

Barberton Board of Education

Special Meeting

May 11, 2022

Administration Building

survey that was recently conducted. The Barberton Public Library comes to the PreSchool every week to see the students, the Barberton Fire Department visits the students, and through a grant with the Community Foundation they were able to get interactive boards for the classrooms, the PTO paints the windows every month and the students have a book club.

Mr. Polacek commented on how the programs has grown in the few short years that it has been opened, very proud of the program and the growth that it has shown. Glad they decided to bring it back, a very good decision that was made.

Mr. Harnden commented how it has grown and that there is a waiting list. Mrs. Boudler mentioned that the waiting list is growing and next year's enrollment is growing.

Mrs. Brenda Sincel, Principal of Barberton Elementary West

She is excited to carry on what has been happening at the preschool to the primary next year. May is a very busy time of year, the students have been able to take first trips for the first time in two years, kindergarten through 2nd grade have been able to go to the zoo, and the 4th grade students are going to Stan Hyett and the 3rd graders went to different locations in Barberton. Field day is coming up we are going to be traveling between the two elementary buildings to give the students the opportunity to be together by grade before the consolidation. Mrs. Sincel mentioned that the month of May have been going through the alphabet with a different letter day with a different theme to coincide with the letter of the day. Channel 5 news came out to visit what Officer Coburn has been doing at the buildings with his positive messages and the drawings and artwork he does on the playgrounds for the students. BEW will have their spring choir concert tomorrow. The students are working on a library house as you see throughout town hoping to have a ground breaking on June 1st for the students for the library house. Mrs. Sincel commented on having grade level meetings with the teachers and how nice it going, showing their classrooms, touring the buildings and finding out what they need to be successful with the consolidation. The open house was very successful with 200 – 300, and well received it was by the students, parents and teachers. Mrs. Sincel updated the board on grants they have submitted to expand their reading program and expand on the book nook that the preschool has.

Mr. Boyle asked if the overall move was positive and Mrs. Sincel mentioned that she has had nothing but positive comments and vibes.

Mr. Ramnytz that everyone has done an amazing job with the change and communicating with the parents.

Mrs. Eberhart asked about the academic look of the day and the specials they will have. Mrs. Sincel talked about how the day will look for the students, teachers, tutors, coaches and bringing teaming time with the grade levels before students arrive into the schedule.

Mr. Polacek mentioned about the excitement in the air and there will be bumps in the road but we will work through all of this.

Mr. Harnden likes the idea of the Reading Nook they will have in the building.

Committee Reports

Financial – Mr. McKendry will be discussing the CEP later in the meeting.

Key Communicators – meetings were postponed until June possibly the fall because of the date picked was Learning Under the Lights.

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Education & Technology – Mrs. Eberhart reported ICare mentoring meeting is coming up May 24th, goal is to have 100 new mentors trained and ready to go in the fall. University of Akron and the Literacy Program is moving forward. Safety Grant from the Attorney General's Office for \$19,000.00.

Four Cities Compact state competitions are going on at this time and all of the STNA students took their exam with 100% passing. Social and Emotional Partners are meeting and expanding the partners. Esther Ryan shoe distribution and school supplies with the Chamber of Commerce is underway with meetings and will hold a day before school starts to distribute to K-5 students. Purple Start School recognition came through.

Policy – No updates

Facilities & Extracurricular Activities – Mr. Boyle reported the committee met this evening and the scoreboard is moving in the right direction and getting local advertisement opportunities for next year. The building custodian teams are preparing and organizing classroom material and furniture for moving day on Monday, June 6 in preparation for the grade consolidation in the fall along with developing their building cleaning plans for the summer. The district is looking to add a Multiple Handicapped playground at Barberton Intermediate School for grades 3-5. Administration has been meeting with Maintenance & Transportation to discuss parking lot improvements at the primary and intermediate buildings to improve traffic flow for our buses and parent drop off and pick up. Mr. Boyle commented on the 60 minutes coverage on the effects of Covid and student's health and wellness and emotional health. The article was very good on what happened to students during the shut downs.

Extracurricular Update – 2nd year in a row we have been recognized as a "Best Community for Music Education by the NAMM Foundation out of 738 districts nationwide. BHS Baseball Team hosted Cuyahoga Falls for Senior Day and Hall Naragon Classic winning 11-4. BHS Softball Team hosted Cuyahoga Falls on Monday for Senior Day winning 10-5. BHS Boys' Tennis Team travelled to Highland for Suburban League Conference Tournament. BHS Track Team hosted Cuyahoga Falls on Senior Day at their last meet against Tallmadge on Monday, May 9. Summa Sports Physicals are at BHS on Tuesday, May 24, 2022.

Parks & Recreation – Mr. Harnden toured all the parks in Barberton, even ones that he didn't know was even there. Mr. Patterson, Director and the Mayor have been meeting with ideas for the parks. The splash pad at Edgewood Park will be open this summer. They are going to install 4 pickle ball courts at Tusc and Edgewood Parks along with across the street from the YMCA. Mr. Patterson also worked with Coach Gotto about flag football. The Dog Park is this weekend and have quite a few things planned for the day.

Business Advisory Council – Mr. Ramnytz reported that they will be meeting May 26th and we have the Council growing with over 65 invited to this next meeting. One of the topics they will be discussing is CDLs.

Mr. Ramnytz reported about the Special Olympics will be at Nordonia this Friday. Mrs. Eberhart thanked the staff for over \$800.00 in contributions for the Special Olympics. Mr. Polacek mentioned all the new businesses that are opening in the Barberton Area.

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(172/2022) MOTION was made by Eberhart second by Boyle to approve the list of BHS Seniors for graduation, contingent on their completion of local and state requirements. Att. 1

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

Personnel - Mr. Jeff Ramnityz

(173/2022) MOTION was made by Harnden second by Ludwig to approve the following Resolution Administrative & Confidential Employee Compensatory Days 2021-2022.

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

Financial - Mr. Craig McKendry

Mr. McKendry discussed the Community Eligibility provision (CEP) Program is the program that if a District qualifies, every student, regardless of economic status would be eligible for a free breakfast and free lunch. (a standard tray breakfast and lunch, not a la carte) We can qualify as a building or as a district. The threshold is 40%, we are just above the 40% threshold at just over 45%. For students to qualify for full reimbursement, they have to qualify under Direct Certification guidelines. Which Jill and Missy do via the state system. This is the 45% number, which means 55% of the students would participate in the program but the District would reimburse for them at the paid rate which is significantly lower than the free rate. Free rate for next year is ~ \$4.13 for lunch and \$2.64 for breakfast. The free rate is \$.33 and \$.31. This means it would cost us about ~\$70,000 in reimbursements per month over what we have been getting, which equates to \$700K for the year

One thing that happens when you are on the CEP program is that every student in the District, regardless of their economic status, is marked Economically Disadvantaged, which is now DPIA. DPIA is part of the funding formula for the State. Currently we receive \$1.4M in DPIA funding. If we were fully funded under the Fair School Funding Plan, FSFP, we would be receiving \$2.3M annually. If we were able to go on the CEP program it could potentially raise DPIA funding to \$5.1M annually, if we were fully funded under the FSFP. This is due to the current phase-in that was instituted by the State. Also, we are on what's called the guarantee, which means the current formula is not generating as much as we should be getting.

So, what does this all mean, if we were to go on the CEP program now, the losses in the food service fund would be too great to cover in the short term. As the full phase of the FSFP or the next possible formula happens we need to continue to reevaluate this program for the District.

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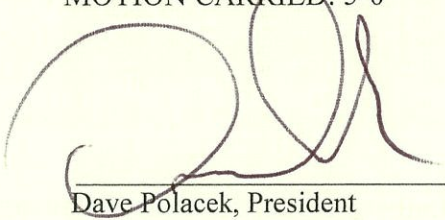
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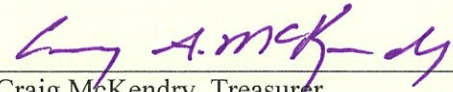
Adjournment

(174/2022) MOTION was made by Ludwig second by Boyle to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Ayes 5 Harnden, Ludwig, Polacek, Boyle and Eberhart

MOTION CARRIED. 5-0



Dave Polacek, President

Craig McKendry, Treasurer