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Barberton Board of Education

Special Meeting June 11, 2025 Administration Building

President Dave Polacek called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tina Ludwig

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda– Mr. Dave Polacek, President

(253/2025) MOTION was made by Harnden second by Sutton to approve the Special Meeting agenda for June 11, 2025.

Ayes 4 Boyle, Harnden, Polacek and Sutton
MOTION CARRIED. 4-0

Board Business – Mr. Dave Polacek

(254/2025) MOTION was made by Sutton second by Boyle 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.

Ayes 4 Harnden, Polacek, Sutton and Boyle
MOTION CARRIED. 4-0

(255/2025) MOTION was made by Harnden second by Boyle 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state biennial budget proposals continue funding the FSFP but fail to update the base cost calculations, relying on outdated 2022 inputs that do not reflect current inflationary pressures, rising personnel costs, or evolving student needs; and**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.**

Ayes 4 Polacek, Sutton, Boyle and Harnden
MOTION CARRIED. 4-0

(256/2025) MOTION was made by Boyle second by Sutton 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.**

Ayes 4 Polacek, Sutton, Boyle and Harnden
MOTION CARRIED. 4-0

(257/2025) MOTION was made by Sutton second by Harnden to approve the 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.**

Ayes 4 Sutton, Boyle, Harnden and Polacek
MOTION CARRIED. 4-0

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Superintendent's Business – Mr. Jason Ondrus

MOTION was made by Boyle second by Harnden to approve the following Superintendent's Business.

(258/2025) 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.

(259/2025) 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.

(260/2025) 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.

(261/2025) 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.

(262/2025) To approve the student fees for FY26 for the CTE programs at Barberton High School.

Ayes 4 Boyle, Harnden, Polacek and Sutton
MOTION CARRIED. 4-0

Financial Business– Mr. Craig McKendry

MOTION was made by Sutton second by Boyle to approve the Financial Business listed.

(263/2025) To approve the disposal of the items from the Barberton Middle School Library/Media Center.

(264/2025) To approve the list of items to be recycled from the Curriculum Department.

Ayes 4 Harnden, Polacek, Sutton and Boyle
MOTION CARRIED. 4-0

Executive Session – O.R.C. §121.22

(265/2025) MOTION was made by Harnden second by Boyle 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: To discuss employment; Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are

the subject of pending or imminent court action; Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes.

Ayes 4 Polacek, Sutton, Boyle and Harnden
MOTION CARRIED. 4-0

Madam Sutton, Messrs. Boyle, Harnden, Polacek, Andric, McKendry and Ondrus entered into Executive Session at 5:38 p.m.

(266/2025) MOTION was made by Harnden second by Boyle to re-enter into the Special Meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Ayes 4 Polacek, Sutton, Boyle and Harnden
MOTION CARRIED. 4-0

Adjournment

(267/2025) MOTION was made by Harnden second by Sutton to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 pm.

Ayes 4 Sutton, Boyle, Harnden and Polacek
MOTION CARRIED. 4-0

Dave Polacek, President

Craig A. McKendry, Treasurer