

Attendees - voting members

Paul M Viner Chair
Jeff Morrow Board Member
Jonathan Woolbright Board Member

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 11:33 a.m. by Paul Viner, President.

II. Establishment of Quorum

Members absent:
Heath Nix
Wade Goodwin
Jackie Safai
Jarrod Hambric

III. Information Items and Reports

The EBI representative had an emergency and could not make the presentation. EBI workshop will be rescheduled to a later date.

Board members were shown new drawings for the middle school expansion project. Representatives from Lewis Architects met with Administration earlier today to provide updates. Because of mandatory footage rules, we will have a competition size gym with this expansion. There will be no built-in bleachers, but there is space to bring in some portable bleachers.

IV. Recess - Move to Benton High School

Meeting recessed at 11:40 to move over to the high school for lunch.

V. Lunch at Benton High School

Meeting resumed at 12:00 noon with lunch in the Benton High School cafeteria.

September was designated as "Take Your Legislator to School Month," and we invited our local Legislators to lunch. Those attending were:

Lanny Fite, State Representative
Kim Hammer, State Representative
Alan Clark, State Senator
Russell Hagood, Representative from Senator Tom Cotton's office

All representatives wanted to know if the board had any "issues" that needed to be addressed in legislative session. They encouraged the board to contact either of them when they could be of assistance.

VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

President

Secretary

Benton School District

Meeting Minutes

**Benton Board of Education-Budget
Workshop**

9/14/2015 4:30:00 PM

Professional Development Center
211 N. Border

No Attendees

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m. by Heath Nix, Vice President.

II. Establishment of Quorum

Jackie Sasfai joined the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

Paul Viner joined the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

Wade Goodwin was absent.

III. Information Items and Reports

A. Budget Workshop

B. Proposed Bell Schedule Changes

IV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

President

Secretary

No Attendees

I. Call to Order - Paul Viner, President

Meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m.

II. Establishment of Quorum

Wade Goodwin was absent.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. District News - Superintendent/Panther Pride

- A. National Merit Semi-Finalists Named at BHS
- B. Ethan Midkiff - Intradistrict Chess Tournament Winner
- C. Pasley Butler Achieves National Board Certification

V. Consent Agenda

5:43 p.m. - Jonathan Woolbright made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Heath Nix. 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 - Laura Baber
- D. QSCB Payment and Interest - Laura Baber
- E. ACSIP and Federal Program Assurances - Angie Dischinger
- F. Statement of Assurance - Mark McDougal
- G. UALR College of Health Professions MOU

VI. Action Items

- A. Special Consideration for Auditorium Use - Mike Titsworth

Randy McFarlin said that the committee met to consider Mr. Titworth's request. The committee is recommending that the board not approve the request. It would cost the district money because we would need a district employee to supervise and we would also need to provide janitorial services. There is also an expense for utilities (lights, water, etc.). Also, if we approved this request, we would be opening ourselves up for other groups. The board agreed that approving this request would invite problems/issues, and that we must stay consistent with our policy.

5:47 p.m. - Heath Nix made a motion that was seconded by Jonathan Woolbright to accept the committee's recommendation to deny the request. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

- B. Student Transfer Requests - Mark McDougal

5:50 p.m. - Jeff Morrow made a motion that was seconded by Jackie Sasfai to approve the transfer requests as presented. Motion passed with all

members present voting in favor of the motion.

- C. Approval for Pep Steppers to Attend National Competition - Randy McFarlin

Pep Steppers are requesting to travel to the national competition in Orlando, Florida. The cheerleaders have attended the national competition for a number of years, and the Pep Steppers would like to do the same. The group will raise all of the money themselves.

5:51 p.m. - Jarrod Hambric made a motion to approve the Pep Steppers' request. Motion was seconded by Heath Nix. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

- D. Approval of 2015-2016 Operating Budget - Laura Baber

5:52 p.m. - Heath Nix made a motion that was seconded by Jeff Morrow to approve the 2014-2015 expenditures (including transfers of \$50,000 to Food Service and \$2,909,091 to the Unrestricted Building Fund). Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

5:53 p.m. - Jeff Morrow made a motion that was seconded by Jackie Sasfai to approve the 2015-2016 Operating Budget and supplemental budgets as presented. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

- E. Howard Perrin UPTO Budget Request - Laura Baber

Howard Perrin's UPTO requested \$5,000 in matching funds to purchase technology equipment. In years past those matching funds were set aside to purchase playground equipment, but during the 2013-2014 academic year, the elementary schools received all new playground equipment. During the last two years, the board has approved the requests to redirect these matching funds toward the purchase of technology equipment.

5:54 p.m. - Jarrod Hambric made a motion to approve the request as presented. Motion was seconded by Jeff Morrow. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

- F. Contract Disclosure (White) - Laura Baber

5:55 p.m. - Jackie Sasfai made a motion that was seconded by Jarrod Hambric to approve the contract disclosure for Shawn White (spouse of BSD employee, Wyndelyn White) to build cabinets for the teachers' lounge/break room. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

- G. Approval of Architecture Fees for BMS Project - Kevin Chastain

5:56 - Jeff Morrow made a motion that was seconded by Jonathan Woolbright to approve the architecture fees of approximately \$420,000 for the Benton Middle School Expansion Project. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

- H. Benton Middle School Addition Early Site Package - Kevin Chastain

5:57 p.m. - Heath Nix made a motion that was seconded by Jackie Sasfai to approve the early site (dirt work) package for the BMS expansion project. Motion passed with all members present 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. Student Services/Human Resources - Mark McDougal

VIII. Campus Spotlight (Benton Middle School) - Steve Quinn

IX. Superintendent's Report

- A. September 15, 2015 - Election Day
- B. September 17, 2015 @ 10:00 - District Technology Plan Media Event
- C. September 18, 2015 @ 10:00 - Benton Middle School Expansion Project Media Event
- D. October 9, 2015 @ 11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Board at BJH
- E. October 12, 2015 @ 5:30 p.m. - Regular School Board Meeting
- F. Board Training Opportunities
- G. CTE News/Update

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

President

Secretary