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
May 27, 2026
Barberton High School
555 Barber Rd.
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. PRESENTATION - Mr. Michael Andric, Assistant Superintendent

Announcing the 2025-2026 Retirees.

Terry Arman
Amy Beery
Michele Cerne*
Michele Culver
Barb Dunwald*
Doug Guilda
James Harris
Michele Hodovan
Jim Jensen*
Joe Lattarulo*
Lori Manning*
Brian Nehlsen*
Linda Nickol*
Diane Szittai
Anne Tropea
Rob Walker*
Scott Waseman*

IV. INFORMATIONAL

DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 29	Student's Last Day
	8th Grade Celebration & Picnic at BMS
	5th Grade Celebration at BHS @ 1:00 pm
May 30	Middle School Basketball Camp
Jun 1-Jul 1	BHS Summer School

V. 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.

VI. AGENDA - Mr. Thomas Harnden

Recommend to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda of May 27, 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 _____

VII. BOARD BUSINESS - Mr. Thomas Harnden

A. To approve a second reading and adoption of the following Barberton City School District Board of Education policies. (Board members received copies.)

- Po2430.02 (revised) Participation of Community/Stem/Home Educated Extra Curricular
- Po2431 (revised) Interscholastic Athletics
- Po3130 (revised) Assignment and Transfer
- Po5130 (revised) Withdrawal from School
- Po5136 (revised) Personal Communication Devices
- Po5410 (revised) Promotion, Academic Acceleration, Placement & Retention
- Po6830 (revised) Audit
- Po7540.02 (revised) Digital Content and Accessibility
- Po7540.09 (replacement) Artificial Intelligence
- Po7541(rescind) Electronic Data Disaster Recovery Plan
- Po8300 (revised) Continuity of Organizational Operations
- Po8305 (revised) Information Security
- Po8400 (revised) School Safety
- Po8462 (revised) Student Abuse and Neglect
- Po9270 (revised) Equivalent Education Outside the School

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 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.
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. SUPERINTENDENT'S BUSINESS - Mr. Jason Ondrus

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

A. To approve the agreement between LLA Therapy and Barberton City Schools for therapy services for students for the 2026-2027 school year. (Board members received copy.)

B. To approve the submission of a grant by Celeste Wagner, Barberton High School Band Director, titled *Refining and Advancing Musical Skills* for $5,000.00 to the Barberton Community Foundation to support improvement of skills and enhance the performance of our most talented students.

C. To approve the Title I Non-Public School Program Agreement between Akron Public Schools and Barberton City School District for services throughout the 2025-2026 school year. (Board members received copies.)

D. To approve the service contract between Manufacturing Works and Barberton High School for the pre-apprenticeship for Barberton High School's Advanced Manufacturing Program for the 2026-2027 school year. (Board members received copies.)

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. 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 following resignation(s) as corrected. Att 2

C. To approve the Administrative Contract Renewals listed. Att. 3

D. To approve the following licensed personnel. Att. 4

E. To approve the following teachers recommended for new continuing contracts beginning with the 2026-2027 school year having met the requirements of certification and service in the Barberton School District. Evaluations have found them worthy of this contract status:

Ricardo Aspiras
Chad Dean
Deborah Decker
Lisa Griffith
Taylor Kane
William Lane
Holly McInerney
Kristen Miller
Amber O'Hara
Emily Quade
Kimberly Schoeck
Shirley Walters

F. To approve the following being recommended by the Superintendent for renewals of their teaching limited contracts for the 2026-2027 contract year:

Barberton High School
Cynthia Boswell
Riley Dobben
Sarah Flower-McVey
Keith Francis
Nichole Gerberich
Ray Green
Kathryn Israel
Tina James
Jeremy Milford
Randi Myers
Joseph Perretta
Brittany Shaffer
Christa Taylor
Mark Wesolowski

Barberton Middle School
Sara Mullen
Tim Stults

Barberton Intermediate School
Laura Evans
Beth Hirschman
Erica Hornbeck
Kelly Richardson

Barberton Primary School
Abbey Abraham
Brooke Csepe
Raetina Giovanini
Kimberly Schoeck
Heather Sharp
Mary Snider
Carla Thomas

Preschool
Sandra DeMarino
Amanda O'Brien

Travel
Stephanie Bochard
Wendy Ray
Mary Beth Tupa

G. To approve the following being recommended by the Superintendent for renewals of their tutor limited contracts for the 2026-2027 contract year.

Terrance Carson

H. To approve a resolution in relation to the Internal Postings for the following supplementals.

BHS Head Cheer Coach 14-19%

Football
BHS Assistant Coach 16%
BHS Assistant Coach (6) 14%
BHS Assistant Coach 10%
BHS Assistant Coach 5%
BHS Assistant Coach 4%
BMS Assistant Coach (2) 7%

Cross Country
BHS Head Boys Coach 7-12%
BHS Head Girls Coach 7-12%
BHS Assistant Coach 4%
BMS Assistant Coach 4%

Tennis
BHS Head Girls Coach 7-12%
BHS Assistant Girls Coach 4%

Volleyball
BHS Assistant Coach (2) 8%
BMS Assistant Coach (2) 8%

Soccer
BHS Assistant Boys Coach (2) 8%
BHS Assistant Girls Coach (2) 8%

Golf
BHS Assistant Coach 5%

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

Wrestling
BHS Assistant Coach 12%
BHS Assistant Coach 8%
BMS Assistant Coach (2) 8%

Swimming
BHS Head 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.

I. To approve the following off-staff hiring. Att. 5

J. To approve the following leave of absence. Att. 6

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 _____

K. To approve a resolution implementing the suspension of tutor/hourly contracts listed.

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section (C)(3) of the current Negotiated Agreement between the Board of Education and the Barberton Education Association provides that the Board may suspend tutor/hourly contracts in the District for certain prescribed reasons; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined to suspend tutor/hourly contracts for the 2026-2027 school year; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section (C)(3) of the current Agreement provides that the Board of Education may suspend tutor/hourly contracts for financial reasons as solely determined by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that all procedural notification requirements pursuant to the current Agreement and Ohio law has been satisfied; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the least senior employee in the areas being affected has been properly identified pursuant to the seniority provisions in the current Agreement

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 2. The tutor/hourly contracts of the following elementary/secondary certified employees, each being the least senior employee in the areas affected by the suspension, shall be suspended for financial reasons effective July 31, 2026.

Georgia Bryant
*Matthew Burkett
Emma Carter
Abigail Cundiff
Sara Dotlich
Kevin Elrod
Mary Hyde
Haley Kianos
Doug Kincaid
Dustin Lemmon
Terra Lipira
Ruthanne Nary
Nicholas Page
Deborah Patonai
Julianna Pedrozo
Sierra Petit
Savannah Remenaric
Patricia Roese
Megan Schanz
Laura Shemuga
*Jan Schoeppner
Karen Steen

*tenure

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 _____

X. FINANCIAL BUSINESS - Mrs. Jennifer Sudhoff, Interim Treasurer

Recommend the Board approve the following Financial Business items.

A. MINUTES of the Regular Meeting, April 22, 2026 and the Special Meeting, May 13, 2026. Att. 7A, 7B
B. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS of April 2026.
C. To approve the Contracts-POs-Then & Now for May 2026. (Board members received copies.)
D. To approve the Financial report for May 2026. (Board members received copies.)
E. To approve the fund transfer requests. (Board members received copies.)
F. To approve the list of donations:

- Donation of $8,000.00 from the VFW of Ohio Charities for the Barberton Middle School 7th grade to attend Camp Manatoc.
- Donation of nine stethoscopes from Vickie Granam to the Barberton High School Nursing program.
- Donation of a book from Summit County Master Gardeners titled "Wonderfully Wild" to the Barberton Primary School library.
- Donation of $380.00 from Ohio Kids for Creativity to the Barberton Destination Imagination program.
- Donation of $238.00 from Barberton Band Boosters to the Barberton High School Band program for food for a field trip.
- Donation of $116.00 from Barberton Band Boosters to the Barberton High School Band program for OMEA Solo & Ensemble.
- Donation of $530.00 from the VFW Post 1066 to the Barberton Intermediate School for caterpillar kits.
- Donation of 23 Meals Ready to Eat from an anonymous donor to the Barberton City Schools.
- Donation of 15 cases of food for students from Mike Farren to the Barberton High School.
- Donation of $1,500.00 from William & Kimberly Eberhardt to Barberton High School.
- Donation of $200.00 from JUMC Quilters to the Barberton Destination Imagination program.
- Donation of $500.00 from the Barberton FOP #13 to the Barberton Destination Imagination program.
- Donation of $200.00 from the Barberton Rotary Club to the Barberton Destination Imagination program.
- Donation of $200.00 from the Barberton Education Association to the Barberton Destination Imagination program.
- Donation of $75.00 from Barberton All Sports Boosters to the Barberton High School Boys Tennis program.

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 _____

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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 _____

Sincerely,

Jason Ondrus

Jason Ondrus
Superintendent