Benson Polytechnic High School Alumni Association
Annual Board of Directors Meeting - FINAL

Date: Nov 10, 2025
Starting Time: 5:38 pm
Ending Time: 6:20 pm
Hybrid meeting

ATTENDEES:

Board Members: Roger Edwards (RE); Rob Johns (RJ); Gerry Ochs (GO); Josh Piper (JP); Thomas Smith (TS); Rachael Kurynny (RK); Mike Landstrom (ML); Maj Britt (Max) Baker (MB); Kevin Clark (KC)

Online: Bob Trimble (BT); Dale Bajema (DB); Curtis Wilson (CW), Principal of Benson Tech (guest), Jacque Strong class of 1990, Metal Fabrication (guest)

Guests: Dan Malone (DM), PPS; Christina White, class of 1997, VICA, Electrical Engineering (Vogal), Alex Lamb class of 1980, Fluid Power.

ABSENT: Bobbie (Rob) Walker (BW); Jeff Strachan (JS); Anthony Reimer (AR)

BUSINESS

- Principal Curtis Wilson:
    - About 1030 students this year, allowed us to add FTE and courses. Bringing back music in some capacity but there's an anticipated 50 million shortfall for AY 2026-2027, so waiting to hear how it affects the district and schools. Talking about it in site council. Another month or two before we get actual numbers.
    - We do need to add some electives, so our objective is to get music back.
    - Just finished Fall season – our football team made it through, so we'll have a full-fledged program next year. Having conversations about getting Buckman for homecoming.
    - Getting ready for boys and girls basketball. Programs are doing well. Getting ready for 8th grade info night, Nov 20th 6-8PM. District is sending out invites for families to visit the school. Very confident we'll meet our numbers for next year. District will give us 335 slots – we wanted 350, but they said no as they are trying to figure out how to support other high schools they want to grow.
    - We need more electives, but they cost money.
    - How many were accepted that didn't end up enrolling? Principal Wilson said around 30-40. The district ok'd opening the slots, since there were 100 on the waiting list. They started calling the students and several said yes, they were willing to leave their current school

and come. So, they were only short a few and the district stopped talking about cuts.
    - When the boundaries are redrawn, and they make Jefferson a true neighborhood school – it wouldn't be this next year, it would be the year after.
    - Needs that alumni can help with:
        - 8th grade info night, tech show, community celebration picnic.
    - The school is doing well.
    - The deficit was fluctuating between 30 and 70 million. Just told it was 50 but it could go up. It's all going in front of the Oregon legislature to fund the schools as they need to be funded. There are contingency plans in place.
    - We always try and protect CTE, but we've already trimmed back. We may end up having to raise the number of kids in the CTE classes. It started at 24, it might be up to about 28, and it may move up into the 30s. Even with health and safety this may be the reality.
- Principal Wilson left the meeting.
- RJ commented that Principal Wilson has been a great principal and has turned down other offers in order to stay here.
- Minutes:
    - Minutes from Nov 18, 2024 were read aloud, and corrected.
    - RK moved that we accept, ML seconded. Motion passed.
- Elections:
    - Seats 11 and 14 are open
    - Note that AR has moved, so that seat is open.
    - What does the board do?
        - We advocate for the school.
            - The Association was created as a direct response to the District Superintendent's desire to change Benson Tech into a 2-year technical skills center.
            - PTA is a bit of a void; Boosters wasn't strong then.
            - Contacting media and confronting the board as well
        - Supporting the clubs
            - Concessions work supporting the clubs
            - Supporting radio, robotics, cheer, etc.
        - Archival information
            - Yearbooks scanned
            - Tech peps scanned
            - Archived items belonging to alumni
        - Support activities
            - Tech show
            - Community picnics
            - Alumni Reunions
            - School Tours

        - Fundraising
            - Scholarships
            - Using our contact list to inform alums about what clubs or activities need funding
        - MB noted that it's really as much or as little as you want to contribute. We meet once a month for two hours, and if that's all you can do, that's fine. You can get to know us and find your area of interest and how to best be involved.
    - Board nominations were opened
    - These nominations were made by ML:
        - Alex was nominated for position 11
        - Christina was nominated for position 14.
    - Nominations closed
    - The nominations were seconded by RK and unanimously approved.
    - Continuing Position Nominations GO:
        - Seat 12 – BT
        - Seat 13 – RK
        - Seat 15 - TS
    - Nomination closed
    - The nominations were seconded by KC and unanimously approved
- Annual Financial Report
    - $1732.81 expenditure this year
    - $1822.74 income
    - Expenditure's must be submitted to close out year.
    - Financials are available to review upon request.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maj Britt (Max) Baker
Secretary Pro Tem
BPHS Alumni Association

Income

Jan	$131.67	
Feb	$635.60	
March	$212.93	
April	$285.50	
May	$289.36	
June	$37.62	
July		
Aug	$94.05	
Sept	$136.01	
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		
Interest		
	$1,822.74	$1,822.74
	diff	$89.93

Benson Polytechnic High School Alumni 2025 Financial Report

Check #	Date	Amount	Event
234	4/22/2025	$415.66	Tech Show Cakes
235	4/22/2025	$62.32	Tech Show Goodies
236	5/24/2025	$225.00	Yearbook Stuff
237	8/21/2025	$19.95	Zazzle Shipping for Shirts
238	9/13/2025	$24.04	Misc Reunion Items
239	9/13/2025	$325.00	News Letter
240	9/13/2025	$201.84	Postcards
241	4/18/2025	$459.00	News Letter
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		$1,732.81	$1,732.81

Outstanding Checks