

Benton School District

Meeting Minutes

**Benton Board of Education Executive
Session Meeting**

5/5/2016 6:00:00 PM

Professional Development Center

211 North Border Street

Benton, AR 72015

No Attendees

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

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. **Executive Session**

III. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

President

Secretary

Benton School District

Meeting Minutes

Benton Board of Education-Lunch with Board

5/6/2016 11:30:00 AM

Caldwell Elementary School

1800 W. Sevier

Benton, AR 72015

Attendees - voting members

Heath J Nix	President
Jonathan Woolbright	Board Member
Randy Mitchell	Board Member
Jarrold Hambric	Secretary

I. Call to Order

Board members and administrators met at Caldwell Elementary between 11:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. for a special sign unveiling before lunch.

II. Board Luncheon with Faculty and Administrators

III. Adjournment

Lunch meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

President

Secretary

Attendees - voting members

Heath J Nix	President
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 5:33 p.m.

II. Establishment of Quorum

All board members were present.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. District News - Superintendent/Panther Pride

- A. BJH Students Win Literary Competition (Curt Barger)
- B. BJH Students Take Silver in State Competition
- C. Track Team Takes State Titles
- D. Westin Riddick Named Finalist
- E. Sam Bell Wins State in Business Law
- F. BHS Students Receive Achievement Award
- G. English Class Wins Technology Award
- H. Adontae Winston Wins State Title
- I. Wrestlers Named All-American
- J. Big Press Team Competition Winners Announced
- K. Donna Smith Receives Honor
- L. Benton Schools Receive Recognition Money

State Representatives Lanny Fite and Kim Hammer were on hand to present mock checks to principals receiving recognition money.

V. Campus Spotlight - Ringgold Elementary (Beverly Mayfield)

VI. Consent Agenda

6:06 p.m. - Jeff Morrow made a motion that was seconded by Jackie Sasfai to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

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

VII. Action Items

- A. Approve iReady Math & Reading Intervention Programs - Karla Neathery

iReady is an online instructional program (math and literacy) that we use

for our four elementary schools and the middle school. The program moves with the students, and is on their level.

6:07 p.m. - Jeff Morrow made a motion to approve the program as presented. Motion was seconded by Randy Mitchell, and passed unanimously.

B. Student Transfer Request - Mary Morgan

6:09 p.m. - Jarrod Hambric made a motion that was seconded by Dio Vannucci to approve the student transfer request as presented. Motion passed with all members voting in favor of the motion.

C. Adopt Proposed Classified Salary Schedule Change (30-day read) - Mary Morgan

The Classified Salary Schedule was adopted last month and was on a 30-day read. There was an error in that schedule that dealt with an agreement from 5 years ago to add a step to the end of the schedule for five years. We have finished that 5-year commitment and that needed to be reflected in the schedule. That correction has been made and the Classified Salary Schedule was re-submitted. Administration requested that the 30-day read rule be waived.

6:11 p.m. - Jackie Sasfai made a motion to suspend the 30-day read rule, and it was seconded by Jarrod Hambric. Motion passed unanimously.

6:12 p.m. - Jarrod Hambric made a motion that was seconded by Randy Mitchell to approve the revised salary schedule as submitted. Motion passed with all members voting in favor of the motion.

D. Approve Proposed Licensed Salary Schedule & Additional Duty Schedule Changes - Mary Morgan

The board has had these schedules to review for 30 days. Administration requested board approval.

6:12 p.m. - A motion was made by Jeff Morrow and seconded by Dio Vannucci to approve the schedules as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Approve Student Handbooks - Mary Morgan

The board has had handbooks to review for 30 days. Administration requested board approval for the 2016-2017 handbooks.

6:13 p.m. - Dio Vannucci made a motion that was seconded by Randy Mitchell to approve the handbooks as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

F. Approve Arkansas Children's Hospital Telemedicine Program - Mary Morgan

A team from Arkansas Children's hospital was on hand to present to the board a program that they would like to pilot at Angie Grant

Elementary. Telemedicine is a school-based health initiative that is designed to reach students through schools. Angie Grant was chosen as a pilot because (among other things), it is not too far from Little Rock, they are connected to technology, they have the administrative support, and there is a need. The team has met multiple times with Angie Grant stakeholders and, after they answered questions from board members, they requested permission to move forward with this program at Grant Elementary.

6:31 p.m. - Jeff Morrow made a motion that was seconded by Jackie Sasfai to approve the request as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

G. ASBA Model Policy 3-Year Service Agreement - Mary Morgan

This agreement helps us keep our district policies updated. It is a 3-year contract and it is up for renewal.

6:32 p.m. - A motion was made by Dio Vannucci and seconded by Randy Mitchell to approve the agreement as presented. Motion passed with all members voting in favor of the motion.

H. Recommendation to Expel - Mary Morgan

Administration is recommending expulsion for a 10th grade student who brought prescription medication to school and gave it to another student, which is a violation of policy. The parents waived their right to a hearing.

6:33 p.m. - Jackie Sasfai made a motion that was seconded by Randy Mitchell to uphold the expulsion recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

I. Approve CTE/Sports Medicine Program - Angie Dischinger

Administration requested approval to move forward with the CTE Sports Medicine pathway. The pathway was approved by ACE (Arkansas Department of Career Education), but funding was not approved. We have approximately 140 students interested in the Sports Medicine Program, and it was in the top 5 programs of interest by the students. This would mean 6 sections over the course of the next academic year. The equipment list provided would serve the needs of the 140 students.

6:42 p.m. - Jeff Morrow made a motion to approve the Sports Medicine Program item as presented. Motion was seconded by Jackie Sasfai and passed unanimously.

J. Approve Application for Part B Funds - Laura Baber

6:44 p.m. - Jarrod Hambric made a motion to approve the application as presented. Motion was seconded by Jonathan Woolbright and passed unanimously.

K. Contract Disclosures - Laura Baber

The sons of two district employees (Glen Sanders and Brad Harris) will

work in the Maintenance Department this summer under the supervision of Kevin Chastain. Arkansas law requires disclosure and a board resolution when a district employee or board member has a financial interest in a vendor (in this case, the sons).

6:45 p.m. - Randy Mitchell made a motion that was seconded by Dio Vannucci to approve the contract disclosures as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

L. Morrow Contract Disclosure - Laura Baber

6:45 p.m. Jeff Morrow removed himself from the meeting for this action item.

Jeff Morrow's son, Grayson, will work in the Maintenance Department this summer under the supervision of Kevin Chastain. Arkansas law requires disclosure and a board resolution when a district employee or board member has a financial interest in a vendor (in this case, Mr. Morrow's son).

6:46 p.m. - Jackie Sasfai made a motion to approve the Morrow contract disclosure as presented. Motion was seconded by Dio Vannucci and passed with all members present voting in favor of the motion.

Jeff Morrow returned to the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

VIII. **Information Item**

A. ALC Location - Kevin Chastain

Some board members and administrators recently looked at a facility to possibly house the ALC. We are in the process of looking for a new location for the ALC because we will have to vacate our current location by June 2017. Mr. Chastain is working with a local realtor for a possible solution. The facility must have green space to accommodate our LINX children, as well as gym space for the upper level students.

B. Traffic Update

Officer Jackson said that the new later start time at the high school has been a "little trying." He believes that an earlier start versus a delayed start would be better for traffic flow. On a daily basis, there are more than 325 cars in the high school parking lots. There is not a perfect solution, but there appears to be more pros than cons to moving to an earlier start.

Administration plans to bring an action item to the board next month to approve an early start for the high school.

IX. **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 - Mary Morgan

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

The board recessed for Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 7:08 p.m.

XI. **Personnel Recommendations/HR Report - Mary Morgan**

7:08 p.m. - Jeff Morrow made a motion that was seconded by Jarrod Hambric to approve the Personnel Report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

XII. **Selection of Superintendent**

7:09 p.m. - Motion made by Jonathan Woolbright and seconded by Jarrod Hambric to approve Dr. Mike Skelton as the next Superintendent of the Benton School District, beginning July 1, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

XIII. **Upcoming Dates to Remember**

- A. May 17, 2016 - Senior Awards Night @ BHS
- B. May 19, 2016 - Graduation (Jack Stephens Center @ UALR)
- C. May 24, 2016 - Last Day of School
- D. June 13, 2016 - Regular Board Meeting

XIV. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

President

Secretary

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Benton Board of Education Special Meeting (Personnel)

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II. Establishment of Quorum

All members were present.

III. Executive Session (if needed)

Board recessed for Executive Session at 5:31 p.m. and returned to Regular Session at 5:43 p.m.

IV. Personnel Recommendations

5:43 p.m. - Dio Vannucci made a motion that was seconded by Jonathan Woolbright to approve the Personnel Report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

President

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