Barberton Board of Education

Regular Meeting April 22, 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.

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 congratulated the Barberton Band for the award they received as the "Best Communities for Music Education" six years in a row. Good job!

Mrs. Rickenbacker - She mentioned the Parks and Recreation schedule is going to be coming out soon with all the events that they have planned.

Mr. Boyle - He thanked a guest, a former principal from North Royalton who grew up in Barberton, for bringing some positivity to the meeting. He wished everyone the best for Spring and the rest of the school year.

Mr. Slater - He reminded everyone about the Tri Arts Festival coming up on Saturday and said if you can attend please do.

Mr. Harnden - He mentioned the Tri Arts Festival on Saturday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and mentioned that the Superintendent will be there from 8:30 am to 9:30 am for coffee with the Superintendent. He also mentioned that Barberton is doing their "Drug Take Back Day" and "Clean Up Barberton Day" so come help if possible.

Agenda– Mr. Thomas Harnden

(112/2026) MOTION was made by **Slater** second by **Rickenbacker** to approve the Regular Meeting agenda of April 22, 2026.

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

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Board Business – Mr. Thomas Harnden

(113/2026) MOTION was made by **Sutton** second by **Boyle** to approve a second reading and adoption of the following Barberton City School District Board of Education policies. (Board members received copies.)

- po 1422.02 Nondiscrimination (rescinded)
- po 1422 Nondiscrimination (replacement)
- po 1613 Student Supervision (revised)
- po 1662 Anti-Harrassment (rescinded)
- po 2266 Nondiscrimination (revised)
- po 3122.02 Nondiscrimination (rescind)
- po 3122 Nondiscrimination (replacement)
- po 3213 Student Supervision (revised)
- po 3362 Nondiscrimination (rescinded)
- po 4122.02 Nondiscrimination (rescinded)
- po 4122 Nondiscrimination (replacement)
- po 4162.01 Transportation (new)
- po 4162 Transportation (revised)
- po 4213 Student Supervision (revised)
- po 4362 Nondiscrimination (rescinded)
- po5223 Released Time (revised)
- po 8500 Food Services (revised)
- po 8600.04 Transportation (revised)
- po 8600 Transportation (revised)
- po 8640 Transportation (revised)
- po 8650 Transportation (revised)

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

Superintendent's Business – Mr. Jason Ondrus

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

(114/2026) To approve the list of 2026 Barberton High School Seniors for graduation, contingent on their completion of local and state requirements.

(115/2026) To approve the Career-Technical Cooperative agreement made by and among the Barberton, Copley-Fairlawn, Norton and Wadsworth City School Districts ending on June 30, 2030.

(116/2026) To approve the agreement between Suburban School Transportation Co, 26 River Rd, Hinckley 44233 and Barberton City Schools for student transportation for the 2026-2027 school year.

(117/2026) To approve the agreement between KRG Education Services (LEAP), 166 2nd Street NW and Barberton City School District for education services for placed students for the 2026-2027 school year.

(118/2026) To approve the agreement between The Empire Academy, LLC, 8479 Wilson Mills Rd., Chesterland, OH 44026 and Barberton City Schools for a place student for the 2026-2027 school year.

(119/2026) To approve the agreement between Total Education Solutions, Inc., 3428 W. Market St., Fairlawn, OH 44203 and Barberton City Schools for placed students for the 2026-2027 school year.

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(120/2026) To approve the service agreement between Education Alternatives, 5445 Smith Rd, Cleveland 44142 and Barberton City School District for placed students for the 2026-2027 school year.

(121/2026) To approve the student transportation agreement between Education Alternatives, 5445 Smith Rd, Cleveland 44142 and Barberton City School District for placed students for the 2026-2027 school year.

(122/2026) To approve the agreement between Stark County Education Service Center, 6057 Strip Ave NW, North Canton 44720 and the Barberton City School District for the Title III EL Consortium Contract effective July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027.

(123/2026) To approve the submission of a grant to ArtsNow in the amount of $19,516.08 submitted by Shelly Habegger, Curriculum Director and Melanie Black-Amato, Main Street Barberton Executive Director.

(124/2026) To approve the submission of a grant to Barberton Community Foundation in the amount of $20,000.00 submitted by Cristina Burkey, BPS Intervention Specialist, for support in equipping K-2 special education classrooms with tools needed for the students.

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

Personnel – Mr. Jason Ondrus

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

(125/2026) To approve the following resignations.

NAME	BLDG	POSITION	EFFECTIVE	REASON
Bates, Brittany	BHS/BMS	Wilson Reading Specialist	8/1/2026	Personal Reasons
Holder, Leigha	BIS	Teacher Aide, Float	5/29/2026	Personal Reasons
Nehlsen, Brian	BHS	Social Studies	6/1/2026	Retirement
Undercoffer, Dennis	WSE	Groundskeeper Seasonal	4/14/2026	Personal Reasons

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(126/2026) To approve the following licensed personnel.

NAME	BLDG & ASGN	SALARY	CONT YEAR	EFFECTIVE DATE
Starcher, Jessica	BHS Language Arts	Per Teacher Schedule		8/17/2026
Saunders, Matthew	BIS Physical Education	Per Teacher Schedule		8/17/2026
Dobben, Andy	Weight Room Supervisor- Spring	6% (prorated)	2025-2026	3/1/2026

(127/2026) To approve a resolution in relation to the Internal Postings for the following supplementals:

BHS Assistant Boys Tennis Coach	**4%**
Head Colorguard Coach	**4%**
Assistant Colorguard Coach	**3%**

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.

(128/2026) To approve the following off staff hiring.

NAME	POSITION	SALARY	DURATION	EFF. DATE
McKenney, Nathan	Long Term Substitute Teacher	$242.36/day	2025-2026	3/26/2026 - 6/1/2026
Protich, Zoe	Long Term Substitute Teacher	$242.36/day	2025-2026	3/2/2026 - 4/10/2026
Mitchell, Tyler	Boys Tennis Volunteer Assistant Coach	0%	2025-2026	3/1/2026
Shairla, Kendal	Boys Tennis Volunteer Assistant Coach	0%	2025-2026	3/1/2026
Walker, Brenna	Boys Tennis Volunteer Assistant Coach	0%	2025-2026	3/1/2026

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

Financial Business– Mr. Jason Ondrus

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

(129/2026) To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting March 25, 2026 and the Special Meeting April 8, 2026.

(130/2026) To approve the Financial Statements for March, 2026.

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

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

(131/2026) To authorize the Treasurer to approve the following transfers between funds:

FY24 student meal negative balance $28,575.42 from Fund 001 to Fund 006
FY25 student meal negative balance $20,745.17 from Fund 001 to Fund 006

(132/2026) To approve the disposal of old marching band uniforms that were being repurposed to make pillows.

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

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

(133/2026) MOTION was made by **Slater** second by **Sutton** to approve the Financial Report for April.

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

(134/2026) MOTION was made by **Slater** second by **Rickenbacker** to approve the following donations.

Donation of $100.00 from Post Acute Care-Ashley Nichol, to the Barberton Intermediate School for art exhibitions.

Donation of $348.30 from Donald Richards to a Barberton High School student's fees.

Donation of $1,000.00 from Magic City Kiwanis Club to Barberton Destination Imagination.

Donation of $500.00 from Jamie & Tonya Willard to the Barberton High School for student fees.

Donation of $220.00 from Craig Megyes to the Barberton Athletic Department.

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Donation of a box of school supplies from an anonymous donor to Barberton Intermediate School.

Donation from Austin Bajcar, BHS 2024 Alumni, donated his book, *Life of a Gumshoe*, to the Barberton High School Media Center.

Mr. Harnden thanked the community for their generosity to the District.

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

Adjournment

(135/2026) MOTION was made by **Slater** second by **Sutton** to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

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

Thomas Harnden, President

Cindy Sutton, Treasurer Pro Temp