

**Tuesday, June 17, 2025
Special Board Meeting
Mayfield City School District
Baker Administration Building
Irene P. Kay Board Room
1101 S.O.M. Center Road
Mayfield Heights, OH 44124-2006
5:30 P.M.**

1. OPENING ITEMS

**A. ROLL CALL - Mr. Ron Fornaro, Ms. Jolene Greve, Mr. Al Hess, Mr. Jimmy Teresi
Absent: Ms. Sue Groszek,**

**2. PUBLIC HEARING - REEMPLOYMENT OF DR. MICHAEL BARNES,
SUPERINTENDENT**

A. Public hearing pursuant to ORC 3307.353 to consider the reemployment of Dr. Michael Barnes as Superintendent of Mayfield City Schools.

- Mr. Fornaro read the following prepared statement by Ms. Sue Groszek in support of Dr. Barnes re-employment.

To my fellow Board members,

Being unable to be in attendance this evening, I am asking that my statement of support be read into the record.

I strongly support the rehiring of Dr. Michael J. Barnes. I believe that Dr. Barnes has done a magnificent job of improving and moving the Mayfield City Schools forward and would like to see him continue with that momentum.

Most sincerely,
Sue Groszek

- Mr. Fornaro read a prepared statement in support of Dr. Barnes re-employment.

"After careful consideration, the Board of Education has decided to support the retirement and rehire of Superintendent Dr. Michael Barnes as part of a strategic decision to ensure continued leadership and stability in our district, cost-effectively. Dr. Barnes has demonstrated exceptional leadership over the years, consistently advocating for our students' success and our schools' growth. This decision will allow us to maintain our current momentum and ensure a seamless transition as we plan for the future. We are confident that this decision serves the best interests of our students, staff, and community, and we look forward to continuing the work we've begun under Dr. Barnes' leadership."

Ron Fornaro

President, Mayfield Board of Education

- Ms. Greve read a prepared statement in support of Dr. Barnes re-employment.

I believe Dr. Barnes has successfully led our school district on an upward trajectory, with a path forward to continue elevating student achievement, is dedicated to the stakeholders – our parents and staff, and has exemplified a commitment to student success. His visionary leadership, willingness to be an active listener, continuance in building strong, positive relationships, and accountability of our Focus Forward Mayfield initiatives remain a top priority.

- Mr. Hess shared comments in support of Dr. Barnes re-employment.
- Mr. Teresi shared comments in support of Dr. Barnes re-employment.

0169.1 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Education recognizes the value to school governance of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on Mayfield City School District matters of community interest.

All meetings of the Board and Board-appointed committees are open to the public.

In order for the Board to fulfill its obligation to complete the planned agenda in an effective and efficient fashion, a maximum of thirty (30) minutes of total public participation may be permitted at each regular and special meeting. The Board shall adopt and publish rules to govern such participation.

These are business meetings of the Board. Accordingly, public comments and questions will be accepted, but will not be responded to by Board Members at the meeting. Subsequent follow-up may occur. Members of the public may always contact Board Members outside of the business meeting by means of email or other forms of communication.

Each person addressing the Board shall give his/her name and address. If several people wish to speak, each person is allotted three (3) minutes until the total time of thirty (30) minutes is used. The period of public participation may be extended by a vote of the majority of the Board, present and voting.

Agendas are available to all those who attend Board meetings. The section of the agenda for public participation shall be indicated.

Any person or group wishing to place an item on the agenda shall register their intent with the Superintendent no later than five (5) school/working days prior to the meeting and include:

- A. name and address of the participant;
- B. group affiliation, if and when appropriate;
- C. topic to be addressed.

Such requests shall be subject to the approval of the Superintendent and the Board President.

The presiding officer of each Board meeting at which public participation is permitted shall administer the rules of the Board for its conduct.

The presiding officer shall be guided by the following rules:

- A. Public participation shall be permitted as indicated on the order of business.
- B. Individuals having a legitimate interest in the actions of the Board may participate during the designated public participation portion(s) of a meeting.
- C. Attendees must register their intention to participate in the public participation portion of the meeting using the District's registration form prior to the public participation portion of the meeting.
- D. Participants must first be recognized by the presiding officer and will be requested to preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address, and group affiliation,

if and when appropriate.

- E. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three (3) minutes duration.
- F. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no person may address or question Board members individually.
- G. Audio or video recordings are permitted, providing the person operating the recorder has received approval from the Superintendent prior to the Board meeting and agrees to the placement of the equipment and to abide by the following conditions:
 - 1. No obstructions are created between the Board and the audience.
 - 2. No interviews are conducted in the meeting room while the Board is in session.
 - 3. No commentary, adjustment of equipment, or positioning of operators is made that would distract either the Board or members of the audience while the Board is in session and not disrupt the meeting.

H. The presiding officer may:

- 1. interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's session when they make comments that are repetitive, obscene, and/or comments that constitute a true threat (i.e., statements meant to frighten or intimidate one (1) or more specified persons into believing that they will be seriously harmed by the speaker or someone acting at the speaker's behest)

Complaints or allegations about District employees shall be directed to Policy 9130 - Public Complaints.

- 2. request any individual to stop speaking and/or leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum or is disruptive to the conduct and/or orderly progress of the meeting;
- 3. request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the conduct and/or orderly progress of the meeting;

4. call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action.

Broadcasting and Recording of Board Meetings

Photographic and electronic audio and video broadcasting and recording devices may be used at regular and special Board meetings, including Board Committee meetings legally open to the public according to the following guidelines:

- A. Photographing, broadcasting, and recording meetings are permitted only when all parties involved have been informed that cameras, broadcasting, and/or recording devices are being used.
- B. Persons operating cameras, broadcasting, and/or recording devices must do so with a minimum of disruption to those present at the meeting. Specifically, the view between Board members and the audience must not be obstructed, interviews must not be conducted during the meeting and no commentary is to be given in a manner that distracts Board members or the audience.
- C. The Board has the right to halt any recording that interrupts or disturbs the meeting.
- D. The Board may make the necessary arrangements to make audio recordings of all regular meetings and any special meetings including Board Committee meetings that it deems appropriate.

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File Attachments

[Public Participation Form_06-17-2025.pdf \(572 KB\)](#)

Public Comment:

- Mr. Ihab Haddadin, 446 Medway Rd., Highland Heights, OH 44143, commented on the strong two-way communication by the District with him regarding his concern on the use of chromebooks and asked Dr. Barnes for his support on limiting access to sites like YouTube due to their limited or non-instructional content and focus on marketing.

3. ADJOURNMENT:

Board Action: 2025-110

A. ADJOURNMENT:

Request approval to adjourn meeting at **5:40pm**.

Motion & Voting

Motion by James Teresi, second by Jolene Greve.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ron Fornaro, Jolene Greve, Al Hess, James Teresi



Date Approved: **June 18, 2025**

Signed: _____

Mr. Ron Fornaro, President



Attest: _____

Mr. Scott Snyder, Treasurer