The mission of the Barberton City School District is to create a welcoming, dynamic, and challenging learning environment that empowers every student to achieve their highest potential.

BARBERTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

633 Brady Ave
Barberton OH 44203

Special Meeting
January 21, 2026
Administration Building
633 Brady Ave.
5:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER - Mr. Thomas Harnden, President

- ❑ Roll Call
  - ❑ Pat Boyle
  - ❑ Thomas Harnden
  - ❑ Brenda Rickenbacker
  - ❑ Jason Slater
  - ❑ Cindy Sutton

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. AGENDA – Mr. Thomas Harnden, President

To approve the Special Meeting Agenda of January 21, 2026.

MOTION:

SECOND:

Comments or Questions:

Boyle A/N Harnden A/N Rickenbacker A/N Slater A/N Sutton A/N

Approved _____ Not Approved _____ Other Action _____

IV. FINANCIAL BUSINESS -

Presentation - Shared Services Alliance & Ryan Pendleton

- Fiscal Office Transition, Work done by SSA
- Department of Education & Workforce (DEW) Process - Financial Recovery Plan (FRP), Overview and milestone steps in the process
- Forecast Review: May 2025, October 2025 vs. Current
- Levy Consideration & Millage Options

V. BOARD BUSINESS - Mr. Thomas Harnden

A. To approve **A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL 7-MILL TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE DISTRICT AND REQUESTING THE SUMMIT COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER TO MAKE CERTAIN CERTIFICATIONS, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5705.03 AND 5705.21 OF THE REVISED CODE.**

WHEREAS, this Board finds that the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax list will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the School District and that it is necessary to levy an additional 7-mill tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of current expenses for a continuing period of time; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 5705.03(B) of the Revised Code, in order to submit the question of a tax levy pursuant to Section 5705.21 of the Revised Code, this Board must certify to the Summit County Fiscal Officer (the "County Fiscal Officer") a resolution stating items as required by Section 5705.03(B)(1), as applicable to the levy, and requesting that the County Fiscal Officer make certain certifications as described in Section 5705.03(B)(2); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 5705.03(B)(2), upon receipt of a certified copy of a resolution of this Board as described above, the County Fiscal Officer is to certify certain matters as required by Section 5705.03(B)(2), as applicable to the levy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Barberton City School District, County of Summit, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. Definition. As used in this Resolution and in accordance with Section 5705.03(B)(1)(a) of the Revised Code, "mills" refers to mills for each one dollar of taxable value.

Section 2. Declaration of Necessity of Tax Levy. This Board finds, determines and declares that (i) the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax list will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the School District, (ii) it is necessary to levy an additional 7-mill ad valorem property tax outside of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of current expenses of the School District, (iii) it intends to submit the question of that additional tax levy to the electors of the entire territory of the School District at an election to be held on May 5, 2026, as authorized by Sections 5705.03 and 5705.21 of the Revised Code, and (iv) the School District has territory only in the County of Summit. If approved, that tax will be levied upon the entire territory of the School District for a continuing period of time, commencing in tax year 2026, for first collection in calendar year 2027.

Section 3. Request for Certification. This Board requests the Summit County Fiscal Officer to certify to it the certifications set forth in Section 5705.03(B)(2), as applicable to the proposed additional tax levy.

Section 4. Certification and Delivery of Resolution to County Fiscal Officer. The Treasurer of this Board is authorized and directed to deliver or cause to be delivered a certified copy of this Resolution to the Summit County Fiscal Officer.

Section 5. Compliance with Open Meeting Requirements. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 6. Captions and Headings. The captions and headings in this Resolution are solely for convenience of reference and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any Sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs or clauses hereof.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

MOTION:

SECOND:

Comments or Questions:

Harnden A/N Rickenbacker A/N Slater A/N Sutton A/N Boyle A/N
Approved _____ Not Approved _____ Other Action _____

B. To approve **A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL 9-MILL TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE DISTRICT AND REQUESTING THE SUMMIT COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER TO MAKE CERTAIN CERTIFICATIONS, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5705.03 AND 5705.21 OF THE REVISED CODE.**

WHEREAS, this Board finds that the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax list will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the School District and that it is necessary to levy an additional 9-mill tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of current expenses for a continuing period of time; and

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MOTION:

SECOND:

Comments or Questions:

Rickenbacker A/N Slater A/N Sutton A/N Boyle A/N Harnden A/N
Approved _____ Not Approved _____ Other Action _____

C. To approve **A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL 11-MILL TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE DISTRICT AND REQUESTING THE SUMMIT COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER TO MAKE CERTAIN CERTIFICATIONS, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5705.03 AND 5705.21 OF THE REVISED CODE.**

WHEREAS, this Board finds that the amount of taxes that may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax list will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the School District and that it is necessary to levy an additional 11-mill tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of current expenses for a continuing period of time; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 5705.03(B) of the Revised Code, in order to submit the question of a tax levy pursuant to Section 5705.21 of the Revised Code, this Board must certify to the Summit County Fiscal Officer (the "County Fiscal Officer") a resolution stating items as required by Section 5705.03(B)(1), as applicable to the levy, and requesting that the County Fiscal Officer make certain certifications as described in Section 5705.03(B)(2); and

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MOTION:

SECOND:

Comments or Questions:

Slater A/N Sutton A/N Boyle A/N Harnden A/N Rickenbacker A/N
Approved _____ Not Approved _____ Other Action _____

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION - O.R.C. §121.22 ???

- ☐ To consider one or more, as applicable, of the check marked items with respect to a public employee or official:
  - ☐ ____ Appointment;
  - ☐ ____ Employment;
  - ☐ ____ Dismissal;
  - ☐ ____ Discipline;
  - ☐ ____ Promotion;
  - ☐ ____ Demotion;
  - ☐ ____ Compensation of a public employee or official; or
  - ☐ ____ Investigation of charges/complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual
- ☐ To consider the purchase of property for public purposes, the sale of property at competitive bidding, or the sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete or unfit-for-use property in accordance with section 505.10 of the Revised Code, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest;

- ☐ Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action;.
- ☐ Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment;.
- ☐ Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes;.
- ☐ Details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for a public body or a public office, if disclosure of the matters discussed could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the security of the public body or public office.

A. MOTION:

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SECOND:

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Comments or Questions:

Sutton A/N Boyle A/N Harnden A/N Rickenbacker A/N Slater A/N

Approved _____ Not Approved _____ Other Action _____

Board entered executive session at _____.

President reconvened the Meeting at _____.

B. Motion to re-enter into the Regular Meeting.

MOTION:

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SECOND:

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Comments or Questions:

Boyle A/N Harnden A/N Rickenbacker A/N Slater A/N Sutton A/N

Approved _____ Not Approved _____ Other Action _____

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

SECOND:

Comments or Questions:

Harnden A/N Rickenbacker A/N Slater A/N Sutton A/N Boyle A/N

Approved _____ Not Approved _____ Other Action _____

Sincerely,

Jason Ondrus

Jason Ondrus
Superintendent