Barberton Board of Education

Special Meeting February 19, 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

(049/2026) MOTION was made by **Sutton** second by **Slater** to approve the agenda for the Special Meeting, February 19, 2026.

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

Board Business– Mr. Thomas Harnden

(050/2026) MOTION was made by **Slater** second by **Rickenbacker** to approve the Resolution Approving FY26 and FY27 Written Plan Items for Implementation and Advising the Department of Education and Workforce the Board Cannot Develop a Sufficient Written Plan to Address Projected FY2027 & FY2028 Deficits as Required by Law

WHEREAS, the Board of Education received notification from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce of Potential Deficits in FY2027 and FY2028 and was required to submit a written plan to address these deficits no later than Feb. 21, 2026,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Barberton City School District Board of Education:

1. Hereby approves the written plan items identified to date as detailed in the attached workbook and accompanying narrative and expressly commits to implementing all actions contained therein.

2. Formally acknowledges that the written plan does not fully address the projected Fiscal Year 2027 & FY2028 deficits as described in the notification letter and as required by law.

3. Advises the Department of Education and Workforce that it is unable to identify additional plan items sufficient to resolve the projected FY27 and FY28 deficits, at this time.

4. Acknowledges and understands that failure to submit the required written plan by the Feb. 21, 2026 extended due date will likely result in a declaration of fiscal caution.

FURTHERMORE, The Board of Education and district administration are committed to working collaboratively with the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, the Auditor of State, and all applicable state entities and the Board of Education authorizes the Treasurer and Superintendent to submit all required documentation and information necessary to take appropriate actions to restore and maintain the District's fiscal stability.

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

(051/2026) MOTION was made by **Boyle** second by **Rickenbacker** to approve the Financial Forecast as presented at the February 18, 2026 Work Session.

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

Adjournment

(052/2026) MOTION was made by **Slater** second by **Rickenbacker** to adjourn the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

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

Thomas Harnden, President

Jennifer Sudhoff, Treasurer of Record