The mission of the Barberton City School District is meeting each child where they are at and growing them year to year until they are on one of three pathways - Enrolled, Enlisted, Employed.

BARBERTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
633 Brady Ave
Barberton OH 44203

Special Meeting
June 11, 2025
Administration Building
633 Brady Ave.
5:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER - Mr. Dave Polacek, President

- ❏ Roll Call
  - ❏ Pat Boyle
  - ❏ Thomas Harnden
  - ❏ Tina Ludwig
  - ❏ Dave Polacek
  - ❏ Cindy Sutton

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. INFORMATIONAL

DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 9-12	Barberton Youth Soccer Camp
June 17-18	Barberton Cheer Camp
June 19	Juneteenth Holiday (All buildings closed)
June 26	Board of Education Mtg. at 5:30 pm, Administration Building
June 27	Cominsky Youth Football Camp @ Sharkey Stadium
June 28	Cominsky Family Foundation Cornhole Tournament @ 5pm, Barberton Moose

IV. AGENDA – Mr. Dave Polacek, President

To approve the Special Meeting agenda for June 11, 2025.

MOTION:

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SECOND:

Comments or Questions:

Boyle A/N Harnden A/N Ludwig A/N Polacek A/N Sutton A/N
Approved _____ Not Approved _____ Other Action _____

V. BOARD BUSINESS - Mr. Dave Polacek, President

Recommend the approval of the Board Business as listed.

A. To approve a tentative agreement with the Ohio Council 8 and Local 265 both of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), AFL-CIO, and the Barberton Board of Education effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028.

MOTION:

SECOND:

Comments or Questions:

Harnden A/N Ludwig A/N Polacek A/N Sutton A/N Boyle A/N
Approved _____ Not Approved _____ Other Action _____

B. To approve the Resolution in Support of the Fair School Funding Plan.

BARBERTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE FAIR SCHOOL FUNDING PLAN

WHEREAS, the Ohio Constitution guarantees a "thorough and efficient system of common schools throughout the state" (Article VI, Section 2), and the Ohio Supreme Court has repeatedly ruled that the state's school funding system must be both adequate and equitable; and

WHEREAS, the Fair School Funding Plan (FSFP) was designed based on research-driven inputs to ensure all Ohio students receive the resources necessary for a high-quality education, regardless of their ZIP code; and

WHEREAS, the FSFP represents a bipartisan effort to address longstanding inequities in Ohio's school funding system by accurately determining the cost of educating a student, utilizing a base cost methodology that reflects actual district needs; and

WHEREAS, the current state biennial budget proposals continue funding the FSFP but fail to update the base cost calculations, relying on outdated 2022 inputs that do not reflect current inflationary pressures, rising personnel costs, or evolving student needs; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's commitment to an equitable funding formula must include periodic updates to cost inputs to ensure districts are receiving an accurate and fair allocation of state resources; and

WHEREAS, any proposal to reduce funding for districts currently receiving funding guarantees would destabilize educational services, harm students, and undermine the intent of the FSFP by shifting financial burdens onto local taxpayers or forcing cuts to essential programs; and

WHEREAS, a fully implemented and regularly updated FSFP benefits all Ohio students by ensuring predictability, adequacy, and fairness in school funding allocations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Barberton City Board of Education:

1. Expresses strong support for the continued implementation and full funding of the Fair School Funding Plan, including the use of updated, research-based cost inputs that reflect current economic conditions and student needs.

2. Rejects any proposals to cut funding from school districts currently receiving funding guarantees, as such actions would create financial instability and negatively impact students and communities.

3. Calls upon the Ohio General Assembly and the Governor to uphold their commitment to fair and adequate school funding by ensuring that future biennial budgets continue fully funding the FSFP and updating cost calculations to reflect the actual cost of educating Ohio's students.

4. Encourages fellow school districts, educational organizations, and community stakeholders to advocate for an equitable school funding system that supports all Ohio students and does not pit districts against one another in a zero-sum funding model.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to members of the Ohio General Assembly, the Governor of Ohio, the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, and other relevant stakeholders to emphasize the need for continued investment in Ohio's students and public schools.

MOTION:

SECOND:

Comments or Questions:

Ludwig A/N Polacek A/N Sutton A/N Boyle A/N Harnden A/N
Approved _____ Not Approved _____ Other Action _____

C. To approve the Resolution to declare student transportation impractical for the 2025-2026 school year.

BARBERTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the Barberton City School District Board of Education (the "Board") is empowered by the Ohio Revised Code to declare student transportation impractical; and

WHEREAS, for the purpose of efficient and good management of the schools and pursuant to R.C. 3327.01, the Board wishes to assign to the Superintendent the ability to make determinations that student transportation is impractical, which will be formalized by the Board at a meeting following such determinations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BARBERTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, as follows:

Section 1

After considering individual data relevant to each particular situation and analyzing the factors outlined in R.C. 3327.02, the Superintendent is authorized to determine that transporting a student(s) is/are impractical. Such determinations shall be subject to formalization at the next following meeting of the Board.

Section 2

IT IS FOUND AND DETERMINED that all formal actions of this Board concerning or related to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were adopted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all applicable requirements of the Ohio Revised Code.

MOTION:

SECOND:

Comments or Questions:

Polacek A/N Sutton A/N Boyle A/N Harnden A/N Ludwig A/N
Approved _____ Not Approved _____ Other Action _____

D. To approve a Resolution supporting the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Dept. of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BARBERTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES (COPS) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Barberton City School District is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for its students, staff, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) offers various grant programs aimed at enhancing school safety and preventing school violence;

WHEREAS, the Barberton City School District has identified a need for upgrades and replacement of district safety equipment and systems; and

WHEREAS, the Barberton City School District believes that the COPS School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) would provide valuable resources to address this need;

WHEREAS, the Barberton City School District intends to submit a grant application for the COPS SVPP in the amount of up to $500,000.00 for the purpose of upgrades and replacement of district safety equipment and systems;

WHEREAS, successful applicants for certain COPS grants are required to submit a resolution from their Governing Board before the grant award can be finalized;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Barberton City School District hereby supports the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for the School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes both Jason Ondrus, Superintendent, and Craig A. McKendry, Treasurer, to act on behalf of the Barberton City School District in all matters related to this grant application, including, but not limited to, signing the application, completing required forms, and submitting necessary documentation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education commits to Barberton City School District's continued efforts to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for all students and staff, and acknowledges that this grant, if awarded, would be a valuable tool in achieving this goal;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be presented to the U.S. Department of Justice as part of the grant application process.

MOTION:

SECOND:

Comments or Questions:

Sutton A/N Boyle A/N Harnden A/N Ludwig A/N Polacek A/N
Approved _____ Not Approved _____ Other Action _____

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S BUSINESS - Mr. Jason Ondrus, Superintendent

Recommend the Board approve the Superintendent's Business as listed.

A. To approve the agreement with Star Therapy & Sales Corp, 10600 Peck Road, Mantua 44255 for 2025-2026sy, 2026-2027sy and 2027-2028sy and Barberton City Schools for Occupational & Physical Therapy Services. (Board members received copies.)

B. To approve the submission of a grant titled, *USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program* for the Barberton Primary School for the 2025-2026 submitted by Marcia Kuhns, Food Service Director. (Board members received copies.)

C. To approve the submission of a grant titled, *USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program* for the Barberton Preschool for the 2025-2026 submitted by Marcia Kuhns, Food Service Director. (Board members received copies.)

D. To approve the submission of a grant titled, *Howmet Aerospace Grant* for $25,000.00 to the Howmet Aerospace Foundation for STEM and Computer Science education submitted by Annette Wesolowski, Curriculum Specialist. (Board members received copies.)

E. To approve the student fees for FY26 for the CTE programs at Barberton High School. (Board members received copies.)

MOTION:

SECOND:

Comments or Questions:

Boyle A/N Harnden A/N Ludwig A/N Polacek A/N Sutton A/N
Approved _____ Not Approved _____ Other Action _____

VII. FINANCIAL BUSINESS - Mr. Craig McKendry, Treasurer

Recommend the Board approve the following Financial Business items.

A. To approve the disposal of the items from the Barberton Middle School Library/Media Center. (Board members received copies.)

B. To approve the list of items to be recycled from the Curriculum Department. (Board members received copies.)

MOTION:

SECOND:

Comments or Questions:

Harnden A/N Ludwig A/N Polacek A/N Sutton A/N Boyle A/N
Approved _____ Not Approved _____ Other Action _____

VIII. 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:

Ludwig A/N Polacek A/N Sutton A/N Boyle A/N Harnden 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:

Polacek A/N Sutton A/N Boyle A/N Harnden A/N Ludwig A/N
Approved _____ Not Approved _____ Other Action _____

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

SECOND:

Comments or Questions:

Sutton A/N Boyle A/N Harnden A/N Ludwig A/N Polacek A/N
Approved _____ Not Approved _____ Other Action _____

Sincerely,

Jason Ondrus

Jason Ondrus
Superintendent