

Benton School District

Meeting Minutes

**Benton Board of Education -  
Workshop**

**8/10/2015 4:00:00 PM**  
Professional Development Center  
211 North Border

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**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
Wade Goodwin	Secretary

**I. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Paul Viner, President.

**II. Establishment of Quorum**

All members were present. Jarrold Hambric arrived at the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

**III. Information Items and Reports**

- A. Budget Update/Discussion
- B. District Staffing Update
- C. Facilities Projects Update
- D. CTE/Sports Medicine Overview

**IV. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

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**I. Call to Order - Paul Viner, President**

Meeting called to order at 5:36 p.m. by Paul Viner, President.

**II. Establishment of Quorum**

All members were present.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

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

- A. Ambassador Student Project Update
- B. Spirit of Panther Pride Recipient - Deb Law
- C. BHS Receives Sportsmanship Award
- D. Recognition of Outgoing Board Members, Paul Viner and Wade Goodwin

**V. Consent Agenda**

5:54 p.m. - Heath Nix made a motion that was seconded by Wade Goodwin to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed with all members voting in favor of the motion.

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

**VI. Action Items**

- A. Approval to Submit Application for Part B Funds - Angie McWhorter  
The Special Education Department has to submit an application for Part B funds and must use those funds in accordance with the Arkansas Department of Education.

5:55 p.m. - Jeff Morrow made a motion to approve the submission of the application for Part B funds. Motion was seconded by Jarrod Hambric. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

B. Approve Property Insurance Renewal - Laura Baber  
5:56 p.m. - Jackie Sasfai made a motion that was seconded by Jarrod Hambric to approve the renewal of property insurance. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Approve Vehicle Insurance Renewal - Laura Baber  
5:57 p.m. - Wade Goodwin made a motion that was seconded by Jarrod Hambric to approve the renewal of vehicle insurance. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Roof Replacement for Benton-Hardin Museum - Kevin Chastain  
The board agreed at the last workshop (July 31) to replace the roofing on Hardin Museum and to add the item to the facilities project list, with the understanding that the item would be brought for formal approval at an upcoming regular meeting. Because the metal roof was cost prohibitive, we will proceed with a shingle roof. These costs will be taken from the M&O budget. Because the funds will come from M&O, this item needs to be removed from action item status.

5:58 p.m. - Heath Nix made a motion to remove Item D from action item status. Motion was seconded by Jackie Sasfai. Motion passed with all members voting in favor of the motion.

E. Approve Benton Middle School Expansion Costs - Kevin Chastain  
Administration requested that Item E be tabled.

6:00 p.m. - Heath Nix made a motion that was seconded by Jonathan Woolbright to table Item E. Motion passed unanimously.

F. Approve Digital Textbook Proposal - Lita Gattis  
BHS Principal, Lita Gattis, requested approval to purchase digital textbooks. This request comes as a result of the 1:1 initiative (and it's been 10 years since we got resources for Social Studies). There were two bids for proposal, and Ms. Gattis requested that the board approve Proposal #2.

6:02 p.m. - Wade Goodwin made a motion to approve Proposal #2 for the purchase of digital textbooks as presented. Motion was seconded by Jonathan Woolbright. Motion passed with all members voting in favor of the motion.

G. Transfer of Student Requests - Mark McDougal

6:03 p.m. - Jeff Morrow made a motion that was seconded by Jackie Sasfai to approve the transfer requests as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

- H. Proposed Policy Change (30-Day Read) - Mark McDougal  
Changes to policy 7.13 will give Sherri Fite (Technology Department) more freedom to rid the district of worthless tech equipment. Because there is such tech equipment that could be discarded immediately, administration requested that the 30-day read rule be suspended.

6:06 p.m. - Heath Nix made a motion that was seconded by Jonathan Woolbright to suspend the 30-day read. Motion passed with all members voting in favor of the motion.

6:07 p.m. - Heath Nix made a motion that was seconded by Jarrod Hambric to approved the policy change as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

- I. Approval for Continuation of CIPA Internet Filtering - Sherri Fite  
Federal regulations require us to filter the internet to prevent children from being exposed to explicit and inappropriate materials. We currently use SonicWall to filter online content. Administration is requesting approval to continue CIPA internet filtering using SonicWall.

6:08 p.m. - Jackie Sasfai made a motion that was seconded by Heath Nix to continue CIPA filtering as requested. Motion passed unanimously.

- J. Apple Technology Purchases - Sherri Fite  
Administration is requesting approval to purchase 900 Mac Book Air laptop computers. This request is to fulfill our 1 to 1 initiative at the high school.

6:10 p.m. - Jarrod Hambric made a motion that was seconded by Jeff Morrow to approve the technology purchases as presented. Motion passed with all members voting in favor of the motion.

## **VII. 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. Special Education - Angie McWhorter

- G. Technology - Sherri Fite
- H. Academic Services (CTE/GT/Special Programs) - Angie Dischinger
- I. Human Resources/Student Services - Mark McDougal

**VIII. Superintendent's Report**

- A. August 17, 2015 - First Day of School
- B. August 21, 2015 (time TBA) - Maroon/Gray Game
- C. September 4, 2015 @ 7:30 p.m. - Salt Bowl @ War Memorial Stadium
- D. September 14, 2015 @ 5:30 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting
- E. CTE Updates

**IX. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

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Jeff Morrow	Board Member
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**I. Call to Order**

Workshop was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Heath Nix, Vice President.

**II. Establishment of Quorum**

**III. Information Items and Reports**

A. Budget Workshop

**IV. Adjournment**

Workshop adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

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**I. Call to Order**

Special meeting called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Heath Nix, Vice President.

**II. Establishment of Quorum**

**III. Action Items**

- A. Reclassification of Technology Purchase - Laura Baber  
Technology purchase from the 2014-2015 year registered as an exception, and needs to be reclassified to Operating from Federal so that Cycle 9 may be submitted.

5:34 p.m. - Jeff Morrow made a motion to approve reclassification of the technology purchase. Motion was seconded by Jackie Sasfai. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

- B. Contract Disclosures - Laura Baber  
Administration is requesting renewal of annual contracts where district employees have a financial interest in said contracts.

5:35 p.m. - 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.

- C. Read 180 Upgrade - Karla Neathery  
Read 180 is a multi-media reading intervention program for grades 4-12, and the program "moves with the child." It is used at all school sites, and the upgrade comes with a sizable discount.

5:37 p.m. - Jackie Sasfai made a motion that was seconded by Jonathan Woolbright to approved the Read 180 upgrade as

presented. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

D. Arkansas Ortho MOU - Randy McFarlin

We have partnered with Ortho Arkansas for 8 years, but have never had a written agreement. This MOU gives us something in writing to protect the district and our students. The agreement is effective through May 31, 2016. At that time, we will review this agreement and explore other opportunities. We already have 3 proposals to be presented for the 2016-2017 academic year.

5:39 p.m. - Jarrod Hambric made a motion to approve the MOU as presented. Motion was seconded by Jonathan Woolbright. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

E. Transfer for Student Requests - Mark McDougal

5:45 p.m. - Jackie Sasfai made a motion that was seconded by Jonathan Woolbright to approve the student transfer requests as presented. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

F. Personnel - Mark McDougal

Mark McDougal reported that, at meeting time and with these proposed new hires, all positions would be filled.

5:46 p.m. - Jeff Morrow made a motion to approve the personnel report as presented. Motion was seconded by Jackie Sasfai. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

#### **IV. Information Items and Reports**

A. Enrollment Update - Mark McDougal

Our enrollment numbers continue to show a healthy increase. We continue to grow, but not at a rate that we can't handle.

B. Traffic Study Update - Kevin Chastain

Kevin Chastain has been in communication with the City of Benton and there will be a new center turning lane added to Border Street between the junior high and the high school. This should help with traffic flow for patrons turning into those campuses.

Additional possibilities/solutions to help alleviate the traffic problem around the high school is to acquire easement rights from a personal property owner and the addition of a cut



through at the stadium on out to Benton Parkway.

At Howard Perrin, plans call for a circle drive around on the back side of the school.

Traffic study drawings and pricing are about 3/4 done.

OTHER INFORMATION: We have received a letter of approval from the Facilities Division for the Hardin Museum roofing project. The project came in at less than \$20,000 and does not require board approval. This item is just informational.

With savings from the field house, middle school paint and Angie Grant projects, we would like to add knock boxes at all the schools. Utilizing savings from the aforementioned projects would allow us to not use any new money. The savings are a little over \$2,000 less than what we need to complete the knock boxes, but as a thank you for our business, Nabholz will make up the difference.

C. Delayed Start Update - Jeff Collum

**V. Dates to Remember**

- A. September 4, 2015 @ 7:30 p.m. - Salt Bowl (War Memorial Stadium)
- B. September 11, 2015 @ 11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Board (BHS)
- C. September 14, 2015 @ 4:30 p.m. - Board Workshop
- D. September 14, 2015 @ 5:30 - Regular Board Meeting

**VI. Adjournment**

Special meeting adjourned 6:04 p.m.

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