

Benson Polytechnic High School Alumni Association Monthly Board of Directors Meeting – Final



Date: Nov 18, 2024
Starting Time: 5:30 pm
Ending Time: 7:02 pm
Hybrid meeting

ATTENDEES:

Board Members: Roger Edwards (RE); Bobbie (Rob) Walker (BW); Jeff Strachan (JS); Rob Johns (RJ); Gerry Ochs (GO); Josh Piper (JP); Thomas Smith (TS); Rachael Kuryunny (RK); Mike Landstrom (ML); Bob Trimble (BT); Anthony Reimer (AR); Dale Bajema (DB)

Guests: Neil Galash, former board member, alum; Ken Bakke (KB), former board member, alum; Kevin Clark (KC); Dan Malone (DM), PPS; Curtis Wilson (CW), Principal of Benson Tech; Dick Spies (DS) former board member, alum; Chuck Heil (CH), former board member, alum

ABSENT: Dave Hutchins (DH), Maj Britt (Max) Baker (MB)

BUSINESS

- DM spoke:
 - Jet Engine should be available during Tech Show
 - Electrical system challenges
 - Main Gym – first league game 12.6. Floor not ready so hopefully obtain City occupancy permit to play the games in the gym.
 - Locker rooms -?
 - Enrollment:
 - 195 applications are in.
 - Lottery deadline 1/15/2025; Responses by 2/5/2025
 - Final letters will go out
 - Current enrollment 900
 - 335 Spots for 25/26
 - 25 spots for sophomore year
 - The following year 26/27 will have the same
 - Recent Budget will dictate numbers following years after 2025/2026 school year
 - Concerns about KBPS are not true and they are available. Tech Concerns with appropriate cards and computers. Information is not true and needs to run concerns via Dan Malone. Building “I” is KBPS Studio and the last building started and last finished. Dan has requested the dialog be discussed outside of the Alumni meeting and to please reach out to him.

- RK asked about the picnic date in June/July. Suggested September 2025 for the picnic. CW is aware and has sent something out.
- Member report – JP
 - 119 members
 - Looking for class breakout.
 - 1 person took up the free offer class 1999
- Financial report – BT
 - \$6183.00 on deposit
- Minutes – Oct 2024 minutes were tabled for next meeting
- Newsletter - DB
 - deadline date 12-15-2024 for articles
 - Rachael suggested several items were proposed for the newsletter. Suggests something for the documentary and a poster with a hyper link.
 - Appreciation Letters
 - Roll out for the academic year and suggest this be completed by December
- Site Counsel - DB
 - 3-5 schools site counsel
 - Brainstorming for concessions Vision for the future
 - Next Meeting Thursday 11/21/2024
 - Will meet in December and hopefully have a final Jan 2025 sent to Curtis Wilson for approval
 - Looking for some type of Arts program in 2025/2026 school. Possible Music Program but budget cuts generate concerns and challenges. Currently there is a music club vs. a class.
 - Mobile Phone issues discussed; Benson committee have 15 people. Will be before the school district 12/17/2024. The phone lock option the school district will help fund. Grant, Franklin, and a couple others are currently using a locking system for student personal mobile devices.
 - \$40 million budget cut. Cuts have come from reserves and those have been consumed. Huge cuts pending 25/26 school year.
 - DB suggests next meeting to review and strategize to help the school ease the burden of the coming budget cuts. Suggest petition and other options to push issue to Salem and obtain additional state funding.
- Tech Show 4/17 & 4/18
 - Rachael will be away for 2 of the 4 meetings prior to the Tech Show. Looking for ideas (refresh) in the new school. Needs a Chair Person to help get this managed. Maybe in 2 places, old gym and alumni room. Place year books in the alumni room to push alumni to the new room.
 - Form a sub committee to help get this managed by the end of January.

- Anthony
 - Roger
 - Josh
 - Bob W
 - Thomas
 - Rob
- Dan suggests the new commons vs. old gym.
- Rachael still believes the old gym is the best place due to history
- Possible meet an hour prior to next board meeting at Benson.
- Curtis Wilson (CW) – Principal
 - Second weekend in August Picnic vs. September. Concerns August staff just coming back and September will be in full swing for school. Alumni take the lead and school will support. Possible another weekend in August. Suggest September for a better turnout. Looking at the Saturday after Labor Day. Alumni will take the discussion back... Alumni can run the picnic and the school will support. Alumni will need to determine.
 - CUB Fee waved this year but next year, we need to identify what areas we will have for the CUB fee and what areas we will have access to.
 - Possible picnic during homecoming week October. Suggestion to participate all week at events and finish with a picnic on Saturday. Suggest food carts moving forward vs. the alumni doing a BBQ or sandwiches.
 - Suggested dates for 25/26 September 13, 2025 for picnic. Second date September 6, 2025.
- “What Does BPHSAA Do?” discussion
 - RK presented the purpose document and requested board member feedback. KC would like a soft copy.
- Dialog within the board about allocation and Jefferson Alumni access.
- Boosters
 - Boosters presented a plaque and Robs Speech from Grand Opening. Thank you, Rob, for the last decade of support to the Alumni Board.
- Alumni Room - JP
 - Starting to get things unpacked.
- Digitizing
 - 31 – 32 have now been scanned
 - 33 has begun.
- Next up is the Annual Board Meeting.

UPCOMING BUSINESS

- Dec 9, 2024 – 5:30 PM Board Meeting- Hybrid

- Tech Show subcommittee meets at 4:30; Robotics Club Demo upstairs in Robotics Room at 5:10 after which we can get a look at the New Gym floor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Landstrom
Secretary Pro Tem
BPHS Alumni Association

BUSINESS SAVINGS		BEGINNING BALANCE	TOTAL DEPOSITS	TOTAL WITHDRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE	
		\$3,265.58	\$0.08	-\$0.00	\$3,265.66	
BSAV00		YTD DIVIDENDS	YTD DIVIDENDS WITHHELD			
		\$0.80	\$0.00			
Actual	Effective	Transaction Description			Amount	Balance
10/31	10/31	Dividend Annual Percentage Yield Earned= 0.03% For 31 Days			0.08	3265.66

TOTAL OVERDRAFT AND RETURNED ITEM FEES		
Fee Type	Total For This Period	Total Year-To-Date
Total Overdraft Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Returned Items	\$0.00	\$0.00

BUSINESS FLEX CHCK		BEGINNING BALANCE	TOTAL DEPOSITS	TOTAL WITHDRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE	
		\$2,523.25	\$1,398.05	-\$1,003.73	\$2,917.57	
BFLX00		YTD DIVIDENDS	YTD DIVIDENDS WITHHELD			
		\$0.00	\$0.00			
Actual	Effective	Transaction Description			Amount	Balance
10/03	10/02	Withdrawal Draft Clearing Check #229 - Withdrawal, Draft Clearing			-369.00	2154.25
10/15	10/15	Deposit ACH PAYPAL*TRANSFER			1398.05	3552.30
10/25	10/24	Withdrawal Draft Clearing Check #232 - Withdrawal, Draft Clearing			-529.24	3023.06
10/28	10/25	Withdrawal Draft Clearing Check #231 - Withdrawal, Draft Clearing			-105.49	2917.57

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CLEARED CHECKS - BUSINESS FLEX CHCK								
CHECK #	DATE PAID	AMOUNT	CHECK #	DATE PAID	AMOUNT	CHECK #	DATE PAID	AMOUNT
229	10/02	369.00	231	10/25	105.49	232	10/24	529.24