

*Barberton Board of Education*Special MeetingSeptember 11, 2024Barberton Intermediate School

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

*Roll Call*

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat Boyle, Thomas Harnden, Tina Ludwig, Dave Polacek and Cindy Sutton

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A moment of silence was given in remembrance of September 11, 2001 for all the lives that were lost and affected by this tragedy.

*Presentation*

Mr. Matt Saunders, Barberton Intermediate School Principal, welcomed everyone to the meeting and said it has been a great start to this school year. He said they have a lot of new staff and they have stepped right into their new role. He welcomed Officer Landals, who was present at the meeting, he is their new Resource Officer. He gave an update on a few of the grants they received over the past year. The After School Activities grant was almost \$4,000.00 for supporting some of the afterschool programs. They also received an attendance grant to purchase various prizes and incentives to award students for their attendance.

Mrs. MaryElizabeth Norman, Barberton Intermediate Art Teacher, gave a presentation on the grant they received for the "We Are All Magics" program. It is focused on community and student participation. It is an art project to showcase the beginnings of the Barberton community and heritage. The students will be painting a mural on one of the walls inside the Intermediate School. Ms. Dara Harper, TeacherArts Ohio artist, will also be collaborating on this mural project. She also introduced Barberton Intermediate students that will be helping on the project. Ana Laura Zavala, 5th grade, just moved to Barberton but loves it here. She said she loves to paint and said, "I can draw the truth but I cannot draw a lie." Audrey Nelson, 4th grade, spoke about her family and that they have been in the Barberton Community since the 1900's. Her great-great-great grandfather Mr. Topolsky owned a dairy farm where Belgrade Gardens Restaurant is located now.

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***Agenda- Mr. Thomas Harnden***

**(383/2024) MOTION was made by Polacek second by Ludwig to approve the agenda for the Special Meeting, September 11, 2024 as presented.**

Ayes 5 Boyle, Harnden, Ludwig, Polacek and Sutton

MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

***Superintendent's Business - Mr. Jason Ondrus***

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

**(384/2024) To approve the EPA Clean School Bus Rebate program for the purchase of the two EV (electric) buses in the amount of \$690,000.00.**

Ms. Ludwig commented that she was still uncertain of the safety of electric buses and said she isn't comfortable voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Polacek asked what the amount was that would be reimbursed. Mr. McKendry answered that the total cost would be around \$810,000.00 and that total out of pocket cost would be about \$120,000.00 for the two buses.

Ayes 4 Harnden, Polacek, Sutton and Boyle

No 1 Ludwig

MOTION CARRIED. 4-1

**(385/2024) MOTION was made by Polacek second by Boyle to approve the following Resolution for Ohio Schools Council Cooperative advertising and receiving bids for school bus chassis and bodies**

***WHEREAS*, the Barberton City Schools Board of Education wishes to advertise and receive bids for the purchase of 2 - BlueBird All American EV 78 passenger school bus chassis and bodies.**

***THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* the Barberton City Schools Board of Education wishes to participate and authorizes the Ohio Schools Council to advertise and receive bids on behalf of said Board as per the specifications submitted for the cooperative purchase of 2 - BlueBird All American EV 78 passenger school bus chassis and bodies.**

Ayes 4 Polacek, Sutton, Boyle and Harnden

No 1 Ludwig

MOTION CARRIED. 4-1

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There was a discussion on recommending the following Board policies listed below to be voted on at the next Board meeting on September 24, 2024.

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| Rev 2623    | Rev 8600    |
| Rev 2623.02 | Rev 8600.04 |
| Rev 3120.04 | Rev 8640    |
| Rev 3140    | Rev 8650    |
| Rev 4140    | Rev 8660    |
| Rev 5310    |             |

***Superintendent's- Mr. Jason Ondrus***

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

**(386/2024)** To approve the MOU with Peter James Behavioral Health, 3100 E. 45th Street, Suite 116, Cleveland 44127 and the Barberton City School District for therapeutic behavioral services for the 2024-2025sy.

**(387/2024)** To approve the RISE contract with Peter James Behavioral Health, 3100 E. 45th Street, Suite 116, Cleveland 44127 and the Barberton City School District for the RISE Program at Barberton Public Library effective September 1, 2024 - May 30, 2025.

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

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

**(388/2024)** **MOTION** was made by Polacek second by Boyle to approve the two year agreement with Frontline Education, 550 E. Swedesford Rd, Suite 360, Wayne PA 19087 and Barberton City Schools for their Comparative Analytics software platform in the amount of \$3,490.41 for the remainder of FY25 and \$7,000.00 for FY26.


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

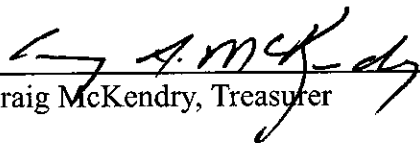
***Barberton Board of Education***Special MeetingSeptember 11, 2024Barberton Intermediate School***Adjournment***

**(389/2024) MOTION was made by Polacek second by Boyle to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 pm.**

Ayes 5 Boyle, Harnden, Ludwig, Polacek and Sutton

MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

  
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Thomas Harnden, President

  
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Craig McKendry, Treasurer