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Barberton Board of Education

Regular Meeting May 27, 2026 Barberton High School

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.

Presentation

Mr. Andric recognized all of the retirees in attendance and presented each of them with gifts from Dr. Habegger and the Advanced Manufacturing program made decorative coins and wood plaques. Congratulations to all of them!

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 High School 2026 Graduates and congratulated all those retiring and welcoming them to a whole different life.

Mrs. Rickenbacker - She congratulated all of the retirees and told them to enjoy every day of it.

Mr. Boyle - He congratulated all the retirees and told them to enjoy the rest of their lives.

Mr. Slater - He congratulated all of the retirees and thanked them for all they've done for the students and the community.

Mr. Harnden - He congratulated all the retirees and thanked them for their dedication to the students and community. He also congratulated the two DI teams that made it to globals and the 9th grade team won 9th in the world..

Agenda– Mr. Thomas Harnden

(152/2026) MOTION was made by **Slater** second by **Boyle** to approve the Regular Meeting agenda of May 27, 2026.

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

Board Business – Mr. Thomas Harnden

(153/2026) MOTION was made by **Boyle** second by **Rickenbacker** to approve a second reading and adoption of the following Barberton City School District Board of Education policies.

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- 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

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

(154/2026) MOTION was made by **Sutton** second by **Slater** 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.

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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 2025-2026 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.

Ayes 5 Rickenbacker, Slater, Sutton, Boyle and Harnden
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.

(155/2026) To approve the agreement between LLA Therapy and Barberton City Schools for therapy services for students for the 2026-2027 school year.

(156/2026) 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.

(157/2026) 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.

(158/2026) 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.

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

Personnel – Mr. Jason Ondrus

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

(159/2026) To approve the following resignations.

Name	BLDG	Position	Effective	Reason
Harris, James	WHS	Maintenance A	7/1/2026	Retirement
Muren, Henry	BHS	Principal	8/1/2026	To accept Deputy Treasurer position
Wesolowski, Annette	ADM	Curriculum/Instruction Specialist	8/1/2026	To accept BHS Principal position

(160/2026) To approve the following resignation(s) as corrected.

Name	Bldg & Assgn	Effective	Reason
Bates, Brittany	BHS/BMS Wilson Reading Specialist	6/2/2026	Personal

(161/2026) To approve the Administrative Contract Renewals listed.

Name	Assignment	Salary	No. Days Employed	Contract Year	Effective
Stein, Deanna	BHS Assistant Principal	Per Admin Schedule	210	2026-2027 thru 2027-2028	8/1/2026

(162/2026) To approve the following licensed personnel.

Name	Bldg & Assign.	Exp	Salary	Hrs Employed	Cont Year	Effective
	BHS					
Gibson, Lee	**Assistant Band Director**		**8%**	**As Needed**	**2026-2027**	**7/1/2026**
McInerney, Holly	**Assistant Band Director**		**8%**	**As Needed**	**2026-2027**	**7/1/2026**
Wagner, Celeste	**Band Director**		**20%**	**As Needed**	**2026-2027**	**7/1/2026**
Wagner, Celeste	**Band Camp/Extended Summer Time**		**8%**	**As Needed**	**2026-2027**	**7/1/2026**

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Wesolowski, Annette	Principal	1	Per Admin Schedule	224 day calendar	Full Time	8/1/2026 with up to 10 days for transition
	BIS					
	Latchkey Instructor		$25.00/hr	As Needed	2026-2027	8/19/2026
Hyde, Mary						
McCoy, Krista						
Saunders, Matt						
	ATHLETICS					
Hardwick, Jordan	BMS Athletic Coordinator		18%	As Needed	2026-2027	7/1/2026
Kaser, David	BHS Head Golf Coach		12%	As Needed	2026-2027	7/1/2026
Morr, Jason	BHS Head Wrestling Coach		25%	As Needed	2026-2027	7/1/2026
Morr, Jason	BHS Wrestling Open Mat		10%	As Needed	2026-2027	7/1/2026
Pletcher, Kevin	BHS Head Girls Basketball Coach		30%	As Needed	2026-2027	7/1/2026
	CUR					
	BHS Summer School Credit Recovery		$30.41/hr	As Needed	Summer 2026	6/2/2026
Carson, Terrance						
Denham, Matt						
Frazee, David	Principal					
Kelly, Kendal						
Smith, Karen						
Wesolowski, Mark						
	Third Grade OST Tutoring		$30.41/hr	As Needed	Summer 2026	6/9/2026
O'Hara, Amber						
Richards, Brooke						

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	Summer School--Rising 1st -9th Grade		31.32/hr	As Needed	Summer 2026	7/6/2026
Bochard, Stephanie	Nurse					
Cundiff, Abby						
Dean, Chad						
Decker, Deb						
Garra, Grace						
Greenawald, Quarra						
Hallsten, Denise						
Lipira, Terra						
Maxwell, Holly						
McComas, Jamie						
Olsen, Ryan	Principal					
Rayburn, Beth						
Richards, Brooke						
Ridgill, Donyell						
Rowinsky, Accalia						
	Kindergarten Readiness Bootcamp		$31.32/hr	As Needed	Summer 2026	7/6/2026
Craig, Ashley						
Csepe, Brooke						
Dente, Katie						
Gordon, Tara						
Hertrick, Taylor						
Jackson, Mindy						
McGhee, Sheila	Principal					
Myers, Hannah						
O'Brien, Amanda						
Sharp, Heather						
Tupa, MaryBeth	Nurse					
Rose, Patricia	Wilson Training		$30.41/hr	Up to 5 days	Summer 2026	6/2/2026
	DISTRICT					
Bengtson, Carrie	Resident Educator Coord/Lead Mentor		7%	As Needed	2026-2027	8/1/2026

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Mehok, Rich	**District Technology-Summer Work**		**$30.41/hr**	**As Needed**	**Summer 2026**	**6/2/2026**
Muren, Henry	**Deputy Treasurer**	**5**	**Per Admin Schedule**	**260 day calendar**	**Full Time**	**8/1/2026 w/up to 10 days for transition**
Robinson, Abby	**Destination Imagination Coach**		**3%**	**As Needed**	**2026-2027**	**8/19/2026**
Rowinsky, Accalia	**Destination Imagination Coach**		**3%**	**As Needed**	**2026-2027**	**8/19/2026**
Vernacotola, Joe	**District Website Coordinator**		**12%**	**As Needed**	**2026-2027**	**7/1/2026**
Tomer, Andrea	**Destination Imagination Coach**		**3%**	**As Needed**	**2026-2027**	**8/19/2026**

(163/2026) 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

(164/2026) To approve the following being recommended by the Superintendent for renewals of their teaching limited contracts for the 2026-2027 contract year:

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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

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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

(165/2026) To approve the following being recommended by the Superintendent for renewals of their tutor limited contracts for the 2026-2027 contract year.

Terrance Carson

(166/2026) 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.

(167/2026) To approve the following off-staff hiring.

Name	Position	Salary	Duration	Effective
	District			
Bursac, Pat	Latchkey Instructor-BPS	$25.00/hr	2026-2027	8/19/2026
Ford, Taylor	Head Colorguard Coach	4%	2026-2027	7/1/2026
Greenawald, Quarra	Latchkey Coordinator	$29.75/hr	2026-2027	8/1/2026
Hermann, Samantha	Long Term Substitute Teacher	$242.36/day	2025-2026	5/28/2026 - 6/1/2026
Krajcovic, Krystal	Long Term Substitute Teacher	$242.36/day	2025-2026	5/21/2026 - 6/1/2026
Kriston, Treasure	Destination Imagination District Coordinator	10%	2026-2027	8/19/2026
Runninger, Cheri	Assistant Band Director	8%	2026-2027	7/1/2026
Stewart, Lilly	Assistant Colorguard Coach	3%	2026-2027	7/1/2026
	District Technology-Summer Work	$11.00/hr	Summer 2026	6/2/2026
Beres, Wiliam				
Hennings, Steven				
Moore, Ansley				
Reese, Owen				
Schneider, Nicholas				
White, Adam				
	Athletics			
Armbruster, Paul	BHS Head Boys Soccer Coach	15%	2026-2027	7/1/2026
Brown, Griffin	BHS Head Girls Soccer Coach	14%	2026-2027	7/1/2026
Culbertson, Rob	Faculty Manager	26%	2026-2027	7/1/2026
Hazard, Chad	BHS Head Boys Basketball Coach	30%	2026-2027	7/1/2026
Kaisk, Macy	BHS Head Volleyball Coach	14%	2026-2027	7/1/2026

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Taylor, Pyrce	BHS Football-Summer Camp	6%	2026-2027	7/1/2026
Taylor, Pyrce	BHS Football Conditioning	10%	2026-2027	7/1/2026
Walker,Brenna	BHS Boys Assistant Tennis Coach	4%	2025-2026	3/1/2026
	Curriculum			
	Summer School-Rising 1st - 9th Grade	$30.41/hr	Summer 2026	7/6/2026
Adair, Danton				
Bursac, Pat				
Creed, Shannon				
Kaisk, Macy				
King, Andrew				
Krajcovic, Krystal				

(168/2026) To approve the following leave of absence.

NAME	BLDG	EFFECTIVE	REASON
Gorham, Bridgette	PRE	5/18/2026-5/29/2026	FMLA

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

(169/2026) MOTION was made by **Slater** second by **Boyle** 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

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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

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

Financial Business– Mrs. Jennifer Sudhoff

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

(170/2026) To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting April 22, 2026 and the Special Meeting May 13, 2026.

(171/2026) To approve the Financial Statements for April, 2026.

(172/2026) To approve the Contracts-POs-Then & Now for May 2026.

(173/2026) To approve the Financial report for May 2026.

(174/2026) To approve the fund transfer requests.

(175/2026) 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.

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- 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.

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

Adjournment

(176/2026) MOTION was made by **Slater** second by **Sutton** to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

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

Thomas Harnden, President

Cindy Sutton, Treasurer Pro Temp