

*Barberton Board of Education*

Work Session

February 8, 2023

Barberton Intermediate

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

*Roll Call*

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat Boyle, Megann Eberhart, Thomas Harnden, Tina Ludwig and Dave Polacek

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

*Presentation*

Mr. Matthew Saunders, BIS Principal talked about how Barberton doesn't only look at academics but we look at the whole student. He spoke about the after school programs and how they had such an overwhelming interest in the different programs.

Mrs. Suzi Chiera, teaches grades 3,4,5 Instrumental Music – Magic Sound has approximately 65 students in her group and they practice afterschool two (2) days a week. Mrs. Chiera had two (2) students with her to talk about the Magic Sound group. Students were Addison Samples and Aurora Ludwig and they talked about the club, instruments they play, songs they sing and the activities they have planned.

Mrs. Melanie Planitzer teaches grades 3,4,5 Vocal Music – Magic Voices has approximately 60 students in her group two (2) days a week. Mrs. Planitzer introduced students Addisun Chisnell, Maddox Gossmyer, Eli Queen, and Layne Schaefer. The students talked why they joined the club and what they are learning in the club.

Mrs. Melanie Vinay, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher – Hangout Haven Club which meets by grade level five (5) or so times to talk about anything from personal to what they are doing in school. Mrs. Vinay brought two (2) students with her. Addisun Chisnell, Kevin Landals spoke about why they like about the group and what they do in their group.

Mrs. MaryElizabeth Norman, Art Teacher – Art Club has over 70 students in the group and she split them into grade level. Mrs. Norman had students Ryland Wade, Dalton Miller, and LaMaria Harwell to talk about what they do in Art Club and what they have made.

Mr. Jon Hance, Physical Education teacher — Leather Club had close to 80 students at his first meeting, he now has three (3) sessions with splitting up the students. The club received a grant from the foundation to buy supplies. Madelyn Young and Myles Oktela were in attendance to show the projects they have made leather rings, leather coaster, a bracelet and currently making wristlets in the 1<sup>st</sup> session. They are learning how to sew and using snaps. The students seem to be enjoying making things to ultimately take home.

Mrs. Michele Hodovan, 5<sup>th</sup> grade Math teacher – Crochet Club was opened up to 5<sup>th</sup> graders first since it is a lot of one on one. Alexa Travis and Maylynn Nelson and spoke what they do in crochet club and thanked their club advisors. Carmalene Baker also spoke on what she liked about crochet club and wanted to see what her limits were. Aurora Ludwig talked how she and her mom watched YouTube videos on how to crochet. The videos were for right handed people and she is left handed. Emilie Hull talked about how she wanted to try new things and thought it would be fun. The students showed some things they have made and talked how long it took them to make the items.



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Mr. John Daniels, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher – Mr. Daniels is the 4<sup>th</sup> grade Student Council advisor. Two (2) students Myles Oktela and Eli Queen talked about student council, what they do, things they have made and how they help out at school.

Mrs. Eberhart thanked the students and parents for coming and sharing the club activities. Ms. Ludwig also thanked the students, parents and teachers for coming and sharing. Mr. Boyle commented how crochet is not easy, it takes a lot of patience, it is an art and skill and not to give up but keep trying. Mr. Polacek commented on how well the students did on public speaking and that some of the skills they are learning are not easy. Mr. Harnden also thank everyone for coming, the students and parents.

*Committee Reports*

Financial – Mr. McKendry said they will be meeting later this month early next month.

Key Communicators – Mr. Polacek reported that they have a meeting coming up in March or April.

Education & Technology – Mrs. Eberhart thanked the curriculum department for their presentation that did at the last board meeting. Testing is coming up in about six weeks. DLT met January 30<sup>th</sup> to review the five (5) step process, where we are and where we need to go to help out students. BCS implemented the new spam filters in the last couple of weeks. In the couple of weeks that the spam filter has been implemented 66% of the emails have been spam.

Policy – Ms. Ludwig reported there are no updates.

Facilities & Extracurricular Activities – Mr. Boyle mentioned that our custodians and maintenance are doing an excellent job. Thanked the Sports Boosters for their help in the renovations of the weight room at BHS. Mr. Boyle mentioned that they are always looking at bus pick up and drop off for the buildings. New scoreboard is being installed at Sharkey Stadium in the spring.

Parks & Recreation – Mr. Harnden reported they have a meeting tomorrow but were able to report they received the settlement to remove playground equipment at College Park. They will be working on the tennis courts at Brietenstine Park and will be putting in two golf courses at Tusc and Edgewood along with the Pickelball courts.

Business Advisory Council – Mr. Polacek reported that there is a meeting tomorrow morning, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

*Board Business - Mr. Thomas Harnden*

(062/2023) MOTION was made by Polacek second by Boyle to approve the Work Session Agenda of February 8, 2023

Ayes 5 Boyle, Eberhart, Harnden, Ludwig and Polacek  
MOTION CARRIED. 5-0

*Executive Session - O.R.C. §121.22*

(063/2023) MOTION was made by Eberhart second by Ludwig to enter into Executive Session to consider employment of a public employee or official, discipline of a public employee or official and the consideration of the purchase or sale of property.

Ayes 5 Eberhart, Harnden, Ludwig, Polacek and Boyle  
MOTION CARRIED. 5-0



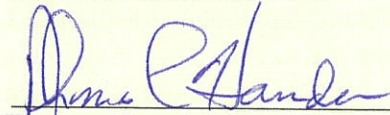
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Madams Eberhart and Ludwig, Messrs. Boyle, Harnden, Polacek, Ondrus, McKendry, entered into Executive Session at 6:26 pm to conference to consider employment of a public employee or official, discipline of a public employee or official and the consideration of the purchase or sale of property. President Harnden reconvened the Work Session at 7:14 pm.

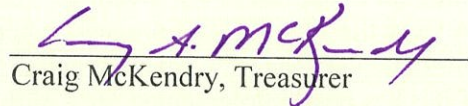
*Adjournment*

(064/2023) MOTION was made by Polacek second by Eberhart to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Ayes 5 Eberhart, Harnden, Ludwig, Polacek and Boyle  
MOTION CARRIED. 5-0



Thomas Harnden, President



Craig McKendry, Treasurer