

*Barberton Board of Education*

Work Session

March 9, 2022

Barberton Elementary East

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President David Polacek called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

*Agenda - Mr. Dave Polacek*

**(104/2022) MOTION was made by Eberhart second by Harnden to approve the Work Session Agenda for March 9, 2022.**

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

*Presentation*

Building Update – Mr. Saunders did an update of things happening at BEE. Testing is coming up and we are preparing for that, the program with YMCA with 2<sup>nd</sup> grade swimming. The University of Akron has a different team/program coming in each week and last week was the Archery Team. The play, “Jungle Book”, is coming up and they are practicing. Clubs are back and students are really enjoying the different activities that they have along with field trips. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will be going to the zoo, 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will do the tour of Barberton and 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be going to Stan Hywett. Mr. Saunders is working with Mrs. Sincel do to group field days. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will go to West for their field day and meet some of the teachers and then the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be coming to East for their field day.

Mr. Saunders introduced our Reading Specialists – Mrs. Codospoti, Lori Manning and Gifted Teacher Stephanie Hoover. Mrs. Codospoti and Ms. Manning talked about how they are targeting students at their level and where to help them with their reading and foundational skills. Mrs. Hoover spoke of the gifted program for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students at BEE and BEW. Mrs. Hoover introduced students Caiden Crews, 4<sup>th</sup> grade at BEE, Joel Cunningham 4<sup>th</sup> grade at BEE, and Emily Riddle 4<sup>th</sup> grade at BEW. Mrs. Hoover talked about how the gifted program challenges our children, gives them the opportunity for the students together in a social setting along with one another and giving them the opportunity to reach their full potential. Mrs. Hoover asked each student what they liked about the Gifted Program.

Social & Emotional Partners Update – Megan Kleidon, Red Oak, Shalonna Jackson, Red Oak and Daniel Bennet, Greenleaf. Ms. Kleidon talked about the mentoring ICare program. The goal for next year is 100 students in the mentoring program the 2022-2023 school year. Mrs. Jackson talked about the collaborative and how they can meet the needs for servicing the students in our community. With the collaborative if one agency cannot support the need another one can pick up that specializes in that support. Ms. Kleidon presented on how all the collaborative partners are working together and what the main goals are for the collaborative for social and emotional health for our students. She reviewed the survey that they were able to send out at the beginning of the school year with 1300 students responding. Ms. Kleidon also discussed the movie that was obtained through a grant that they will be viewing with the students after the parents have

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previewed the movie and how they will expand on the movie. Mrs. Jackson is glad that we have the collaborative with the different groups that it can grow and be able to service all our student's social and emotional health and well-being.

*Committee Reports*

Financial – Mr. McKendry had nothing to report at the current time.

Key Communicators – Mr. Ramnytz reported there was a meeting February 24<sup>th</sup> at BHS but was rescheduled for some time in May.

Education & Technology – Mrs. Eberhart reported the district met with different community groups. Some district partners are including BCS in their grants so we will be partnering up with more community groups and the district is working on the literacy program with help from community partners. Academic Letter recognition was last week and over 180 students received their letter or pin for Academic Letter.

Policy – Ms. Ludwig mentioned that we met this evening before the Work Session on policies and there are a couple we are getting clarification and feedback on before presenting to the rest of the board the changes and recommendations at the March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting for board approval.

Facilities & Extracurricular Activities – Mr. Boyle reported the facilities update. The committee met Wednesday, February 23 to review the District's Permanent Improvement Cost Assessment. The district will be advertising for a Request of Proposal for boiler replacement at the Johnson Building. Mr. Boyle also undated on the extracurricular activities going on. Tickets are available for The Little Mermaid and congratulations to the BHS Symphonic Band for their superior rating at the OMEA Large Group Event. The wrestling team had six (6) students qualify for district competition and are sending three (3) students to state Mason Valencia, Caleb Jenkins and Roosevelt Andrews, and we sent a student to the District Bowling tournament Lillian Wasch.

Parks & Recreation – Mr. Harnden had a meeting last week, reported on updates for certain parks in the city and the mumfest theme this year will be "Red, White and Bloom", volleyball league ends at the end of the month, basketball courts are still closed and looking into cameras for the park areas with courts. Change for change is March 16 at the VFW, monies raised will be for the update of a metal of honor that is placed in front of the war memorial.

Business Advisory Council – Mr. Polacek stated that there was a meeting February 24<sup>th</sup> at BHS with 30 or so in attendance. Lots of good feedback and responses from the area business.

Strategic Plan – Mr. Polacek mentioned that we had an update at the Board Retreat last week.

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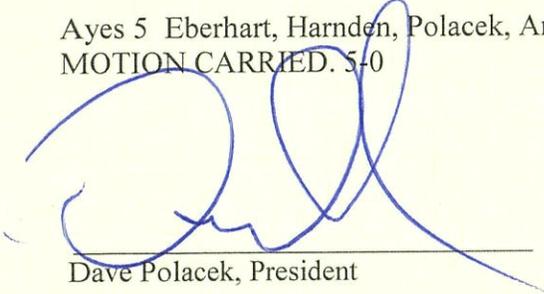
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*Adjournment*

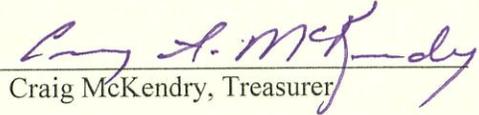
(105/2022) MOTION was made by Harnden second by Boyle to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 pm.

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



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Dave Polacek, President



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Craig McKendry, Treasurer