

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



Date: April 14, 2025
Starting Time: 5:33 pm
Ending Time: 6:26 pm
Hybrid meeting

ATTENDEES:

Board Members: Josh Piper (JP); Roger Edwards (RE);); Thomas Smith (TS); Rob Johns (RJ); Kevin Clark (KC); Rachael Kuryunny (RK); Dale Bajema (DB)

Online: Maj Britt (Max) Baker (MB); Gerry Ochs (GO); Bobbie (Rob) Walker (BW); Bob Trimble (BT); Mike Landstrom (ML)

Guests: Moto, former BPHS student, transferred 1st quarter to PCC; Chuck Heil (CH), former board member, graduate, and teacher at Benson Tech; Dick Spies, former board member and alum.

ABSENT: Anthony Reimer (AR); Jeff Strachan (JS)

BUSINESS

- In person folks looked at some historic New York Times newspapers that we unearthed while setting up the Alumni Room.
- DM:
 - Getting to end of Andersen contract. Several things more to be done.
 - Digital Media studio – you can hear some air coming through the vents but it's supposed to be silent, so they are looking at it.
 - Some of the stairs out of this room were bunged up.
 - Thursdays' talk at 7:30PM will be about 30 minutes and then he'll take questions.
 - student population
 - programs available
 - football into its second year. Men's volleyball is just a club sport, so it probably won't be mentioned.
 - Changes in the building.
 - RK: everyone should get folks to the auditorium at 7:30pm.
 - Concord parking is only avail Friday. Lloyd Plaza said we could park there either day. East of the onramp.

- Building schedule, graduation are coming up. 162 graduates. In 3 years, that will be doubled.
- Member Report (JP)
 - 80 paid members.
- Financial Report (BT)
 - \$3456.10 in savings, \$3869.86 in checking, total after 192.93 transferred in from Paypal and 20 direct deposit.
 - Paypal \$136
- Prior Meeting Minutes Approval (MB)
 - Feb: No additional corrections after Feb draft 3 was sent out
 - Will hold March minutes for review, since they were sent out today.
- Alumni Newsletter – DB:
 - Released yesterday. Great diversity of articles.
 - **DB moved that we spend \$475 printing cost for the newsletter. RK seconded. Motion approved.**
- July/Aug meeting – RK:
 - RK moved that we skip our July meeting 2025.
 - RK moved that we move August 11 meeting to August 18, 2025.
- Tech Show
 - 3 locations:
 - GO and others rotating (Jerome and Jeff), at front end of Hallway. Banner. Directing folks to new Alumni room, few newsletters etc. Next to Amy Henry and ambassadors. Highlighters to highlight the room.
 - 1st floor cakes and water etc. 2nd floor foyer yearbooks.
 - Taylor and documentary screening
 - Thurs Chet, Friday Sig talking about Simon Benson.
 - In Alumni room – screen that allows folks to look at the old Tech Peps, timeline with sticky notes.
 - We need floaters with the yearbooks so they don't walk off.
 - One of us will have the elevator card.
 - WE NEED FOLDING TABLES! Rob/Max will bring tables.
 - Duct tape! Do we need extension cords? Maybe.
 - Need people to come in early for setup on Thursday.
 - Expenses – JP
 - Cakes, etc.
 - Banner
 - Cards to give out
 - Committee picked up 4 folding tables for alumni assoc use.
 - Total is about \$700
 - **JP moved that we authorized \$700 for expenses. RK seconded. Motion passed.**
- Boosters – JP:
 - Raised about \$12K last fall, spent time figuring out how to distribute that money. They have distributed about \$6 to clubs and sports teams so far; a good cross section of students.

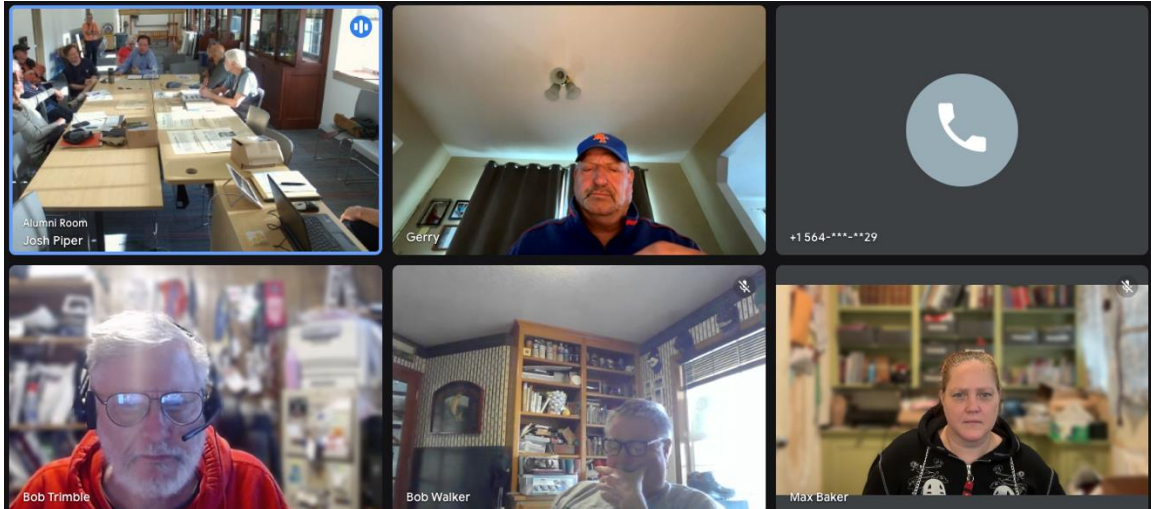
- Group has a strong core leadership, now trying to bring on more folks.
- They are getting the Trophy for the class that raised the most money. Foundry teacher agreed to make the top. It won't be ready for Tech Show, but class of 85 is having their 40th reunion in September. This might be a great time to do it at the community picnic.
- Sometimes parents of athletes are so focused on their athlete, they could use some more alumni supporters stepping up.
- RK: It can be tough because it's not a 'neighborhood' school – they aren't around the other kids or parents for years as in a neighborhood school.
- JP can help with giveaway, merch. RK willing to help as well.
- DM:
 - Principal Wilson convinced DM to work two half days a week on campus next school year. YAY!
 - There is wood left over from the old pictures/banners from the new gym, if you need any.
 - GO: DM: Can you send contacts with mannequins to him.
- Tech Pep and Yearbook archive project – RE:
 - 1942 Tech peps there for them to review. These are great!
- Hello to DS! He'll be at Tech show with his grandson.

UPCOMING BUSINESS

- May 12, 2025 4:30PM Scholarship committee; 5:30 PM Board Meeting-Hybrid

Respectfully Submitted,

Maj Britt (Max) Baker
 Secretary
 BPHS Alumni Association



BUSINESS SAVINGS	BEGINNING BALANCE	TOTAL DEPOSITS	TOTAL WITHDRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE
BSAV00	\$3,456.01	\$0.09	-\$0.00	\$3,456.10
	YTD DIVIDENDS	YTD DIVIDENDS WITHHELD		
	\$0.26	\$0.00		
Actual	Effective	Transaction Description	Amount	Balance
03/31	03/31	Dividend Annual Percentage Yield Earned= 0.03% For 31 Days	0.09	3456.10

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	\$-30.00

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BFLX00	\$3,656.93	\$212.93	-\$0.00	\$3,869.86
	YTD DIVIDENDS	YTD DIVIDENDS WITHHELD		
	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Actual	Effective	Transaction Description	Amount	Balance
03/11	03/11	Deposit ACH PAYPAL*TRANSFER	192.93	3849.86
03/14	03/14	Deposit ACH PointWest CU*Mobile Dep	20.00	3869.86

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