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*Barberton Board of Education*

Regular Meeting

April 24, 2024

Administration Building

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

***Roll Call***

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat Boyle, Thomas Harnden and Cindy Sutton. Dave Polacek arrived at 5:43 p.m.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tina Ludwig

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

***Recognition***

The Board recognized the Destination Imagination Teams going to Global Competition to Kansas City, Missouri in May 2024.

***Presentation***

Ms. Brittany Fox, BPS Assistant Principal, gave an update on all the exciting activities that are happening at Barberton Primary School. She introduced Sunni Wallace, BPS Teacher, with the Kindness Club, he explained the numerous ways that they spread kindness throughout the building and the ways they teach students to do that. Next she introduced Mindy Jackson, BPS Teacher, with the K (Kiwani) Kids Club, the students gave an explanation of what their club is all about. They work to be kind and respectful to all.

***Communications***

The floor was opened for comments from the public. Mr. Michael Farren spoke about Barberton High School competing in the Soap Box Derby on May 9th. He let everyone know that the Cominsky Family Foundation is sponsoring them and they are doing a fundraising event selling ad/logos for one of the cars the team is making.

The floor was opened for comments from the Board.

Mr. Boyle - He thanked the Soap Box Derby for their great program. He said he is glad our kids are involved with it. He recognized Jack Greynolds for what a tremendous guy and great coach he was. He recognized Phil Hodanbosi and what a great educator he was with Barberton schools.

Ms. Sutton - She said she hoped everyone would take the opportunity to attend some of the upcoming events and see how talented the students are in all areas.

Mr. Polacek - He wanted to congratulate the DI Teams going to Globals for their competition in May. He wanted to make everyone aware of the many fundraisers and events to attend to benefit the DI Teams. He said he is always amazed at the talent of the students at the Tri Arts Festival. He wished good luck to all the spring sports teams. He also recognized Mr. Hodanbosi for his commitment and hard work for the Barberton school district.

Mr. Harnden - He said they all touched on everything he was going to mention but he wanted to wish the DECA team good luck on their upcoming competition in California.

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*Agenda - Mr. Thomas Harnden*

**(141/2024) MOTION was made by Polacek second by Sutton to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda of April 24, 2024.**

Ayes 4 Boyle, Harnden, Polacek and Sutton  
MOTION CARRIED. 4-0

*Board Business - Mr. Thomas Harnden*

**(142/2024) MOTION was made by Polacek second by Sutton to approve the following Proclamation acknowledging April 2024 as School Library Month.**

**WHEREAS, the school library/media center is to ensure that students and staff are effective users of ideas and information; and**

**WHEREAS, the school library media specialist and library tutor's role is to provide the leadership and expertise necessary to ensure that the school library/media center is an integral part of the instructional program of the school; and**

**WHEREAS, the Board of Education has entrusted the school library media specialist and library tutor to teach the skills of locating and using information through traditional resources and new technologies, to provide literature appreciation activities, and to guide and encourage content and recreational reading to every student; and**

**WHEREAS, lifelong learning begins and is systematically developed through the school library/media center curriculum of the Barberton City Schools; and**

**WHEREAS, the school library/media center contributes to the individual growth and development of all students, while fostering both excellence and equity in education; and**

**WHEREAS, the school library media specialist and library tutor of the Barberton City School District have dedicated themselves to work for quality school libraries/media centers for all students in the Barberton City Schools;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Barberton City Schools does hereby proclaim April 2024 as School Library Month and calls upon school administrators, teachers, and students to recognize and support this action and to participate throughout the month of April in the celebration of School Library Month.**

Ayes 4 Harnden, Polacek, Sutton and Boyle  
MOTION CARRIED. 4-0

Mr. Polacek wanted to recognize the librarians for their dedication; he said we have some exemplary personnel that impact our students' lives for decades.

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**(143/2024) MOTION was made by Polacek second by Boyle to approve the modification to the contract for Jeff Ramnytz.**

Mr. McKendry commented that there is no monetary change with the contract, just a procedural item to keep us in compliance.

Ayes 4 Polacek, Sutton, Boyle and Harnden

MOTION CARRIED. 4-0

***Superintendent's Business - Mr. Jeff Ramnytz***

**MOTION was made by Sutton second by Polacek to approve the following Superintendent's Business.**

**(144/2024) To approve the following individuals to the Academic Hall of Fame Selection Committee for the 2024-2025 school year.**

**Cindy Sutton - Board Member**

**Sheila McGhee - Administrator**

**James Rosenberger Jr. - School Counselor**

**Brian Nehlsen - Teacher**

**Tiffany Peters - Community Member**

**(145/2024) To approve the 3 Year Service Agreement with psi Affiliates for the 2024-2025, 2025-2026, 2026-2027 School Years for School Health Clinic Services.**

**(146/2024) To approve the Title III EL Consortium Contract, Stark County ESC, 6057 Strip Avenue NW, North Canton 44720 and Barberton City Schools for the 2024-2025sy starting July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.**

**(147/2024) To approve the list of BHS Seniors 2024 for graduation, contingent on their completion of local and state requirements.**

**(148/2024) To approve the overnight trip for Barberton Destination Imagination Teams to Global Finals in Kansas City, Missouri May 21, 2024 to May 26, 2024.**

**(149/2024) To approve the agreement with KRG Education Services Inc, Leap Program, 166 Second St NW, Barberton and Barberton City Schools for the 2024-2025sy to provide education services.**

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**(150/2024) To approve the agreement with Connection Education Services Inc, Leap Program, 166 Second St NW, Barberton and Barberton City Schools for the 2024-2025sy to provide education services.**

Ayes 4 Polacek, Sutton, Boyle and Harnden

MOTION CARRIED. 4-0

***Personnel – Mr. Jeff Ramnytz***

**MOTION was made by Boyie second by Polacek to approve the following personnel items as listed.**

**(151/2024) To approve the following administrative contract renewal listed.**

Terry Heard /

BUS Transportation Supervisor, Per Administrative Schedule, 260 days/yr, Regular Program, 2024-2027, effective 8/01/2024

**(152/2024) To approve the following resignations listed.**

Michael Andric /

ADM Assistant Director of Curriculum, Regular Program, effective 7/31/2024, REASON: To accept Assistant Superintendent position

Barbara Norman /

BMS Teacher Aide, Float, Regular Program, effective 5/1/2024, REASON: Personal Reasons

Cris Yocum /

BUS Head Mechanic, Regular Program, effective 5/1/2024, REASON: Personal Reasons

**(153/2024) To approve hiring the licensed personnel listed.**

Patricia Roese /

BIS Title I Tutor, Bachelor +150 The University of Akron, Exp 3, \$35.73/hr, 6.5 hrs/day 182 days/yr, full time, Regular Program, effective 4/8/2024

Michael Andric /

Assistant Superintendent, Per Administrative schedule, 260 days/yr, 2024-2025 through 2026-2027, Regular Program, effective 8/1/2024

**(154/2024) To approve the non-certified personnel as listed.**

Ashley Ball /

BMS Teacher Aide, 1:1, 6.5 hrs/day per school calendar, \$18.29/hr + longevity, Regular Program, full time, effective 4/9/2024, TRANSFER: from C. Obrien to Teacher Aide, Float

Mason Brogan /

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WHSE Groundskeeper, 5 hrs/day Part-time/Seasonal, \$15.50/hr. + longevity, Regular Program, Part-time/Seasonal, effective 4/15/2024, TRANSFER: From C. Victor to Resignation

Amanda Geul /

BUS Bus Driver #16, 5.5 hrs/day per school calendar, \$21.14/hr + longevity, Regular Program, full time, effective 4/22/2024, TRANSFER: From T. Sheppard to Resignation

Sandra Ries /

BIS Teacher Aide, Float, 6.5 hrs/day per school calendar, \$18.29/hr + longevity, Regular Program, full time, effective 4/9/2024, New Position

Joyce Tichon /

BUS Substitute Bus Aide w/o CDL, as needed, \$11.00/hr., Regular Program, 2023-2024sy, effective 4/9/2024

**(155/2024) To approve the leave of absence(s) listed.**

Natalie Hymes /

BMS Math/Science, Regular Program, effective 4/12/2024 - 5/30/2024, REASON: FMLA

Amber Kramer /

BHS Cook VI, Regular Program, effective 3/18/2024 - 5/29/2024, REASON: Until released by a physician

Christopher Mefford /

WHSE Sports Utility, Regular Program, effective 4/8/2024 - 5/6/2024, REASON: Until released by a physician

Ayes 4 Sutton, Boyle, Harnden and Polacek

MOTION CARRIED. 4-0

Mr. Harnden introduced Mr. Mike Andric who was approved as the next Assistant Superintendent of Barberton City Schools.

***Financial - Mr. Craig McKendry***

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

**(156/2024) To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting March 27, 2024.**

**(157/2024) To approve the Financial Statements for March, 2024.**

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MOTION CARRIED. 4-0

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

**(158/2024) To approve the sale of a bus, VIN# 1BAKGCPA09F261394 to Norton City Schools, 4128 S. Cleveland Massillon Rd, Norton in the amount of \$2,000.00.**

**(159/2024) To approve the disposal of a bus, VIN# 4UZABRDJ79CZ71445 to Yellow Bus Sales, 59590 Co Rd 9, Newcomerstown, 43832.**

Ayes 4 Harnden, Polacek, Sutton and Boyle

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

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

**(160/2024) To approve the Permanent Appropriations for FY24.**

**(161/2024) To approve the Certificate of Estimated Resources for FY24.**

Ayes 4 Polacek, Sutton, Boyle and Harnden

MOTION CARRIED. 4-0

**MOTION was made by Boyle second by Sutton to approve the following donations listed.**

**(162/2024) Donation of Senior Graduation Yard Signs, valued at \$3,200.00 from the BEA to be distributed to all graduating 2024 Seniors.**

**(163/2024) Donation of \$150.00 from David Taylor Construction Group, 1097 Columbus Ave, Barberton to the Barberton Destination Imagination program.**

**(164/2024) Donation of \$200.00 from Barberton Tree Service, 3307 Clark Mill Rd, Norton to the Barberton Ski Club program.**

**(165/2024) Donation of \$280.00 from Bacher-Moore Funeral Home, 3250 Greenwich Rd, Norton to the Barberton Ski Club program.**

**(166/2024) Donation of \$300.00 from Baumgardner L DDS, 506 W. Paige Ave, Barberton to the Barberton Ski Club program.**

**(167/2024) Donation of \$150.00 from CJ Dannemiller Co, 5300 S. Hametown Rd, Norton, OH 44203 to the Barberton Ski Club program.**

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**(168/2024) Donation of \$100.00 from the Barberton Moose, 250 31st Street NW, Barberton to the Barberton Ski Club program.**

**(169/2024) Donation of \$500.00 from the Magic City Kiwanis Club, P.O. Box 561, Barberton to the Barberton Middle School Dance.**

**(170/2024) Donation of mens and womens deodorant and a tube of toothpaste from Donna Alherimi's Brownie Troop, 636 Wooster Rd N, Barberton to Barberton High School. Value: Priceless.**

**(171/2024) Donation of a 1965 Cigam Yearbook, 1957 Cigam Yearbook and a 1955 Lamplighter Yearbook and shipping costs from Laura Feldhaus, 913 Gattis Rd, Jacksonville, NC 28546 in memory of her late father Barberton graduate Archie G Bobo to the BHS LMC Historical Collection. Value: Priceless.**

**(172/2024) Donation of various arts and craft supplies from Ms. Dina Dornack, 249 S Hawkins Ave, Akron 44313 to the BCSD Library Media Centers. Value: Priceless.**

**(173/2024) Donation of \$4,792.00 from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 1066, 35 E. Chestnut, Ste 505, Columbus, 43215 to the BHS Cheerleading Team.**

**(174/2024) Donation of \$750.00 from Magic City Machine, 21 4th Street NW, Barberton to the Barberton Destination Imagination program.**

**(175/2024) Donation of \$1,000.00 from Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 1066, 35 E. Chestnut, Ste 505, Columbus, 43215 to the Barberton Destination Imagination Team.**

**(176/2024) Donation of \$1,600.00 from Barberton All Sports Booster Club, 555 Barber Rd, Barberton to the BHS Football Team.**

**(177/2024) Donation of \$150.00 from Kimble Recycling and Disposal, P.O. Box 448, Dover 44622 to the Barberton Destination Imagination program.**

**(178/2024) Donation of \$1,200.00 from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 1066, 35 E. Chestnut, Ste 505, Columbus, 43215 to the Barberton Middle School Family Fishing Day.**

**(179/2024) Donation of a \$100.00 gift card from Dayton's Nursery, 3459 S Cleveland Massillon Rd, Norton 44203 to the Barberton Middle School Courtyard.**

**(180/2024) Donation of \$199.50 from Sarah Visser (mother of student Emma Visser), 325 Hillsdale Ave, Barberton to the Barberton Middle School Courtyard.**

**(181/2024) Donation of \$551.25 from Pams Perennials, 3804 Hemphill Rd, Norton 44203 to the Barberton Middle School Courtyard.**

**(182/2024) Donation of \$619.00 from State Street Tire, 460 W. Park Ave, Barberton to pay off five BHS 2024 graduating seniors student fees.**

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*Adjournment*

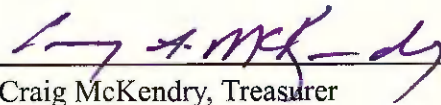
(183/2024) MOTION was made by Polacek second by Sutton to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

Ayes 4 Sutton, Boyle, Harnden and Polacek

MOTION CARRIED. 4-0



Thomas Harnden, President



Craig McKendry, Treasurer