

**Benton School District****Meeting Minutes**

Printed : 5/15/2018 10:31 AM CST

**Benton Board of Education****05/14/2018 05:30 PM**Professional Development Center  
211 North Border**I. Call to Order**

Jared Hambric invited Jeff Morrow to lead the meeting as a gesture of appreciation for his years of service on Benton's School Board.

5:30 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Jeff Morrow.

**II. Establishment of Quorum**

All Board members were present for the meeting: Jared Hambric, Holley Little, Randy Mitchell, Jeff Morrow, Jackie Sasfai, Dio Vannucci, and Jonathan Woolbright.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance****IV. Panther Pride**

- A. Youth Environment Ambassador Student of the Year- Mark Rash
- B. Middle School Poetry Awards - Mr. Quinn
- C. BHS Science Olympiad - Mr. Barger
- D. BHS FBLA State Awards - Mr. Barger
- E. Choir Awards - Mr. Barger
- F. JROTC Program of Accreditation Inspection - Mr. Barger
- G. National Merit Finalist, Jared Hastings - Mr. Barger
- H. Weight Lifting - Scott Neathery
- I. Track & Field - Scott Neathery
  - 1. BJHS Lady Panther Track & Field - Scott Neathery
  - 2. BHS Lady Panther Track & Field - Scott Neathery
- J. Benton Schools Receive Recognition Money - Karla Neathery
- K. PLC Project Award - Karla Neathery
- L. Board Member Recognition - Dr. Mike Skelton  
Jeff Morrow was recognized as a 10 year board member. Mr. Morrow's term will end in May.
- M. Teachers of the Year

**V. Informational Items**

- A. Grant received for College/Career Coach - Dr. Skelton  
Dr. Skelton informed the Board that the District has received a grant for a College/Career Coach. The position will be paid by the grant and Perkins funds.
- B. Benton to host Softball State Championship Finals - Scott Neathery  
Scott Neathery informed the Board that Benton will host the State Softball Finals. Mr. Neathery expressed his appreciation that the district's facilities are adequate for this honor.

**VI. Amendment to the Agenda**

6:21 - Dio Vannucci made motion to amend the agenda to add Action Item J - Approval of Support of Saline County CTE Center.

Randy Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**VII. Consent Agenda**

6:22, Jared Hambric made motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Jackie Sasfai seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- A. Reading of Previous Minutes
- B. Financial Reports - Laura Baber
- C. Approval of Gifts/Donations - Laura Baber
- D. Contract Disclosures - Laura Baber
- E. Aramark February 2018 Invoice
- F. Aramark March 2018 Invoice

**VIII. Action Items**

- A. Approve Application for Part B Funds - Angela McWhorter  
Angela McWhorter presented the Part B Funding for Special Education.  
6:23 - Jackie Sasfai made motion to approve Part B Funding as presented.  
Holley Little seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Caldwell Elementary matching funds request - Laura Baber

Laura Baber presented the request from Caldwell Elementary and their PTO for matching funds of up to \$5000. The plan is to install water fountains that will fill water bottles and a sound system.

6:24, Randy Mitchell made motion to approve the request for matching funds to purchase water fountains and a sound system of up to \$5000.

Jared Hambric seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Aramark annual renewal - Dr. Skelton

Dr. Mike Skelton presented the renewal contract with Aramark for the outsourcing of Food Services.

6:25, Jackie Sasfai made motion to approve the Aramark Contract Renewal as presented.

Randy Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Arch Ford Renewal - Dr. Skelton

Dr. Mike Skelton presented the agreement with Arch Ford for the ALE and HUB program. He included there will be an additional two staff members for this program.

6:26, Randy Mitchell made motion to approve the agreement with Arch Ford as presented.

Jackie Sasfai seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Bus Purchase - Danny Revis

Danny Revis presented the request for the purchase of two buses to upgrade our fleet.

6:28, Holley Little made motion to approve the purchase of two buses as presented.

Jonathan Woolbright seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

F. Middle School Sidewalk addition- Kevin Chastain

Kevin Chastain presented the request for sidewalk additions to the Middle School. He explained that the funding comes from savings on the Middle School Cafeteria Project.

6:29, Dio Vannucci made motion to approve as presented.

Jonathan Woolbright seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

G. Projects Bid Approvals - Kevin Chastain

1. High School Band Expansion

Kevin Chastain presented the Band Expansion Project for approval. He explained that the expansion will increase the high school band area by 1200 square feet and will include a roll up door for loading and unloading instruments.

6:32, Randy Mitchell made motion to approve the request as presented.

Jared Hambric seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Baseball field relocation

Kevin Chastain presented the request to relocate the baseball facility to the Athletic Complex. He explained that the existing space will then be open for building. He also informed the Board that ADE has approved matching funds to assist with the building once the baseball field is relocated. There is also discussion of Private funds to assist with the relocation.

Jackie Sasfai made the point that this is a project that was part of the Bond Extension Plan.

6:35, Jared Hambric made motion to approve as presented.

Jackie Sasfai seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

H. Approve 2018-19 Salary Schedule Changes - Mrs. Gattis

Lita Gattis presented the salary schedule changes, as was put on a 30 day read in April.

6:36, Dio Vannucci made motion to approve the certified salary schedule changes as presented. Randy Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

6:37, Jackie Sasfai made motion to approve the classified salary schedule changes as presented. Jonathan Woolbright seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

I. Approve District Policy Changes - Mrs. Gattis

Lita Gattis presented the District Policy changes as were on a 30 day read in April.

She also stated these changes had been approved by the PPC and the CPPC.

6:38, Dio Vannucci made motion to approve as presented.

Randy Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

J. College of the Ouachitas MOU

Dr. Mike Skelton presented the MOU with College of the Ouachitas and seven school districts that shows support of the Saline County CTE Center.

6:40, Randy Mitchell made motion to approve as presented.

Dio Vannucci seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**IX. Adoption of District Policy Changes (30 Day Read) - Lita Gattis**

Lita Gattis presented District Policy changes to be placed on 30 day read.

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

No executive session needed.

**XI. Personnel Recommendations/HR Report - Lita Gattis**

Lita Gattis presented the personnel recommendations from administration.

6:42, Dio Vannucci made motion to approve Administration's personnel recommendations.

Holley Little seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**XII. Department Reports**

- A. Facilities Report - Kevin Chastain
- B. Curriculum & Instruction - Karla Neathery
- C. Transportation Report- Danny Revis
- D. Athletics Report - Scott Neathery
- E. Child Nutrition/Food Service Report - Martha Nehus
- F. Special Education - Angie McWhorter
- G. Technology - Sherri Fite
- H. Academic Services (CTE/GT/Special Programs) - Dr. Kim Anderson
- I. Human Resources/Admin & Student Services - Lita Gattis

**XIII. Student Disciplinary Hearing**

- A. Student #AG90929

The room was cleared for a discipline hearing for student #AG90929. The parent asked for a closed hearing.

The Board went into executive session at 7:12, and reconvened at 7:26.

7:27, Randy Mitchell made motion for suspended expulsion until May 15, 2019 as recommended by administration with two exceptions which were presented in writing and signed by the parent.

Motion was seconded by Jackie Sasfai. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Student #CB101757  
This hearing was postponed.

**XIV. Upcoming Dates to Remember**

- A. May 15, 2018 - Senior Awards Night @ BHS
- B. May 17, 2018 - Graduation (Jack Stephens Center @ UALR)
- C. May 23, 2018 - Last Day of School
- D. June 11, 2018 - Regular Board Meeting

**XV. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

**Benton School District****Meeting Minutes**

Printed : 6/1/2018 8:19 AM CST

**Benton Board of Education Special Meeting****05/31/2018 05:00 PM**Chenault Administration Building  
207 W. Conway Street  
Benton, AR 72015

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**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Jarrod Hambric, at 5:00 p.m.

**II. Establishment of Quorum**

Board Members Present: Jarrod Hambric, Holley Little, Randy Mitchell, Jackie Sasfai, Dio Vannucci

Jonathan Woolbright came in at 5:10 p.m.

**III. Executive Session (If needed)**

No executive session taken.

**IV. Action Item****A. Personnel Recommendations - Lita Gattis**

Lita Gattis presented the personnel recommendations.

5:06 Dio Vannucci made motion to approve personnel recommendations as presented. Holley Little seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

**B. Approve updated Classified Salary Schedule - Brian Lowrance**

Brian Lowrance, representative of the Classified Personnel Policy Committee, presented the updated Classified Salary Schedule. He stated the change was due to the raise of minimum wage.

5:07 Dio Vannucci made motion to waive the 30 day read. Randy Mitchell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5:07 Dion Vannucci made motion to approve the updated Classified Salary Schedule as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**V. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:12.

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President

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Secretary

**Benton School District**

**Benton Board of Education - Workshop**

**Meeting Minutes**

**06/06/2018 11:00 AM**

**Printed : 6/7/2018 9:37 AM CST**

Chenault Administration Building  
207 W. Conway Street

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**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Jarred Hambric, at 11:11.

**II. Establishment of Quorum**

Board members present: Jarred Hambric, Holley Little, Randy Mitchell, Jackie Sasfai, Dio Vannucci, Jonathan Woolbright

Board members absent: Chris Ledbetter

**III. Information Items and Reports**

A. Strategic Planning

11:12 - 12:11, Jack Truemper discussed financial options for the District.

12:11 - 12:25 Laura Baber presented financial status of the district as of June.

12:26 - 1:24 The Board discussed future needs of the district.

B. Handbook Updates

1:25 - 3:00 Lita Gattis, The Board, and building Principals discussed the updated Handbook.

**IV. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

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President

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Secretary