Barberton Board of Education

Special Meeting

February 9, 2022

Barberton Middle School

President David Polacek called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Presentation

Jamie McComas, BMS Cooking Club Advisor and representatives from Cooking Club. Mr. McComas stated cooking club started with no funds and no equipment and restricted space. Through fund raising and donations they have been able to raise money to be able to have the club. There are 35 students who participate in the club with two meetings per month. Students spoke on what they like about cooking club, what they have learned and what are their hopes for the future. Mr. McComas talked about the items that they have made from pizza, rice krispies treats and what you have tonight cutlery boards. Board members commended the students for wanting to do the club, the effort of learning how to cook healthy, learning the skills and planning a menu.

Luke Tallant, BHS Student did a presentation on his Eagle Scout Project to construct a flag pole and patio at the Bus Garage/Maintenance Building on Morgan Avenue. He is wanting to bring pride and patriotism to the building. Board commended Luke on the project and asked questions regarding his needs for the project along with funding. Mr. Polacek asked for specifics on cost of items needed for the project. Mr. Harnden asked about time line and Luke said project needs to be done by June.

Jessica Starcher, BMS Principal, did a building update. Thanked the board on the building consolidation. With this giving extra classrooms they are looking at expanding courses and hopefully with so many students interested in cooking club, 150 students, they may be able to expand the curriculum. Mrs. Starcher thanked the board for the coaches for Language Arts and Math being able to get things aligned and having consistency in the grade levels. Also the ESSER tutors have been very beneficial in catching up our students and being able to pull students out for small group instruction, there are presently 78 students they meet with per week. Student wellness success team and partners we have identified students that need more help. This has just started and Mrs. Starcher is looking forward to see this helping our students and what is to come with student success. The board commended Mrs. Starcher on her leadership and what she is doing with the students and staff in the building.

Committee Reports

Financial -

Key Communicators – next meeting is February 24 at BHS Media Center.

Education & Technology - Mrs. Eberhart reported on the opening of the New Horizon's Credit Union and BHS with Business Students, looking at an opportunity with a grant to have students and staff becoming Educators, new House Bill on suicide awareness for students that will be

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implemented and with us having this in place with our social emotional partners that will benefit our students.

<u>Policy</u> - Ms. Ludwig working on having a policy meeting to go over updates in the next few weeks.

<u>Facilities & Extra Curricular Activities</u> – Mr. Boyle commended the staff for the snow removal, Mr. Boyle listed the extra curricular activities with the band and the winter sporting programs that are getting ready for

Parks & Recreation - Mr. Harnden no report.

Business Advisory – next meeting is February 24 at BHS room A150.

Agenda - Mr. Dave Polacek

(052/2022) MOTION was made by Harnden second by Ludwig to approve the amended agenda as amended for February 9, 2022. Board Business was added to the agenda to approve Eagle Scout Project by Luke Tallant.

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

Board Business - Mr. Dave Polacek

(053/2022) MOTION was made by Ludwig second by Boyle to approve the Eagle Scout Project by Luke Tallant to construct a flag pole and patio at the bus garage/maintenance building.

Mrs. Eberhart asked we are approving the financial part of the project and Mr. McKendry said no we could put something on the agenda for February 23rd as to what the District would be supporting financially for the project.

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

Discussion on names for Primary and Intermediate Buildings

Mr. Ramnytz discussed how "We are all magics!" How we are trying to build consistency with district and trying to get away from East and West. Looking at reaching our goals that having a Barberton Primary and Barberton Intermediate.

Mr. Boyle agreed with Mr. Ramnytz that there is no East and West that we are all one. He agrees that it is much simpler to call one Primary and Intermediate.

Mrs. Eberhart appreciated the discussion and the importance it will have for our future. We are a small 9 square mile community and she looks forward to calling it Primary and Intermediate.

Ms. Ludwig agreed we are one and that this will help unite the district.

Mr. Harnden when we opened in 2012 with the Elementary's we had trouble at the time coming up with the names and looks forward to the Primary and Intermediate.

Mr. Polacek agrees that it should be Primary and Intermediate.

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Personnel

MOTION was made by Harnden second by Eberhart to approve the personnel items.

(054/2022) To approve the licensed personnel listed. Att. 1

Kyra Huffman /

Secretary IV, BPS, Regular Program, effective 02/02/2022 REASON: Personal Reasons

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

Adjournment

(055/2022) MOTION was made by Eberhart second by Boyle to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 pm.

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

Dave Polacek, President

Craig McKendry, Treasurer