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Barberton Board of Education

Regular Meeting February 25, 2026 Administration Building

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

Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat Boyle, Thomas Harnden, Brenda Rickenbacker, Jason Slater and Cindy Sutton

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Recognition

Recognition was given to the students who competed in the OMEA District 6 Solo and Ensemble Event on Saturday, January 17, 2026 @ Barberton High School. Thanks was given to all the staff, students and parents who volunteered to showcase the school district and students.

Communication

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

The floor was opened for comments from the Board.

Ms. Sutton - She commented on the DI teams that participated in the region that did very very well.
Mrs. Rickenbacker- She had no comments
Mr. Boyle - He had no comments
Mr. Slater - He had no comments
Mr. Harnden - He congratulated the DI teams and the volunteers.

Agenda– Mr. Thomas Harnden

(053/2026) MOTION was made by **Slater** second by **Boyle** to approve the amended Regular Meeting Agenda of February 25, 2026 to change the dates for Item VIII., letter B, Open Enrollment to read beginning March 2, 2026 through March 27, 2026 for returning students and April 7, 2026 through May 29, 2026 for new applicants.

Ayes 5 Boyle, Harnden, Rickenbacker, Slater and Sutton
MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

Board Business – Mr. Thomas Harnden

(054/2026) MOTION was made by **Sutton** second by **Slater** to approve a second reading and adoption 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)

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- 5200 - Attendance (revised)
- 5330 - Use of Medications (revised)
- 5610 - Removal, Suspension, Expulsion and Permanent Exclusion of Students (revised)
- 8500 - Food Services (revised)

Ayes 5 Harnden, Rickenbacker, Slater, Sutton and Boyle
MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

Superintendent's Business – Mr. Jason Ondrus

(055/2026) MOTION was made by **Boyle** second by **Slater** to approve the following Board of Education/Governing Board Resolution authorizing *2026-2027 Membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association.*

WHEREAS, Barberton City Schools, District IRN number: 43539 of 633 Brady Ave, Summit County, Ohio has satisfied all the requirements for membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association, a voluntary unincorporated association not-for profit; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education/Governing Board ("Board") and its Administration desire for the schools with one or more grades at the 7 – 12 grade level under their jurisdiction to be voluntary members of the OHSAA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education/Governing Board that all schools listed, Barberton High School and Barberton Middle School do hereby voluntarily renew membership in the OHSAA and that in doing so, the Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations and Business Rules of the OHSAA are hereby adopted by this Board as and for its own minimum requirements as it pertains to but not limited to, student-eligibility, coaching requirements, and administrative responsibility. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board reserves the right to raise the minimum standards as it deems appropriate for the schools and students under its jurisdiction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the schools under this Board's jurisdiction agree to conduct their athletics programs in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations, Business Rules, interpretations and decisions of the OHSAA and cooperate fully and timely with the Executive Director's office of the OHSAA in all matters related to the interscholastic athletic programs of the schools. Furthermore, the schools under this Board's jurisdiction shall be the primary enforcers of the OHSAA Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations, Business Rules and the interpretations and rulings rendered by the Executive Director's office. The administrative heads of these schools understand that failure to discharge the duty of primary enforcement may result in fines, removal from tournaments, suspension from membership and/or other such penalties as prescribed in Bylaw 11.

Ayes 5 Rickenbacker, Slater, Sutton, Boyle and Harnden
MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

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(056/2026) MOTION was made by **Rickenbacker** second by **Boyle** to approve the following amended RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE INTER-DISTRICT (OUTSIDE OUR DISTRICT) OPEN ENROLLMENT

> WHEREAS that Barberton City Schools wishes to adopt to continue Inter-District (outside our district) open enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year.
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> NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Barberton City Schools will take applications for open enrollment beginning March 2, 2026 through March 27, 2026 for returning students and April 7, 2026 through May 29, 2026 for new applicants according to the guidelines and Board Policy 5113.

Ayes 5 Slater, Sutton, Boyle, Harnden and Rickenbacker
MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

MOTION was made by **Slater** second by **Rickenbacker** to approve the following Superintendent's Business.

(057/2026) To approve the Memorandum of Understanding between The University of Akron College Credit Plus and Barberton City Schools for the 2026-2027 school year.

(058/2026) To approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Stark State College College Credit Plus and Barberton City Schools for the 2026-2027school year.

(059/2026) To approve the overnight/extended student trip for the Barberton Esports Team to the Barberton Public Library March 7 - March 8, 2026 submitted by Mr. Taylor Kane, BHS Science Teacher and Esports Coach.

(060/2026) To approve the purchase of new Barberton High School and Middle School Health books to be paid for through Title I and Title II funds.

Ayes 5 Sutton, Boyle, Harnden,Rickenbacker and Slater
MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

Mr. Harnden had a question regarding CCP asking if the State would ask us to back off on this since it costs us money. Mr. Ondrus responded that he didn't think the State would.

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Personnel – Mr. Jason Ondrus

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

(061/2026) To approve the following resignations.

NAME	BUILDING	POSITION	EFFECTIVE	REASON
Dunwald, Barb	BIS	4th Gr Teacher	6/1/2026	Retirement
Franks, Nicole	BUS	Bus Driver	2/13/2026	Personal Reasons
Tropea, Anne	BMS/BPS	Speech Therapist	8/1/2026	Retirement
Walker, Robert	BHS	Social St. Teacher	6/1/2026	Retirement

(062/2026) To approve the following licensed personnel.

NAME	BUILDING/ASSIGNMENT	SALARY	SY	EFFECTIVE
Jason Morr	Weight Room Supervisor-Spring	6%	2025-2026	3/1/2026

(063/2026) To approve the following resolution..

Part I. WHEREAS the Barberton City School District Board of Education has offered the following positions:

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%

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.

(064/2026) To approve the following Resolution.

Approval of compensation for Destination Imagination Coordinator, listed in Att. 3, services rendered during the 2024–2025 school year.

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(065/2026) To approve the following off staff hiring.

NAME	POSITION	SALARY	SY	EFFECTIVE
Kriston, Treasure	Destination Imagination Coordinator	10%	2024-2025	9/1/2024
Carpenter, Martel	BHS Assistant Girls' Track Coach	7%	2025-2026	3/1/2026
Murray, Jarrod	BHS Assistant Softball Coach	7%	2025-2026	3/1/2026

Ayes 5 Boyle, Harnden, Rickenbacker, Slater and Sutton
MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

Financial Business– Mr. Jason Ondrus

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

(066/2026) To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting January 28, 2026, Work Session February 18, 2026 and the Special Meeting February 19, 2026.

(067/2026) To approve the Financial Statements for January, 2026.

Ayes 5 Harnden, Rickenbacker, Slater, Sutton and Boyle
MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

Mr. Boyle asked Mr. Ondrus if he knew when we will find out what category we fall into and when we fall into it. Mr Ondrus said Friday March 6th we are slated to be in fiscal caution. He explained that we will be given so many days to revise or make changes to the plan that was approved at the February 19, 2026 meeting.

(068/2026) MOTION was made by **Boyle** second by **Slater** to approve the Resolution to accept the amount and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary Tax Levies and certifying them to the County Fiscal Officer.

WHEREAS, The Fiscal Officer of the Board of Education has provided the Alternative Tax budget, for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing July 1, 2026.

WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of Summit County, Ohio, has certified its action together with an estimate by the county Fiscal Officer of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within the ten mill tax limitations;

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THEREFORE BE IT, RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Barberton City School District, Summit County, Ohio that the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, that there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said School District the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows.

SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FOR GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATED TAX RATES

FUND	Amounts to be Derived from Levies Outside 10 M.	Amounts Approved by Budget Commission Inside 10 M.	County Auditor's Estimate of Tax Rate to be Levied	
			Inside	Outside
	Limitation	Limitation	10M. Limit Res/Com	10 M. Limit Res/Com
Sinking Fund				
Bond Retirement Fund	$2,574,364.00			4.75/4.75
General Fund	$9,586,543.00	$2,438,871.00	4.50/4.50	15.50/20.76
Library Fund				
Substitute	$7,289,516.00			13.45/13.45
Permanent Improvement	$321,969.00			.56/.67
State				
TOTAL	$19,772,419.00	$2,438,871.00	4.50/4.50	34.26/39.64
TOTAL MILLAGE				38.76/44.13

Ayes 5 Rickenbacker, Slater, Sutton, Boyle and Harnden
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MOTION was made by **Slater** second by **Sutton** to approve the following Financial Business.

(069/2026) To approve the following FY 2025-2026 change fund:

Change Fund

- Joseph Vernacotola - change fund for BMS Bookfair 2/06/2026 - 2/12/2026 - $200.00

(070/2026) To approve of the disposal of a Hobart Commercial Disposal, Model Number: FD4/300-1, Serial Number: 104000362-NAV at Barberton High School.

Ayes 5 Slater, Sutton, Boyle, Harnden and Rickenbacker
MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

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

(071/2026) To approve the certification of funds for the following purchase order(s):

PO #: No PO (Will create one once invoice is approved)
PO date: N/A
Vendor: Hill International
PO Amount: N/A
Invoice #: R201005328:01
Invoice date: 1/23/2026
Invoice amount: $23,972.20
Total: $23,972.20

PO #: 2601904
PO date: 2/1/2026
Vendor: Templeton Transportation LLC
PO Amount: $42,450.00
Invoice #: JAN26
Invoice date: 1/1/2026
Invoice amount: $42,450.00
Total: $42,450.00

PO #: 2602005
PO date: 2/17/2026
Vendor: Education Plus, LLC
PO Amount: $6,000
Invoice #: BARB-FY2026
Invoice date: 2/14/2026
Invoice amount: $6,000
Total: $6,000

Ayes 5 Sutton, Boyle, Harnden, Rickenbacker and Slater
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(072/2026) MOTION was made by **Slater** second by **Sutton** to approve the following donations.

Donation of $5,000.00 from the VFW to the BHS Baseball program.
Donation of hats/coats/gloves from Grace Church Barberton Campus to Barberton Intermediate School.
Donation of hats/gloves from Grace Church Barberton Campus to Barberton Primary School.
Donation of boys clothes from Nicole Nott to Barberton Preschool.
Donation of student coats, boots & gloves from BHS - Extended Warmth from the following donors:

Doug Cook $65.00
Michael Farren $130.00
Stacey Hoffman $32.50
Martina Ambrosic $65.00
Angela Rea $65.00
Katie Israel $32.50
Wendy Ray $65.00
Sonja Begert $65.00
Lisa Monk $65.00
Keith Francis $65.00
Ray Green $65.00
Megan Babcock $65.00
Ashley Mertz $65.00
Jay Austin $65.00
Joseph & Cheryl Kendron $65.00
Barberton High School Key Club % Brittany LaCroix $65.00

Donation of $100.00 from John Dow Industries to the BHS Soap Box Derby sponsorship/donation.
Donation of $100.00 from Medina County Federal Credit Union to the BHS Soap Box Derby sponsorship/donation.
Donation of 1,000 sharpened pencils from BACM to the Barberton Middle School.

Ayes 5 Boyle, Harnden, Rickenbacker, Slater and Sutton
MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

Mr. Boyle thanked everyone for their donations and a special thank you to the VFW for all the donations they give and everything they do.

Adjournment

(073/2026) MOTION was made by **Boyle** second by **Slater** to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

Ayes 5, Slater, Sutton, Boyle, Harnden and Rickenbacker
MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

Thomas Harnden, President

Cindy Sutton, Treasurer Pro Temp