

Benton School District

Meeting Minutes

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

**4/10/2015 11:30:00 AM**

Caldwell Elementary School

1800 W. Sevier Street

Benton, AR 72015

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**Attendees - voting members**

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**

Lunch meeting began at 11:35 a.m.

**II. Establishment of Quorum**

Members absent:

Paul Viner

Wade Goodwin

**III. Information Items and Reports**

A. Board Luncheon with Faculty

**IV. Adjournment**

Lunch meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

**Benton School District**

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**Benton Board of Education-  
Technology Plan Workshop  
4/10/2015 12:30:00 PM**  
Chenault Administration Building  
207 W. Conway Street  
Benton, AR 72015

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**Attendees - voting members**

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 12:30 p.m. by Heath Nix, Vice President.

**II. Establishment of Quorum**

Members absent:

Paul Viner  
Wade Goodwin

**III. Information Items and Reports**

**A. Technology Use Plan**

We would like to use the Trumann School District as a "model" for our technology needs. A group of administrators recently visited that district, and a second visit (May 4) is planned. Board members were invited and urged to make this trip if possible. Trumann has successfully implemented a 1:1 technology initiative. Currently, BSD has about 1.5 devices per student, but we are aiming for a 1:1 status. This means each student and each teacher would have a device. This could mean that students would be able to take the devices home every day.

Some of the concerns about students taking devices home were:

1. What is the liability if a student loses/breaks a device?
2. What kind of internet filters would we have in place to guard against inappropriate materials?
3. What about home internet access for those that may not be able to afford it?

4. What grades/age groups would be included in this plan?

A 1:1 initiative places all students on a level playing field, and closes that gap between the "haves" and the "have nots."

In a typical classroom setting (currently), the technology devices are largely in the hands of the teachers. Research has shown that kids learn at maximum levels when the learning tools are in their hands.

After the second Trumann visit, our next steps are to choose which device we will go with and decide in which direction we will go. After the device is selected, we will need to plan for a lot of professional development for our teachers. Budget planning is also an important part of this process.

All board members present are in favor of the proposed technology initiative and would like to see it implemented as soon as practical. The plan is to begin phasing these in next year (possibly September).

**IV. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

**Attendees - voting members**

Paul M Viner	Chair
Heath J Nix	Vice Chair
Jarrood Hambric	Board Member
Jeff Morrow	Board Member
Jackie C Sasfai	Board Member
Jonathan Woolbright	Board Member
Wade Goodwin	Secretary

- I. Call to Order - Paul Viner, President**  
Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

- II. Establishment of Quorum**  
All members were present.

Jeff Morrow joined the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

- III. Pledge of Allegiance**

- IV. District News - Superintendent/Panther Pride**

- A. Emory Rockwell - President's Volunteer Service Award Winner
- B. Benton Thespian Troupe 5779
- C. Benton Bowling Team Gold Medalists
- D. Benton Bowling Team All-State Performers
- E. Benton Bowling Teams - State Runners Up

- V. Consent Agenda**

5:37 p.m. - Jackie Sasfai made a motion that was seconded by Heath Nix to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. 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

## **VI. Discussion Items**

- A. Delayed Start Time Beginning with 2015-2016 Fall Semester  
We have begun a discussion about a delayed bell start. Initial thoughts are to begin with the high school by delaying the start of school by as few as 5 minutes and as many as 15 minutes. This is all in an effort to alleviate some of the traffic problems in the BHS, BMS, BJH area. As we are having this discussion, we are also having a traffic study conducted. We are still in the exploration phase, and we are looking for the best way to solve traffic congestion in the area. A delayed bell start would be the most cost-effective approach, but we will await the results of the traffic study to see what else might alleviate (or minimize) the traffic problems in the area.

We are only in Phase I (discussion) of this project. We will bring back a proposal for board approval at a later meeting.

## **VII. Action Items**

- A. Interlocal Agreement with City of Benton - Jeff Collum  
We have entered into an interlocal agreement with the City of Benton which allows the district to place an antenna on one of the city's water towers. This move will allow us to increase our communication within the district. This will improve communication on buses as well as radio traffic. The district will be responsible for maintaining the antenna.

5:43 p.m. - Wade Goodwin made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Benton. Motion was seconded by Heath Nix. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

- B. Approval of Gifts/Donations - Jeff Collum  
5:45 p.m. - Jarrod Hambric made a motion to accept the gifts and donations as presented. Motion was seconded by Jackie Sasfai. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.
- C. Volleyball Booster Club - Jeff Collum  
The Volleyball Booster Club is consistent with all other booster

clubs that have been formed this year.

5:46 p.m. - Jonathan Woolbright made a motion that was seconded by Heath Nix to approve the Volleyball Booster as presented. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

- D. Approve Final Audit Report - Michael Armstrong  
We received a "clean audit" from Cobb and Suskie. Representatives from the firm were on hand to entertain questions from the board. There were none.

5:47 p.m. - Heath Nix made a motion to approve the final audit report as presented. Motion was seconded by Jarrod Hambric. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

- E. Approve Payment of Pulaski Tech Invoice - Michael Armstrong  
The Spring invoice for Pulaski Tech was presented for payment approval. This is payment for classes that our CTE students take, and is in line with the monies that we are reimbursed by the state.

5:49 p.m. - Jackie Sasfai made a motion that was seconded by Wade Goodwin to approve payment of the Pulaski Tech invoice. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

- F. Approve QSCB Semi Annual Interest Payment - Michael Armstrong  
Semi annual interest payment is due May 1 for QSCB bond. Act 110 requires payment to be made 15 days in advance.

5:50 p.m. - Jarrod Hambric made a motion to approve QSCB Semi Annual Interest Payment as presented. Motion was seconded by Jonathan Woolbright. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

- G. Approve Disbursement of School Recognition Money - Michael Armstrong  
In November, four of our seven campuses were recognized and granted monies for being high performing schools. Each campus formed a committee to determine how the funds would be disbursed.

5:53 p.m. - Jackie Sasfai made a motion to approve disbursement of School Recognition Money as presented. Motion was seconded by Wade Goodwin. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

- H. Approve 2014-2015 District Calendar Revisions - Mary Morgan  
The last day of school was originally scheduled for May 29, 2015. By law we have to build 5 "bad weather" days into the calendar, which we built into the end of the calendar. This year we missed 7 days due to inclement weather. We added those additional 2 days onto the end of the calendar, making our last day of school June 5, 2015. This was all voted on and approved by the PPC.

5:54 p.m. - Jarrod Hambric made a motion that was seconded by Heath Nix to approve the 2014-2015 District Calendar revisions as presented. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

- I. Approve Proposed Additional Duty Stipend & Admin. Index - Mary Morgan  
Board has had changes to review for 30 days. Approval is requested.

5:55 p.m. - Heath Nix made a motion to approve the Additional Duty Stipend and Admin. Index changes as presented. Motion was seconded by Jonathan Woolbright. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

- J. Approve Proposed Board Policy Changes - Mary Morgan  
The board has had these policies to review for 30 days. Approval is now requested.

5:56 p.m. - Jonathan Woolbright made a motion to approve the board policy changes as presented. Motion was seconded by Heath Nix. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

- K. Approve Proposed Standards Review Corrections - Mary Morgan  
The board has had these changes to review for 30 days. These changes are the result of a recent Standards Review visit. Approval of these changes is requested.

5:57 p.m. - Jarrod Hambric made a motion that was seconded by Jackie Sasfai to approve the Standards Review Corrections as presented. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

- L. Petitions for Transfer of Students - Mary Morgan  
5:59 p.m. - Wade Goodwin made a motion to approve the Transfer of Students as presented. Motion was seconded by Jonathan Woolbright. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.
- M. Proposed Board Policy Changes (30-Day Read) - Mary Morgan  
No action taken. Proposed policy changes presented for 30-day read.
- N. Proposed Classified Salary Schedule Changes (30-Day Read) - Mary Morgan  
No action taken. Proposed Classified salary schedule changes presented for 30-day read.
- O. Proposed Handbook Changes (30-Day Read) - Mary Morgan  
No action taken. Proposed handbook changes for all schools presented for 30-day read.
  - 1. Elementary Schools
  - 2. Benton Middle School
  - 3. Benton Junior High
  - 4. Benton High School
- P. Expulsion Recommendation Update - Mary Morgan  
Administration is requesting the expulsion of a student who brought an air gun on campus. The student's parent indicated that she wanted to appeal the expulsion, but refused to meet with the expulsion committee. Numerous attempts were made to facilitate a meeting, but all failed. NOTE: The student is no longer in Benton Schools.  
  
6:04 p.m. - Jonathan Woolbright made a motion that was seconded by Heath Nix to uphold the expulsion as recommended. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.



- Q. Saline Co. Adult Ed. Center Lease Renewal - Kevin Chastain  
Requesting approval to renew the lease for the Saline County  
Adult Education Center. This facility is utilized by Pulaski Tech,  
and the \$1,000 per month collected goes toward repairs/upkeep  
of the building.

6:05 p.m. - Jarrod Hambric made a motion to approve the lease  
renewal as presented. Motion was seconded by Jackie  
Sasfai. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor  
of the motion.

- R. Change Order (Reroof/Canopy Projects) - Kevin Chastain  
Change order returns to us \$886 that was not used for the  
canopy/reroofing projects.

6:06 p.m. - Jackie Sasfai made a motion to approve the change  
order as presented. Motion was seconded by Jonathan  
Woolbright. Motion passed with all members present voting in  
favor of the motion.

- S. Approval of Bid for ROTC Tower Demolition - Kevin Chastain  
Requesting approval to demolish and remove ROTC tower and  
the surrounding chain link fence. This tower is largely unused,  
it's an eyesore, and a huge liability.

6:07 p.m. - Jarrod Hambric made a motion that was seconded  
by Jonathan Woolbright to approve demolition of the ROTC  
tower. Motion passed with all members voting in favor of the  
motion.

- T. Achievement Money Technology Purchases - Sherri Fite  
Requesting approval to purchase technology for the campuses  
utilizing a portion of their School Recognition money.

6:11 p.m. - Jackie Sasfai made a motion that was seconded by  
Jeff Morrow to approve the purchase of technology using  
achievement money. Motion passed with all members voting in  
favor of the motion.

### **VIII. Department Reports**

- A. Facilities Report - Kevin Chastain
  - 1. Cook Fieldhouse Progress
- B. Curriculum & Instruction - Karla Neathery
- C. Transportation Report- John Thompson
- D. Athletics Report - Randy McFarlin

- F. Child Nutrition/Food Service Report - Martha Nehus
- G. Special Education - Dr. Cindy Rogers
- H. Technology - Sherri Fite
- I. Academic Services (CTE/GT/Special Programs) - Mark McDougal

**IX. Department Presentation - Child Nutrition - Martha Nehus**

**X. Superintendent's Report**

- A. Panther Patrons Council Update
- B. April 28, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m. - Annual Retirement Banquet (BHS Cafeteria)
- C. May 8, 2015 @ 11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Board at Howard Perrin Elementary
- D. May 11, 2015 - Regular Board Meeting
- E. June 17, 2015 - Crisis Safety Response Drill Update

**XI. Adjournment**

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President

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Secretary