The mission of the Barberton City School District is to create a welcoming, dynamic, and challenging learning environment that empowers every student to achieve their highest potential.

BARBERTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
633 Brady Ave
Barberton OH 44203

Regular Meeting
JANUARY 28, 2026
Administration Building
5:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER - Mr. Thomas Harnden, President

- ❏ Roll Call
  - ❏ Pat Boyle
  - ❏ Thomas Harnden
  - ❏ Brenda Rickenbacker
  - ❏ Jason Slater
  - ❏ Cindy Sutton

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INFORMATIONAL

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Jan 29	BMS Girls Basketball vs Stow
Jan 30	BHS Boys Basketball vs Copley (Senior Night)
Jan 31	BHS Boys Basketball vs John Hay
Feb 2	BHS Girls Basketball vs Medina Christian
Feb 3	BPS Parent/Teacher Conferences
	BMS Boys Basketball vs Cuyahoga Falls
Feb 5	BHS Girls Basketball vs Firestone
	BIS Parent/Teacher Conferences
Feb 6	BIS/BPS All Day parent/Teacher conferences
Feb 7	OMEA District 6 Honors Festival
	BMS Girls Basketball, Suburban League Tournament
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Feb 10	BMS Parent/Teacher Conferences
	BHS Boys Basketball vs Tallmadge
Feb 11	BHS Wrestling vs Northwest
Feb 12	BHS Parent/Teacher Conferences

	Academic Letter Award Ceremony in the BHS Theater
Feb 13	District Professional Development - No Students
	Esther Ryan Shoe Fund Spaghetti Dinner @ 4 pm
	BHS Boys Basketball vs Wadsworth
Feb 16	President's Day - No School

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Comments from the Public - Public Comments: comments should be held to 3 minutes or less. This session is to give the community an opportunity to address the Board on items that are relevant and for the good of the district. The Board will not enter into debate or discussion on any matter brought forward. Instead the information will be taken into the minutes and assigned to the proper individual for follow up.

B. Comments from Board Members - Board Comments: Board comment session is to allow Board members an opportunity to publicly address the Board and community on items that are relevant and for the good of the district. The Board comment session should not be used as a platform for advancement of self or political views.

V. AGENDA - Mr. Thomas Harnden, President

To approve the Regular Meeting Agenda of Wednesday, January 28, 2026.

MOTION:

SECOND:

Comments or Questions:

Boyle A/N Harnden A/N Rickenbacker A/N Slater A/N Sutton A/N

Approved _____ Not Approved _____ Other Action _____

VI. BOARD BUSINESS - Mr. Thomas Harnden, President

Recommend the approval of the Board Business as listed.

A. The Board will consider one of three different millage rates. (Board members received copies.)

MOTION:

SECOND:

Comments or Questions:
Harnden A/N Rickenbacker A/N Slater A/N Sutton A/N Boyle A/N
Approved _____ Not Approved _____ Other Action _____

B. To approve a first reading of the following Barberton City School District Board of Education policies: (Board members received copies)
   - ❖ 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)

   MOTION:
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   SECOND:
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   Comments or Questions:

   Rickenbacker A/N Slater A/N Sutton A/N Boyle A/N Harnden A/N
   Approved _____ Not Approved _____ Other Action _____

C. To approve the revised Barberton City School District Board of Education policy #5136, Personal Communication Devices. (Board members received copies)

   MOTION:
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   SECOND:
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   Comments or Questions:

   Slater A/N Sutton A/N Boyle A/N Harnden A/N Rickenbacker A/N
   Approved _____ Not Approved _____ Other Action _____

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S BUSINESS - Mr. Jason Ondrus, Superintendent

Recommend the Board approve the Superintendent's Business as listed.

A. To approve the following overnight/extended student trips submitted by the 4 Cities Compact. (Board members received copies.)

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.

B. To approve the College Credit Plus Memorandum of Understanding between Kent State University and Barberton City Schools for the 2026-2027school year. (Board members received copy.)

C. To approve the 2026-2027 Barberton City School District Calendar. (Board members received copy.)

MOTION:

SECOND:

Comments or Questions:

Rickenbacker A/N Slater A/N Sutton A/N Boyle A/N Harnden A/N

Approved _____ Not Approved _____ Other Action _____

VIII. PERSONNEL - Mr. Jason Ondrus

Recommend the board approve the following personnel items.

A. To approve the following resignation(s). Att. 1

B. To approve the licensed personnel listed. Att. 2

C. 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.

D. To approve a 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.

E. To approve the following off-staff hiring. Att. 3

F. To approve hiring the non-certificated personnel listed. Att. 4

G. To approve the following leave of absence(s) listed. Att. 5

MOTION:

SECOND:

Comments or Questions:

Slater A/N Sutton A/N Boyle A/N Harnden A/N Rickenbacker A/N
Approved _____ Not Approved _____ Other Action _____

IX. FINANCIAL BUSINESS -

Recommend the Board approve the following Financial Business items.

A. MINUTES of the Organizational Meeting January 14, 2026 and Special Meeting January 21, 2026. Att. 6A, 6B

B. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS of December, 2026. Att . 7

MOTION:

SECOND:

Comments or Questions:

Sutton A/N Boyle A/N Harnden A/N Rickenbacker A/N Slater A/N
Approved _____ Not Approved _____ Other Action _____

C. To authorize the Treasurer to approve the following transfer between funds:
For FY 26 $226,400.00 from Fund 003 to Fund 034

MOTION:

SECOND:

Comments or Questions:

Boyle A/N Harnden A/N Rickenbacker A/N Slater A/N Sutton A/N
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Recommend the Board approve the following donations listed.

D. 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..
E. Donation of clothes from Integrity, 971 Wooster Rd. W to the Barberton Primary School clinic. Value: priceless.
F. Donation of gloves from Carrie Bengtson, BHS French Teacher, to the Barberton High School Magic Closet. Value: priceless.
G. Donation of two bags of clothes from Melissa Walker, BHS Science Teacher, to the Barberton High School Magic Closet. Value: priceless.
H. 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.
I. Donation of a basket of hats and gloves from Chase Bank, 444 Robinson Ave. to Barberton Intermediate School. Value: priceless.
J. Donation of Christmas gifts from First Presbyterian Church, 636 W. Park Ave. to two Preschool families. Value: priceless.
K. Donation of $500.00 from Norton Fireman's Association, 3380 Greenwich Rd, Norton 44203 to Barberton High School EMT testing.
L. Donation of $110.00 from Wadsworth Firefighters Local 4136, 343 College St, Wadsworth 44281 to Barberton High School EMT testing.
M. Donation of gloves and hats from the Barberton Moose lodge, 250 - 31st Street NW to the Barberton Intermediate School. Value: priceless.
N. Donation of $150.00 from David Taylor Construction Corp, 1097 Columbus Ave to the Barberton Destination Imagination.
O. Donation of hats and gloves from Carmalene Baker, 661 N Way St to the Barberton Intermediate School. Value: priceless.
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SECOND:

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Comments or Questions:

Harnden A/N Rickenbacker A/N Slater A/N Sutton A/N Boyle A/N
Approved _____ Not Approved _____ Other Action _____

X. ADJOURNMENT

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SECOND:

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Comments or Questions:

Rickenbacker A/N Slater A/N Sutton A/N Boyle A/N Harnden A/N
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