

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
Wade Goodwin	Secretary

I. Call to Order - Paul Viner, President

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Establishment of Quorum

Member absent:

Jonathan Woolbright

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Consent Agenda

5:32 p.m. - Jeff Morrow made a motion that was seconded by Jarrod Hambric 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
- D. Contracts, MOUs, and Written Agreements
- E. Student Transfer Requests
- F. Approve 2015-2016 Personnel Policies and Salary Schedules
- G. Milk and Bread Bids - Martha Nehus
- H. Approval of Superintendent as ex Officio Financial Secretary

V. Action Items

- A. Panther Football Broadcast Proposal - Randy McFarlin
Coach McFarlin has been in talks with two entities. After reviewing both proposals, a sharing agreement was reached with ESPN Radio, Fidelity Communications, Touchdown Club, and Varsity News Network. Football shared revenue will be split between the four groups. We will have the same color and play-by-play announcers as last year. We are also exploring the possibilities of live streaming some away games on a Pay-Per-

View basis. We are still working on the details of a PPV agreement.

5:40 p.m. - Jarrod Hambric made a motion to approve the football broadcast proposal as presented. Motion was seconded by Heath Nix. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

- B. Resolution for No Polling Sites - Jeff Collum
Passing the resolution for no polling sites is a requirement when there are uncontested races for vacant school board seats.

5:41 p.m. - Jackie Sasfai made a motion that was seconded by Wade Goodwin to approve the resolution as presented. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

- C. Request to Update Program Implementation Responsibility - Angela McWhorter
When there is a change from one Special Ed Director/Supervisor to another we have to update Form SP-1 with the person responsible for the Surrogate Parent Program.

5:42 p.m. - Jackie Sasfai made a motion that was seconded by Wade Goodwin to approve the update as presented. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

- D. Approve BMS Social Studies Instructional Materials - Karla Neathery
Geography instructional materials had to be ordered for Benton Middle School. Principal Quinn chose a curriculum that was online. The textbooks being ordered will be used and shared in the event the network goes down. This was brought before the board because of an old policy which states that instructional materials need to be taken before the board.

5:45 p.m. - Jeff Morrow made a motion to approve the instructional materials as presented. Motion was seconded by Heath Nix. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

- E. Proposed Classified Salary Schedule Change (30-day Read) - Mark McDougal
A Commissioner's Memo (Arkansas Dept. of Education) requires school districts to increase the minimum wage paid to full-time employees. In addition to requesting approval of the change, Administration requested that the board waive the 30-day read.

5:46 p.m. - Heath Nix made a motion to waive the 30-day read. Motion was seconded by Jackie Sasfai. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

5:47 p.m. - Motion was made by Heath Nix and seconded by Jarrod Hambric to approve the salary schedule change as presented. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

VI. Department Reports

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

VII. Superintendent's Report

- A. Legislative Audit Update
- B. August 10, 2015 @ 8:00 a.m. - District Convocation
- C. August 10, 2015 - Regular Board Meeting
- D. August 17, 2015 - First Day of School
- E. October 13, 2015 - New Board Member Institute (Little Rock)
- F. December 9-11, 2015 - ASBA Annual Conference (Little Rock)
- G. April 9-11, 2016 - NSBA Annual Conference (Boston, MA)

VIII. Personnel Hearing (CLOSED)

Board recessed at 5:51 p.m. and all non-necessary personnel were asked to leave the board room for the closed hearing proceedings.

At 6:33 p.m. the board reconvened for the Closed Personnel Hearing, with Paul Blume presiding.

Before reconvening, Mr. Blume spoke with Paul Wells, who indicated that he wished to immediately resign his position with the Benton School District. His only request is that he be able to retrieve his personal belongings. That request was granted.

6:34 p.m. Motion was made by Jeff Morrow and seconded by Heath Nix to accept Mr. Wells' resignation.

6:35 p.m. - Meeting adjourned.

6:35 p.m. - Meeting was called to order again and the public was allowed to rejoin the meeting when it was determined that the board vote was not taken in open session.

6:36 p.m. - Jeff Morrow made a motion that was seconded by Heath Nix to accept the resignation of Mr. Wells. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

President

Secretary

Attendees - voting members

Heath J Nix	Vice Chair
Jarrold Hambric	Board Member
Jackie C Sasfai	Board Member
Jonathan Woolbright	Board Member

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 11:33 a.m. by Heath Nix, Vice President.

II. Establishment of Quorum

Members absent:

Paul Viner
Jeff Morrow
Wade Goodwin

III. Information Items and Reports

A. Budget Workshop

Clayton Vaden with Lewis Architects was on hand to go over architectural plans for the middle school expansion project. The goal is to have the project finished before the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year. ADE approved project plans that included a PE space of 10,000 square feet. Another 2,000 square feet had to be added because of the requirements to include toilets in the stand alone building. The space will now be competition size which means that things like Pee-Wee leagues and volleyball tournaments can be hosted in the facility. Plans do not include built in bleachers. (NOTE:Mr. Vaden has met with the middle school principal to go over plans and to get his input.)

Board members discussed the 3 possible options of the middle school expansion and determined that the design that did not include the rotunda was best.

12:05 p.m. - Jarrold Hambric made a motion to approve Option 1 for the middle school expansion as presented. Motion was seconded by Jackie Sasfai. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

We will move forward with getting pricing on the traffic study

options.

The Hardin Museum is in need of roofing. We need to put it on our projects list. We will bring this forward (for approval) at our August 10th board meeting.

CFO, Laura Baber, presented an overview of the proposed budget for the year. We will have another workshop before approving the budget in September.

Signage on the administration building is being upgraded. Materials on the current flat signage are failing. The company made good on their guarantee, but we are going in another direction. We are looking at going with backlit signage. A couple of proposals were presented, but members of the board did not like the designs. Kevin Chastain will partner Jackie, Jarrod and the sign company to come up with acceptable designs.

There was a discussion about CTE and the possibilities that it creates for Benton. A number of groups are looking to partner with the district to bring a CTE Center to the area. It is possible to get this accomplished without a millage increase.

We are moving forward with our 1-to-1 technology initiative beginning at the high school. We hope to roll out the devices in the Spring, but the board will see big technology purchases being presented for approval in the coming weeks/months.

Jarrod Hambric left the meeting at 12:56 p.m.

The Superintendent's Cabinet is planning a retreat on August 7-9.

IV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

President

Secretary