

Barberton Board of Education

Special Meeting

April 11, 2023

Barberton Middle School

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

Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat Boyle, Megann Eberhart, Thomas Harnden, Tina Ludwig and Dave Polacek

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Presentation

Jessica Starcher, BMS Principal gave an update of what is happening at the Middle School. Mrs. Starcher spoke on the Teaming that is going on with Academic Teachers and how the teaming is benefitting our students. She also spoke on the JOB program that they are implementing at BMS, which is the junior version of JOG, for our students at the middle school level. Mrs. Starcher touched on updates with the Cooking Club activities, Tri Arts Festival, the upcoming Choir and Band concerts, the 6th grade transition, the field trips that are planned for the students and 7th grade camp.

Andrea Tomer, DI Coach and BMS Teacher and students from Destination Imagination Middle School Team P3 (Purple Pickled People) Phoenix Gauer, Zoey Lorenzo, Vivian Velo and Jade Robinson did a presentation of what they will be doing when representing Barberton City Schools at the Global Destination Imagination Team Tournament in mid-May in Kansas City Missouri. The team chose a Visual Arts Challenge about Peter Pan from Captain Hooks perspective.

Agenda - Mr. Thomas Harnden

(166/2023) MOTION was made by Polacek second by Eberhart to approve the Special Board Meeting Agenda for April 11, 2023.

Ayes 5 Boyle, Eberhart, Harnden, Ludwig and Polacek
MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

Committee Reports

Financial – Mr. McKendry reported he will be meeting with the five year forecast consultant soon and will then follow up with a meeting with Mr. Harnden and Mr. Polacek to prepare for the projected five year forecast at the May Regular Board Meeting.

Education & Technology – Mrs. Eberhart reported that the district received \$20,000 in grant money to update fiscal items throughout the district and updates on the four cities compact programs, what is going on with the compact programs and meeting with the new director that will be taking over after Mr. Wright's retirement. Mrs. Eberhart mentioned the Camp Invention sold out of the first 100 spots that were free from an anonymous donor and that the administration is working with our mentors, diversion teams and various social emotional partners to help our students that are struggling.

Policy – Ms. Ludwig reported we are caught up for policies at the moment.

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Facilities & Extracurricular Activities – Mr. Boyle reported that the maintenance department has worked hard in preparing our fields and track for the spring sports. He also mentioned that the Jeep Davis Invitational is back and glad to see that we can host that again. Softball team went to Myrtle Beach and got all their games in along with Tennis and Boys' Baseball being able to have matches and games.

Parks & Recreation – Mr. Harnden reported there is a meeting this Thursday. He mentioned that the recommendation from the board for the Parks Commission is finally in committee.

Business Advisory Council – Mr. Ramnytz mentioned that the next meeting is May 18th at lunch time.

Superintendent's Business - Mr. Jeff Ramnytz, Superintendent

(167/2023) MOTION was made by Polacek second by Boyle to approve the overnight trip April 22 – 27, 2023 to Orlando Florida for the Marketing Competition for four (4) DECA students and advisor, Samantha Coldwell.

Ayes 5 Boyle, Eberhart, Harnden, Polacek, Ludwig
MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

Personnel - Mr. Jeff Ramnytz, Superintendent

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

(168/2023) To approve the Substitute Pay Schedule for Substitute Mechanic to be paid up to \$27.41 per hour.

(169/2023) To approve the non-certificated personnel listed as corrected. Att. 1

Ayes 5 Eberhart, Harnden, Ludwig, Polacek and Boyle
MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

Adjournment

(170/2023) MOTION was made by Polacek second by Eberhart to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 pm.

Ayes 5 Eberhart, Harnden, Ludwig, Polacek and Boyle
MOTION CARRIED. 5-0



Thomas Harnden, President



Craig McKendry, Treasurer