

Benton School District

Meeting Minutes

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**Benton Board of Education-Annual Report
to Public**

10/10/2016 5:00:00 PM

Professional Development Center

211 North Border Street

Benton, AR

No Attendees

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Karla Neathery.

II. Establishment of Quorum

All members were present.

III. Annual Report to the Public- Karla Neathery

Karla Neathery presented the Annual Report.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

President

Secretary

Benton School District**Meeting Minutes****Printed : 10/13/2016 8:40 AM CST****Benton Board of Education****10/10/2016 5:30:00 PM**Professional Development Center
211 North Border

No Attendees

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 by Heath Nix.

II. Establishment of Quorum

All members were present.

III. Pledge of Allegiance**IV. REORGANIZE BOARD****A. President**

5:31 p.m. Motion was made by Dio Vannucci to nominate Jonathan Woolbright for President. Randy Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

B. Vice-President

5:32 p.m. Motion was made by Dio Vannucci to nominate Jarrod Hambric for Vice President. Randy Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

C. Secretary

5:33 p.m. Motion was made by Dio Vannucci to nominate Jeff Morrow for Secretary. Randy Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

V. District News - Superintendent/Panther Pride**A. Benton High School Students Named National Commended Students**
Curt Barger presented Panther Pride awards to William Guerra and Austin Dorman as recognition for their accomplishments as 2016 National Commended Students on the PSAT.**B. Boys & Girls Club Blue Spirit Award Winner**

Angie Dischinger presented a Panther Pride Award to Jasen Kelly, Saline County Boys & Girls Club, recognizing his dedication to the youth of Saline County and receipt of the Blue Spirit Award at the BGCA Southwest Leadership Conference.

C. Recognition of Principals and Assistant Principals

Dr. Skelton, Mrs. Dischinger, Mrs. Gattis, and Mrs. Neathery presented Panther Pride awards to the Principals and Assistant Principals of each school in observance of October being National Principal's Month.

VI. Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Jarrod Hambric to approve Consent Items as presented. The motion was seconded by Jeff Morrow. Motion passed with all members voting in favor.

A. Reading of Previous Minutes**B. Financial Reports - L. Baber****C. Approval of Gifts/Donations - L. Baber****D. Approval of Apple Lease Payment - S. Fite****E. Statement of Assurance - Lita Gattis****VII. Action Items****A. Transfer of Student Requests - Lita Gattis**

Lita Gattis requested approval of student requests. Motion was made by Jackie Sasfai to approve as presented. Randy Mitchell seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the transfers.

Five students were received into Benton District and three transferred out of the District.

B. Approve Technology Purchase - S. Fite

Sherri Fite requested the purchase of a new firewall. After research, the SonicWall is the one that best fits our District's needs. It is on the Tips/Taps list.

Jarrold Hambric made a motion to approve as requested. Jackie Sasfai seconded the motion. All members voted to approve.

C. Approve Contingency on Benton Middle School Project - Chastain

Kevin Chastain asked the board for a contingency change of \$66,678 for necessary purchase for the Middle School Addition.

Motion was made by Randy Mitchell and seconded by Heath Nix to approve the request. All members voted unanimous in favor.

D. Approval of Purchase of Cameras for BMS Additions - Chastain

Kevin Chastain presented the request to approve funds to purchase Cameras for the Middle School Addition. The cost includes 61 cameras and installation and two years warranty. Mr. Chastain explained the cameras were listed in the budget. The cost is \$96,326.84. This is a tips/taps item.

Mr. Chastain did point out that at the end of the two year period, the District would have the option to purchase continued warranty.

Randy Mitchell made a motion to approve as presented. Dio Vannucci seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

E. Approval of Purchase of Smart Boards for BMS new Additions - Chastain

Kevin Chastain requested the contingency funds previously approved would be used to purchase Smart boards for classrooms in the Middle School Addition. The funds would purchase the 17 boards and accessories needed. The cost will be \$66,677.51 and is Tips/Taps list.

Motion to approve as presented by Jackie Sasfai. Jeff Morrow seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

F. Annual Resolution for ACT 1120 - Laura Baber

Laura Baber presented ACT 1120 form. She explained the District is required to list any employees who have received a 5% or higher increase in pay last year. This will include employees who went from part time to full time. Also included will be employees who were hired late in the year,

and licensed employees who received an increase in pay due to educational hours received.

Dio Vannucci made a motion to accept as presented. Jackie Sasfai seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

G. Approve Proposed Policy Changes -L. Gattis

Lita Gattis presented that Policy 3.6 and Policy 7.24b were on 30 day read at the September meeting. It is requested that the Board move forward to approve the policy changes.

Dio Vannucci made motion to approve as requested. The motion was seconded by Jeff Morrow. Unanimous vote to approve.

H. Proposed Policy Changes (30 Day Read) - L. Gattis, Brian Lowrance

Lita Gattis presented proposed changes to Policy 8.11. This policy explains the Fair Labor Standards Act. The change is in the wording of which employees are not eligible for overtime pay and reads as follows:

Exempt Employees are those employees who are not covered under the FLSA. Because the employee's:

A. Primary job duties are considered to be exempt eligible due to being administrative or professional in nature. Examples include teachers, counselors, registered nurses, and supervisors; and

B. Salary meets or exceeds a minimum weekly/annual amount. Any employee who is unsure of their coverage status should consult with the District's Administration.

This was put on 30 day read.

Brian Lowrance presented the CPPC (Classified Personnel Policy Committee) policy change. He proposed to amend the classified salary schedule. The District has a need for Assistant Speech Language Therapist - Licensed Salary Schedule, range 1. Adding this would meet the District student needs. Due to the immediate need, the CPPC is requesting the 30 day read be waived and the addition be approved.

Motion was made by Heath Nix to waive the 30 day read and seconded by Dio Vannucci. The vote was unanimous.

Motion was made by Heath Nix to approve as presented. Randy Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VIII. Executive Session (if needed)

No executive session needed.

IX. Personnel Recommendations/HR Report - Lita Gattis

Lita Gattis presented personnel recommendations and requests Board to accept as presented.

Motion was made by Heath Nix to accept as presented. Dio Vannucci seconded the motion. All members voted to approve the request as presented.

X. Department Reports

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

XI. Information Items

- A. Athletic Complex Entrance - K. Chastain
- B. Clerical Substitute Pay - L. Baber

XII. Superintendent's Report

- A. Benton Planning Commission Public Hearing
- B. Lunch with the Board Dates
- C. School Board Self Evaluation Survey
- D. Flu Immunization Clinic Dates Set
- E. October 24 Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences: 3:30-7:30
- F. October 25 Secondary Parent/Teacher Conferences: 3:30- 7:30
- G. October 28 No School
- H. November 14 Board Photos 3:00 p.m.
- I. November 14 Regular School Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.

XIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

President

Secretary

Benton School District**Meeting Minutes****Printed : 10/24/2016 8:57 AM CST****Benton Board of Education-Lunch with Board****10/21/2016 11:30:00 AM**Howard Perrin Elementary School
1201 Smithers Drive
Benton, AR 72015**Attendees - voting members**

Jarrold Hambric	Vice President
Randy Mitchell	Board Member
Jackie C Sasfai	Board Member
Dio Vannucci	Board Member
Jeff Morrow	Other

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Jarrod Hambric at 12:10.

II. Establishment of Quorum**III. Student Disciplinary Hearing****A. Student #80219**

The Parent and Student #80219 were present and requested a closed hearing.

The board adjourned into executive session at 12:11 and reconvened into open session at 12:42. Dr. Skelton presented the recommendation for Suspended Expulsion with the criteria set forth and agreed upon by all parties. The Board also added the student will attend ALC until a mental Health evaluation is complete. Once complete, the student will return to the school. The student will also write an essay. The student must meet all criteria or the expulsion will stand.

12:45 Motion was made by Jeff Morrow to approve the suspended expulsion for the remaining school year.

The motion was seconded by Jackie Sasfai.

Vote was unanimously approved.

Parent of student thanked the Board for another chance and left the meeting at 12:46.

IV. Lunch at Howard Perrin Elementary**V. Information Items and Reports****A. Strategic Planning**

Future financial strategies for BPS with Jack Truemper, Stephens, Inc.

Facilities

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:39.

President

Secretary