Barberton Board of Education

Special Meeting January 21, 2026 Administration Building

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

Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat Boyle, Thomas Harnden, Brenda Rickenbacker, Jason Slater and Cindy Sutton

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda– Mr. Thomas Harnden, President

(022/2026) MOTION was made by **Slater** second by **Rickenbacker** to approve the agenda for the Special Meeting, January 21, 2026.

Ayes 5 Boyle, Harnden, Rickenbacker, Slater and Sutton
MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

Financial Business

Presentation from Ryan Pendleton, Shared Services Alliance, on the Financial Recovery Plan, Overview and steps in the process, May 2025 and October 2025 forecast review and a levy consideration.

Board Business– Mr. Thomas Harnden

(023/2026) MOTIONwas made by **Boyle** second by **Sutton** 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

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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.

Ayes 5 Harnden, Rickenbacker, Slater, Sutton and Boyle
MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

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(024/2026) MOTION was made by **Slater** second by **Rickenbacker** 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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Section 7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Ayes 5 Rickenbacker, Slater, Sutton, Boyle and Harnden
MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

(025/2026) MOTION was made by **Sutton** second by **Slater** 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

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Ayes 5 Slater, Sutton, Boyle, Harnden and Rickenbacker
MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

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Executive Session – O.R.C. §121.22

(026/2026) MOTION was made by **Boyle** second by **Slater** to enter into Executive Session to consider one or more, as applicable, of the check marked items with respect to a public employee or official: Employment, Dismissal, Demotion; Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

Ayes 5 Sutton, Boyle, Harnden, Rickenbacker and Slater
MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

Madams Rickenbacker and Sutton, Messrs. Boyle, Harnden, Slater, Andric, Ondrus and Bob McBride, legal counsel entered into Executive Session at 6:55 p.m.

(027/2026) MOTION was made by **Slater** second by **Boyle** to re-enter into the Special Meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Ayes 5 Boyle, Harnden, Rickenbacker, Slater and Sutton
MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

Adjournment

(028/2026) MOTION was made by **Slater** second by **Rickenbacker** to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Ayes 5 Harnden, Rickenbacker, Slater, Sutton and Boyle
MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

Thomas Harnden, President

Jennifer Sudhoff, Treasurer of Record