

**Benton School District**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Benton Board of Education-Facilities  
Master Plan Public Hearing  
1/25/2016 5:00:00 PM**  
Professional Development Center  
211 North Border Street

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**Attendees - voting members**

Heath J Nix            President  
Randy Mitchell      Board Member  
Jeff Morrow        Board Member  
Jackie C Sasfai     Board Member  
Dio Vannucci        Board Member  
Jarrod Hambric     Secretary

**I. Call to Order - Heath Nix, President**

Meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

**II. Establishment of Quorum**

Jonathan Woolbright was absent

**III. Facilities Master Plan - Kevin Chastain**

Leslie Dyess from Dawson Educational Coop presented the master plan. After her presentation (5:19 p.m.), Ms. Dyess opened the floor for questions from the board and/or the public. No questions were asked.

**IV. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

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Jonathan Woolbright	Vice President
Randy Mitchell	Board Member
Jeff Morrow	Board Member
Jackie C Sasfai	Board Member
Dio Vannucci	Board Member
Jarrold Hambric	Secretary

**I. Call to Order - Heath Nix, President**

Meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

**II. Establishment of Quorum**

All members were present.

Jonathan Woolbright joined the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

Randy Mitchell left the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

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

- A. BMS Quiz Bowl Team Wins 2nd Place
- B. Kaelyn Evans Wins Essay Contest
- C. Board Appreciation Month

**V. Consent Agenda**

5:38 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. Financial Reports - Laura Baber
- C. Approval of Gifts/Donations - Laura Baber
- D. Debt Service Payment (Citizens Bank) - Laura Baber
- E. Debt Service Payment (US Bank) - Laura Baber
- F. Debt Service Payment (First Security Bank #1) - Laura Baber
- G. Debt Service Payment (First Security Bank #2) - Laura Baber

**VI. Action Items**

- A. Liability Insurance Renewal - Laura Baber  
School legal liability, which includes general liability, is renewed on an annual basis. Last year the premium was for only 10 months, but this year's premium is for a full 12 months. That is the reason for the difference in the premium amount.

5:39 p.m. - Randy Mitchell made a motion to approve liability insurance renewal as presented. Motion was seconded by Jackie Sasfai. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

- B. Student Transfer Requests - Mark McDougal  
Mark McDougal would like for the district to "tighten up" the student transfer process. Currently there are no streamlined rules like there are with school choice. It was suggested that we follow up in a board workshop to discuss how to better handle "board to board" transfer requests.
- 5:48 p.m. - Jackie Sasfai made a motion that was seconded by Randy Mitchell to approve the transfer requests as presented. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.
- C. Approval to Purchase a Bus - John Thompson  
Funds to purchase a new bus were already approved in the budget, and administration is ready to allocate those monies for said purchase.
- 5:52 p.m. - Jeff Morrow made a motion that was seconded by Jarrod Hambric to approve bus purchase as presented. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.
- D. Amateur Sports Licensing - Randy McFarlin  
Request to move to a different vendor to handle the district's merchandising. ASL is local (North Little Rock), it will cut out the middle man, and it will help with logo/branding consistency.
- 5:57 p.m. - Jarrod Hambric made a motion to approve the Amateur Sports Licensing Agreement as presented. Motion was seconded by Dio Vannucci. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.
- E. Approval to Purchase Dell Storage Solution - Sherri Fite  
We have outgrown our current storage capabilities. Payment on this is not due until July, but we wanted to take advantage of the pricing.
- 5:58 p.m. - Jackie Sasfai made a motion to approve the Dell storage as presented. Motion was seconded by Randy Mitchell. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.
- F. Approval to Purchase iPad Minis for Ringgold - Sherri Fite  
Requesting approval to purchase 170 iPad Minis and 6 carts for Ringgold. Items will be purchased using Title funds that have to be allocated and spent within a certain time.
- 6:00 p.m. - Motion made by Jeff Morrow and seconded by Jackie Sasfai to approve the purchase as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
- G. Long Range Facility Plan Resolution - Jeff Collum  
Approval requested for resolution of long range facility plan that was approved in a workshop immediately preceding regular board meeting.
- 6:01 p.m. - Jarrod Hambric made a motion that was seconded by Dio Vannucci to approve the resolution as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

## **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/Admin & Student Services - Mark McDougal

**VIII. Benton High School Technology Update - Lita Gattis**

**IX. Executive Session (if needed)**

**X. Personnel Recommendations/HR Report - Mark McDougal**

6:07 p.m. - Jeff Morrow made a motion to approve the personnel recommendations as presented. Motion was seconded by Jonathan Woolbright. Motion passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

**XI. Superintendent's Report**

- A. February 19, 2016 @ 10:30 a.m. - Board Workshop (Chenault Admin. Building)
- B. February 19, 2016 @ 11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Board at Ringgold Elementary
- C. February 22, 2016 - Regular Board Meeting

**XII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

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President

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Secretary