

Benton School District

Meeting Minutes

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**Benton Board of Education-Lunch
with Board**

10/9/2014 11:30:00 AM

Benton Middle School
204 N. Cox Street

Attendees - voting members

Paul M Viner Vice President
Jarrod Hambric Board Member
Jackie C Sasfai
Jonathan Woolbright Secretary

I. Call to Order

Lunch began at 11:30am

II. Establishment of Quorum

Members absent:

Jeff Morrow

Heath Nix

Wade Goodwin

III. Information Items and Reports

A. Board Luncheon with Faculty

IV. Adjournment

After lunch and a brief campus tour, meeting adjourned at 12:35pm

President

Secretary

Attendees - voting members

Paul M Viner	Chair
Heath J Nix	Vice Chair
Jarrold Hambric	Board Member
Jeff Morrow	Board Member
Jackie C Sasfai	Board Member
Jonathan Woolbright	Board Member

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Paul Viner

II. Establishment of Quorum

Wade Goodwin was absent

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. REORGANIZE BOARD

New board member, Jackie Sasfai, was introduced and welcomed to the Benton School Board

A. President

5:31pm - Paul Viner was nominated President in a motion by Jeff Morrow. Motion was seconded by Heath Nix. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

B. Vice-President

5:32pm - Heath Nix was nominated Vice President in a motion by Jonathan Woolbright. Motion was seconded by Jarrold Hambric. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

C. Secretary

5:33pm - Jarrold Hambric made a motion to nominate Wade Goodwin as Secretary. Motion was seconded by Jeff Morrow. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

V. District News - Superintendent/Panther Pride

A. Susan Allison - 2015 Physics Teacher of the Year

B. Benton High School Students Named National Merit Semi-Finalists

C. Benton Junior High Named "High-Achieving Middle School by

Grade Level and Region"

VI. Stephens Advisory Update - Jack Truemper

Jack Truemper from Stephens Financial gave a brief financial update/overview.

VII. ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PUBLIC - Karla Neathery

Karla Neathery presented the Annual Report to the Public. Among the highlights, Ms. Neathery lauded the successes and accomplishments of the district for the 2013-2014 academic year. Some of those successes included being ranked number one in areas of literacy, math, and science. Teacher and coach top honors as well as athletic successes were also highlighted during the report. Other information in the report included board member training hours, student enrollment, teacher salaries, pupil/teacher ratios, and the different programs offered throughout the district.

VIII. Consent Agenda

Personnel Recommendations Report was pulled to point out that Mary Morgan will be retiring at the end of this contract year. Ms. Morgan was thanked for her 41 years of dedicated service to the field of education.

6:08pm - Jeff Morrow made a motion to approve the Consent agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Jonathan Woolbright. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

- A. Reading of Previous Minutes
- B. Personnel Recommendations/HR Report
- C. Financial Reports - Michael Armstrong

IX. Action Items

- A. Contract Disclosures - Michael Armstrong
Employees Becky Roseberry, Lauren Roseberry, and Morgan Roseberry have financial interests in Roseberry Farms and Roseberry Landscape Service. Roseberry Farms offers a Pumpkin Patch this fall. The district isn't contracted with Roseberry Landscape Service at this time, but they were brought forth in the event we have need to do business with them in the future. Both companies have the same principals.

6:10pm - Jonathan Woolbright made a motion that was seconded by Jarrod Hambric to approve the contract disclosures as presented. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

- B. Approval to Close/Open FSB Checking Account - Michael Armstrong

In May 2014, the district was the victim of suspected fraud on the main checking account. The decision was made to close the compromised account and open a new checking account. This information was brought before the board at that time, but this request brings the item for formal action. At NO time were any funds lost.

6:12pm - Jarrod Hambric made a motion to approve the closing/opening of the FSB checking account. Motion was seconded by Jackie Sasfai. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

- C. QSCB Sinking Fund Principal, Interest & Fees - Michael Armstrong

On November 1 of each calendar year, the sinking fund requirement is due. QSCB funds show as expenditures and revenues simultaneously.

6:14pm - Jeff Morrow made a motion and it was seconded by Heath Nix to approve the sinking fund payment. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

- D. Approval of Gifts/Donations

Mr. Collum has asked administrators to keep a tally of all gifts and donations. This serves as a way to track all donations, and it also gives the district a chance to recognize these patrons/donors.

A trailer was donated to the Benton High School Band. This was a joint effort by Cal Ark and Everett Buick GMC. Everett also donated 300 shirts for Benton High School students to wear during games while sitting in the "Jungle" section of the stadium.

6:17pm - Heath Nix made a motion to approve the gifts/donations. Motion was seconded by Jarrod Hambric. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

1. Donation of Trailer to BHS Band
2. Donation of Shirts to BHS

- E. Approval of School Assurance Documents - Mark McDougal

These documents focus on federal and state funding, and the assurance that the district will spend the funds according to the

rules and regulations of the law. Administration is requesting the approval for Mr. Collum to sign these assurances.

6:19pm - Jonathan Woolbright made a motion to approve and further authorize the Superintendent to sign these assurances as required by Section 9306. Motion was seconded by Jeff Morrow. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

F. Transfer of Student Requests - Mary Morgan

6:21pm - Jarrod Hambric made a motion to approve the student transfers as presented. Motion was seconded by Jackie Sasfai. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

G. Request to Expel - Mary Morgan

Recommendation brought forth to expel an 18-year old ALC student for vandalism at Benton High School. Student's parent/guardian waived their right to a hearing.

6:23pm - Heath Nix made a motion that was seconded by Jonathan Woolbright to approve the expulsion as recommended. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

H. Proposed Classified Salary Schedule Change (30-day read) - Mary Morgan

The only change to the Classified Salary Schedule is on page 1, where the position of Clerical Aide at the ALC was added. This change was approved by the PPC. Administration asked that the 30-day read be waived.

6:24pm - Jarrod Hambric made a motion and it was seconded by Jeff Morrow to waive the 30-day read. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

6:25pm - Heath Nix made a motion to approve the Classified Salary Schedule change as presented. Jonathan Woolbright seconded the motion, and it passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

I. Resolution for Superintendent Mentoring Program - Jeff Collum

Involvement in a superintendent mentoring program is a requirement for first year superintendents. Mr. Collum found that program to be very beneficial during his first year as a mentee, and has now agreed to serve as a mentor this year. As a mentor, he is required to record 12 hours during the course of a year, but realistically he will spend about 24-36 hours during

the year. This includes attending board meetings at other districts.

6:26pm - Jeff Morrow made a motion to approve Mr. Collum's involvement in the Superintendent Mentoring Program. Motion was seconded by Heath Nix. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

- J. Approval of 2014-2015 Statement of Assurance - Jeff Collum

6:29pm - Heath Nix made a motion that was seconded by Jarrod Hambric to approve the 2014-2015 Statement of Assurance as presented. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

X. Department Reports

- A. Facilities Report - Kevin Chastain
- B. Curriculum & Instruction - Karla Neathery
- C. Athletics Report - Randy McFarlin
- D. Transportation Report- John Thompson
- E. Food Service/Child Nutrition - Martha Nehus
- F. Personnel/Student Services - Mary Morgan
- G. Technology - Sherri Fite
- H. Special Education - Dr. Cindy Rogers
- I. Academic Services (CTE/GT/Special Programs) - Mark McDougal

XI. Superintendent's Report

- A. October 14, 2014 - New Board Members' Institute
- B. October 16, 2014 - Boys & Girls Club "Night to be Great" Event
- C. October 28, 2014 - Region 8 Fall Meeting
- D. October 30, 2014 - Open House for New Chenault Admin. Building
- E. November 3 & 10, 2014 - School Board Training
- F. November 17, 2014 @ 4:00pm - School Board Pictures
- G. November 17, 2014 @ 4:30pm - Goal-Setting Board Workshop
- H. November 17, 2014 @ 5:30pm - November School Board Meeting
- I. Flu Clinics Postponed
- J. Collum Appointed to Arkansas Department of Education Safe Schools Committee

XII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm

President

Secretary