptist Church, 254 6th Street NW, Barberton to the Barberton Intermediate School. Value: Priceless.**

Ayes 4 Harnden, Ludwig, Polacek and Sutton  
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***Executive Session – O.R.C. §121.22***

**(049/2024) MOTION was made by Polacek second by Sutton to enter into Executive Session to discuss employment, to consider the purchase or sale of property and to discuss negotiations or collective bargaining.**

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

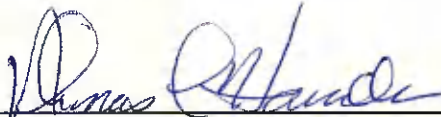
Madams Ludwig and Sutton, Messrs. Harnden, Polacek, McKendry, Ondrus and Ramnytz entered into Executive Session at 6:07 pm to consult with Legal Counsel on pending litigation/imminent litigation.

President Harnden reconvened the Regular Meeting at 7:18 pm.

***Adjournment***

**(050/2024) MOTION was made by Polacek second by Ludwig to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m.**

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

  
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Thomas Harnden, President

  
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Craig McKendry, Treasurer