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
August 26, 2026
Administration Building
633 Brady Ave.
5:00 p.m.

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

- ❑ Roll Call
  - ❑ Pat Boyle
  - ❑ Thomas Harnden
  - ❑ Brenda Rickenbacker
  - ❑ Cindy Sutton
  - ❑

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION - O.R.C. §121.22

- ☐ To consider one or more, as applicable, of the check marked items with respect to a public employee or official:
  - ☐ ____ Appointment;
  - ☐ ____ Employment;
  - ☐ ____ Dismissal;
  - ☐ ____ Discipline;
  - ☐ ____ Promotion;
  - ☐ ____ Demotion;
  - ☐ ____ Compensation of a public employee or official; or
  - ☐ ____ Investigation of charges/complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual
- ☐ To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing.
- ☐ To consider the purchase of property for public purposes, the sale of property at competitive bidding, or the sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete or unfit-for-use property in accordance with section 505.10

of the Revised Code, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest;

- ☐ Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action;.
- ☐ Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment;.
- ☐ Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes;.
- ☐ Details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for a public body or a public office, if disclosure of the matters discussed could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the security of the public body or public office.

A. MOTION:

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SECOND:

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Comments or Questions:

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

Board entered executive session at _____.

President reconvened the Meeting at _____.

IV. PRESENTATION

Ryan Pendleton - Financial Recovery Plan & the Financial Forecast
Henry Muren - Student Wellness and Success/Disadvantage Pupil Impact Aid Plan

V. INFORMATIONAL

Dates to Remember:

Aug 27	BHS Tennis vs Ravenna
Aug 29	BHS Boys' Soccer vs Hoban
	BHS Tennis vs Norton
Aug 31	BHS Girls' Soccer vs Ellet
	BMS Volleyball vs Clagget
Sep 1	BHS Tennis vs Cuyahoga Falls
Sep 2	BHS Girls' Soccer vs Mayfield
	BMS Volleyball vs Copley-Fairlawn
Sep 3	BHS Boys' Soccer vs Buckeye/Massillon
Sep 4	BHS Football vs Elyria Academic Hall of Fame game
Sep 7	Labor Day
Sep 8	BHS Tennis vs Revere

	BHS Boys' Soccer vs Copley
	BHS Cross Country vs Mogadore, Coventry & AEC
	BMS Volleyball vs A. I. Root
Sep 9	BHS Tennis vs Aurora
	BMS 8th gr Football vs Highland
	BBOE Work Session
Sep 10	BHS Picture Day
	BHS Tennis vs Orrville
Sep 11	BHS Football vs Brecksville-Broadview Heights
Sep 14	BHS Tennis vs Coventry
	BMS Volleyball vs Wadsworth

VI. 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.

VII. AGENDA - Mr. Thomas Harnden, President

To approve the Regular Meeting agenda for August 26, 2026.

MOTION:

SECOND:

Comments or Questions:

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

VIII. BOARD BUSINESS - Mr. Thomas Harnden, President

A. To approve _____ to fill the Barberton Board of Education seat vacated by Mr. Jason Slater on August 3, 2026 effective August 26, 2026 ending on December 31, 2027.

MOTION:

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SECOND:

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Comments or Questions:

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

B. The Oath of Office is administered by Board President Thomas Harnden to newly appointed Board Member _____, effective August 26, 2026 to December 31, 2027 as follows:

Do you solemnly swear/affirm that you will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and that you will faithfully and impartially discharge your duties as a member of the Board of Education of the Barberton City School District, County of Summit, Ohio, to the best of your ability and in accordance with the laws now in effect, and hereafter to be enacted, during your continuance in said office and until your successor is appointed/elected and qualified?

Answer: I will

_____
Name

C. Roll Call after Swearing in New Member

- ❑ Pat Boyle
- ❑ Thomas Harnden
- ❑ Brenda Rickenbacker
- ❑ Cindy Sutton
- ❑ _____

D. To approve a **Resolution to Advise the Board Cannot Develop a Sufficient Fiscal Watch FRP to Address the District's FY27 Operating Deficit and to Request a Declaration of Fiscal Emergency**

WHEREAS, the Barberton City School District is currently in a state of fiscal watch and is required by law to develop a Fiscal Watch Financial Recovery Plan to address its projected FY27 deficit by August 31, 2026,

WHEREAS, the District's is unable to develop a sufficient Fiscal Watch Financial Recovery Plan to address the current financial forecast's projected FY27 operating deficit of $(1,805,935) on Line 10.010; and

WHEREAS, the District is projected to experience negative cash flow in December 2026 (See Exhibit A) and will require additional cash resources prior to December to maintain sufficient liquidity to meet upcoming operating expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the School District Solvency Assistance Fund was created by Section 3316.20 of the Ohio Revised Code for the purpose of providing solvency assistance to school districts that have been declared under division (B) of Section 3316.03 of the Revised Code to be in a state of fiscal emergency; and

WHEREAS, upon the District being declared in a state of fiscal emergency, the Board desires to pursue solvency assistance as quickly as possible to address the District's operating deficit and immediate cash flow needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Barberton City School District Board of Education advises the auditor of state and the Department of Education and Workforce that it is unable to develop a sufficient Fiscal Watch FRP to address the current FY27 projected deficit of $(1,805,935) at Line 10.010 and requests the district be placed into fiscal emergency so that upon the declaration of fiscal emergency, the District can obtain an advance from the School District Solvency Assistance Fund to address the District's FY27 operating deficit and projected cash flow needs (See Exhibit A), including the District's ability to meet payroll obligations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer and Superintendent are authorized to provide the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, the Auditor of State, and other appropriate state agencies with the financial information and documentation necessary to facilitate this request to be placed into fiscal emergency and to obtain solvency assistance as soon as the District becomes eligible.

MOTION:

SECOND:

Comments or Questions:

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

E. To appoint a delegate and alternate to the Annual Business Meeting of the Ohio School Boards Association Meeting Monday, November 16, 2026.

Any discussion or volunteers.

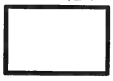
_____ has shown interest in being the Barberton City Schools Delegate to the OSBA Business Meeting on November 16, 2026.

_____ has shown interest in being the BCS Alternate Delegate to the OSBA Business Meeting on November 16, 2026.

Any discussion, if none could we have a motion.

MOTION:

SECOND:



Comments or Questions:

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

F. 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 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

MOTION:

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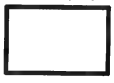


Comments or Questions:

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

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

A. To approve the agreement between Summit Education Initiative, 185 E. Mill St, Akron 44325 and Barberton City

School District regarding data sharing effective 7/1/2026 - 6/30/2027. (Board members received copy.)

B. To approve the MOU between Cleveland State University and Barberton City Schools effective August 2026 - August 2030. (Board members received copies.)

C. To approve the Inter-District Service Area Agreement between the Educational Service Center and Barberton City School District for the 2026-2027 school year. (Board members received copies.)

D. To approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ohio Association of Public School Employees and the Barberton City School District Board of Education. (Board members received copies.)

MOTION:

SECOND:

Comments or Questions:

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

X. PERSONNEL - Mr. Jason Ondrus

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

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

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

BHS Head Baseball 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.

D. To approve the following off staff hiring. Att. 3

E. To approve the non-certificated personnel listed. Att. 4

F. To approve the leave of absence listed. Att. 5

MOTION:

SECOND:

Comments or Questions:

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

XI. FINANCIAL BUSINESS - Jennifer Sudhoff, Interim Treasurer

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting July 29, 2026 and the Special Meeting August 12, 2026. (Board members received copies.)

B. To approve the 2026-2027 breakfast and lunch fees for adults. There will be no cost to students this year. (Board members received copies.)

C. Financial Statements of July, 2026. (Board members received copies.)

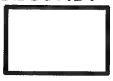
D. To approve the ODEW monthly monitoring report. (Board members received copies.)

E. To approve the Contracts-POs-Then & Now for August 2026. (Board members received copies.)

F. To approve the financial forecast as presented. (Board members received copies.)

MOTION:

SECOND:



Comments or Questions:

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

Recommend the Board approve the following donations listed.

- Donation of $100.00 to the BHS Boys Soccer program; $100.00 to the BHS Girls Soccer program and $50.00 from Adelina & George Angeloff to the BHS Boys Soccer Goalie, Glove and Game Ball Sponsor.
- Donation of $100.00 from Aaron & Nicole Fox to the BHS Boys Soccer Goalie, Glove and Game Ball Sponsor.
- Donation of $50.00 from Brian & Stacy Carpenter to the BHS Boys Soccer Goalie, Glove and Game Ball Sponsor.
- Donation of $50.00 from Tri-C Distributors/Carlucci Family to the BHS Boys Soccer Goalie, Glove and Game Ball Sponsor.

- Donation of $50.00 from Melanie & Mike Vinay to the BHS Boys Soccer Goalie, Glove and Game Ball Sponsor.
- Donation of $50.00 from the Moore Family to the BHS Boys Soccer Goalie, Glove and Game Ball Sponsor.
- Donation of $50.00 from Terri Armbruster to the BHS Boys Soccer Goalie, Glove and Game Ball Sponsor.
- Donation of $50.00 from Paul & Jen Armbruster to the BHS Boys Soccer Goalie, Glove and Game Ball Sponsor.
- Donation of $50.00 from the Davenport Family to the BHS Boys Soccer Goalie, Glove and Game Ball Sponsor.
- Donation of $50.00 from the Baird Family to the BHS Boys Soccer Goalie, Glove and Game Ball Sponsor.
- Donation of $50.00 from the Barberton Liedertafel to the BHS Boys Soccer Goalie, Glove and Game Ball Sponsor.
- Donation of $50.00 from Connor Alderman to the BHS Boys Soccer Goalie, Glove and Game Ball Sponsor.
- Donation of $8,000.00 from the VFW, Post 1066 to the BHS Cheer program.
- Donation of $100.00 from Urgent Care to the BHS Cheer program.
- Donation of $50.00 from Rodger & Sandy Shaulis to the BHS Boys Soccer Goalie, Glove and Game Ball Sponsor.
- Donation of $50.00 from Lori Huber to the BHS Boys Soccer Goalie, Glove and Game Ball Sponsor.
- Donation of $50.00 from the Gabel Family to the BHS Boys Soccer Goalie, Glove and Game Ball Sponsor.
- Donation of $50.00 from Bob & Windi Lilly to the BHS Boys Soccer Goalie, Glove and Game Ball Sponsor.
- Donation of $50.00 from the Lavaco Family to the BHS Boys Soccer Goalie, Glove and Game Ball Sponsor.
- Donation of $210.00 from Campus Box Media to the BHS Football program.
- Donation of a bag of assorted classroom books from Trish Morgan to BIS room 225. Value: priceless.
- Donation of sports stickers, $9.99 LeBron James poster set $12.99, tiny ducks $6.55 from the Suboticki Family to BIS room 225.
- Donation of a book: 365 Days of Wonder $6.37, book: Fourth Grade Rats $8.01, stickers for kids $8.97, memory game $8.99, fruit snacks $6.97 from Debbie Howe-Bozak to BIS room 225.
- Donation of three boxes of classroom books from Laurie Storad to BIS room 225. Value: priceless.
- Donation of school supplies from Camille Ciriano to BMS. Value: priceless.
- Donation of $50.00 from Amy & Harry Baird to theBHS Boys Soccer Goalie, Glove and Game Ball Sponsor.
- Donation of $200.00 from Barberton Firefighters Assoc. to the BHS Cheer program.
- Donation of $1,250.00 from OHSAA to the Barberton Athletics Department.
- Donation of $200.00 from Barberton Women's Club to the BHS Hope Chest Closet for student needs.
- Donation of $50.00 from Andrea & Nate Falkenstein to the BHS Girls Soccer Goalie, Glove and Game Ball Sponsor.
- Donation of 2 cases of PowerAide, ½ case water, baseball hats and a red foam Cavs finger to BHS Football & Cheer program.

MOTION:

SECOND:

Comments or Questions:

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

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

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SECOND:

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Comments or Questions:

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

Sincerely,

Jason Ondrus
Superintendent