

Benton School District

Meeting Minutes

**Benton Board of Education-Long Range
Facilities Workshop**

12/4/2015 11:30:00 AM

Chenault Administration Building
207 W. Conway Street
Benton, AR 72015

Attendees - voting members

Heath J Nix	President
Jonathan Woolbright	Board Member
Randy Mitchell	Board Member
Jeff Morrow	Board Member
Dio Vannucci	Board Member
Jarrold Hambric	Secretary

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 11:35 a.m., by Heath Nix

II. Establishment of Quorum

Jackie Sasfai was absent.

III. Information Items and Reports

A. Facilities Plan

Leslie Dyess reviewed the Long Range Facilities Master Plan for the district. This plan (with any revisions) will be need to be adopted in a January board meeting, and submitted to the state by February 1st.

IV. Action Item

A. Approval of Budget Amendment - Laura Baber

In the November regular board meeting, a budget amendment not to exceed \$710,000 was approved to accommodate a bonus for all employees. After the final calculations, the amount was in excess of \$710,000. Administration is now asking for approval to adjust the budget to not exceed \$715,000 to cover the one-time non-recurring bonus payout.

12:04 p.m. - Dio Vannucci made a motion that was seconded by Randy Mitchell to approve the budget amendment as presented. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

President

Secretary

Attendees - voting members

Heath J Nix President
Jeff Morrow Board Member
Dio Vannucci Board Member
Jarrod Hambric Secretary

I. Call to Order - Heath Nix, President

Meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

II. Establishment of Quorum

Members absent:

Jackie Sasfai
Jonathan Woolbright
Randy Mitchell

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. District News - Superintendent/Panther Pride

- A. Anastasia Mills - National Merit Commended Student
- B. BHS Students Named to All-Region Choir
- C. BJH and BMS All Region Choir Honorees
- D. Benton Jr. High Band All-Region Honorees

V. Consent Agenda

As always, previous minutes and financial reports are on the consent agenda. Mr. Collum explained that the approval of gifts/donations will now be included in the consent agenda. Because of the different donors/amounts/items, Laura Baber will do a monthly spreadsheet that includes all gifts/donations for the month. This is a better tracking method for reporting and auditing purposes.

5:43 p.m. - Jeff Morrow made a motion that was seconded by Dio Vannucci to approve the consent agenda as presented. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

- A. Reading of Previous Minutes
- B. Financial Reports - Laura Baber
- C. Approval of Gifts/Donations - Laura Baber

VI. Action Items

- A. Transfer of Student Requests - Mark McDougal
Mark McDougal either personally interviewed the petitioners, or a narrative was included with the requests for transfers, and he is recommending that the board approve the transfer requests.

5:45 p.m. - Jarrod Hambric made a motion to approve the student transfer requests as presented. Motion was seconded by Dio Vannucci. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

- B. Expulsion Recommendation - Mark McDougal

A 15-year-old Benton Jr. High male student was suspended for being in possession of and distributing prescription medications while on the school campus. The parents waived their right to a hearing before the board.

5:47 p.m. - Jarrod Hambric made a motion that was seconded by Jeff Morrow to uphold the suspension. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

C. Addendum to Handbook - Mark McDougal

Administration presented three handbook addendums for approval:

1. Information will be added to the existing student handbook concerning the responsibilities/expectations of district-issued electronic communication devices
2. Information on the 15-minute delayed start and the new bell schedule at Benton High School
3. The technology department created a new Technology Handbook that lines out all of the details with sending district-issued electronic devices home with students

**Administration requested the board waive the 30-day read.

5:54 p.m. - Jeff Morrow made a motion that was seconded by Jarrod Hambric to waive the 30-day read. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

5:55 p.m. - Jeff Morrow made a motion to approve the all handbook addendums as presented. Motion was seconded by Jarrod Hambric. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

D. Woolbright Contract Disclosure - Laura Baber

Mason Woolbright, son of board member Jonathan Woolbright, has (in the past) volunteered to emcee some cheer events, but the district would like to pay him as a student worker. To date, Mason has been paid less than \$50. The contract disclosure states "up to \$5,000" for the entire year. This wording keeps administration from having to disclose after each occurrence.

5:56 p.m. - Jarrod Hambric made a motion that was seconded by Dio Vannucci to approve the contract disclosure as presented. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

E. Approval of Pulaski Tech Payment - Laura Baber

Administration requested approval to pay Pulaski Tech \$79,625.00 for the 96 students who took courses during the Fall 2015 semester.

5:58 p.m. - Jeff Morrow made a motion that was seconded by Dio Vannucci to approve payment as presented. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

F. Angie Grant Chromebook Purchase - Sherri Fite

Administration requested approval to purchase 262 Chromebooks and 10 carts for Angie Grant Elementary. This would put carts/devices in classes 3-5 and one to share for 2nd grade students. This purchase will be made with Title funds.

6:01 p.m. - Jarrod Hambric made a motion that was seconded by Jeff Morrow to approve the Chromebook purchase as presented. 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 - Howard Perrin Elementary (Stacye Shelnut)

IX. Executive Session (if needed)

The board recessed to Executive Session from 6:26 p.m. - 7:04 p.m.

X. Personnel Recommendations/HR Report - Mark McDougal

7:05 p.m. - Jarrod Hambric made a motion to approve the Personnel Report as presented. Motion was seconded by Dio Vannucci. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

7:05 p.m. - Jeff Morrow made a motion to approve/renew Supt. Jeff Collum's contract. Motion was seconded by Dio Vannucci. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

XI. Superintendent's Report

- A. Heath Nix Receives Master Board Award
- B. "Night of Code" Update
- C. January 22, 2016 - Lunch with the Board at Caldwell Elementary
- D. January 25, 2016 - Regular Board Meeting

XII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

President

Secretary