

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



Date: Feb 9, 2026
Starting Time: 5:35 pm
Ending Time: 6:50 pm
Hybrid meeting

ATTENDEES:

Board Members: Josh Piper (JP); Thomas Smith (TS); Kevin Clark (KC);
Christina White (CW); Alex Lamb (AL); Bobbie (Rob) Walker (BW); Roger
Edwards (RE); Dale Bajema (DB); Jeff Strachan (JS)

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

Guests: Dan Malone (DM); Ken Bakke (KB); William “Moto” McChesney (alum)

ABSENT: Rachael Kuryunny (RK)

BUSINESS

- Guest:
 - DM:
 - Let me know what date you want tour training
 - 600 applications. They picked 340 names and sent letters that said they’d been accepted to Benson Tech for Class of 2030. Had to come to in person or online night with counsellors.
 - 272 returned registration sheets from first round. Limit is 335.
 - They will send out around 120 round 2 letters tomorrow.
 - The numbers will be announced tomorrow in staff meeting, and they will start making announcements.
- DM was excused.
- Financial Report – BT
 - Year End 2025 Financial report below
 - Reviewed the report BT submitted. Note that we will need to note a bump in income from lifetime memberships.
 - Budget around \$3000.
 - Discussed about resurrecting the relationship with Franz bakery for cookie donations.

- Discussed that we may have no CUB fee for Aug picnic since the school is doing 8th grade item.
 - Discussed print costs for newsletters: Tech Show, and Reopening.
- Prior Meeting Minutes Approval (MB)
 - December 2025 – Sent out draft 3 Jan 12th and Feb 4th. JS moved BW seconded. Motion passed.
 - January 2026 – Sent out draft 3 Feb 4th, Draft 4 (very minor changes) Feb 9th 5PM. Alex moved, and Thomas seconded accepting the revised minutes. Motion passed.
- Newsletter – DB:
 - 30th of Jan newsletter is out.
 - Planning for pre-Tech show newsletter. Articles due April 1st
 - Ad for Tech Show
 - August celebration
 - In brief news section
 - Boosters
 - Athletic Director – winter athletics
 - Publicity for the new Tech student newsletter
 - John Wong article
 - JP: Discussed class of '66 reunion. Kenton Station possible, etc.
 - Might be more than 8 pages, so we'll discuss at next meeting.
 - Maybe a page on reunions?
- Reunions – RK presented RK's info, remarking that He's impressed that more classes are tying their reunions to the community activity.
 - Class of '66 — 8/22 (coinciding with CC)
 - Class of '76 — nothing at present
 - Class of '86 — no updates despite repeated efforts to contact them via both email and social media
 - Class of '91 — 8/1 gathering @ Edgefield
 - Class of '96 — 8/21 & 8/22 (coinciding with CC)
 - Class of '01 — 8/21 & 8/22 (coinciding with CC)
 - Class of '06 — 8/21 & 8/22 (coinciding with CC)
- Site Council – DB:
 - Jan 28th mtg: Principal Wilson said everyone had a chance to see rounded numbers for cuts at each school. Benson Tech was at the low end of that. They will try and keep the cuts away from Teachers, but most likely support staff. Not planning on cutting programs. He will share numbers with the staff tomorrow at the staff meeting. Then they admins will fine tune the cuts.
 - Should know in May what the tentative teaching staff will be. Teachers at other schools with more seniority may bump around schools but trying to not cut CTE.
 - Principal Wilson was hoping that higher enrollment would allow for hiring a music teacher, but it seems doubtful at this point.

- Site council has been working closely with Heidi, who is leading the music club. JP has also been very involved. They do meet after school and at flex times. Will perform on Feb 17th at the basketball game, and later at a pep rally, and March 7th at the Talent Show at 4:30PM. Come out and support the band if you can.
- Next need is BATS – there hasn't been a teacher at Benson Tech to step up to lead this club. There is another PPS teacher leading this every Friday after school (Heidi, full time teacher at Da Vinci). Principal Wilson is looking for a staff member to advise this, and they need another adult as well, if possible.
 - Moto: Jacob Patterson (KBPS teacher) was the advisor before, but it's too much with everything else he is doing. Realistically, anyone could do it because the BATS could teach the advisor.
 - RJ: Maybe Nate who used to do the AV stuff for Benson Tech and is now at PPS.
 - Moto: Jacob's friend Mike used to help, but again, time commitment was an issue.
 - KC: We could start a list of people who might be available to help with any club, since this comes up for a while.
- Scholarship Committee – DB:
 - Blurb in the last newsletter about money raised. Roughly \$13,000 from 25 donors. About the same amount of money from last year, but different donors.
- Tech Show planning – RJ
 - Chester Benson can make it either or both days.
 - Sig has low probability of availability.
 - KC asked if Sig had any recorded presentations that we could host. Documentary is slated for Alumni Room, we could alternate.
 - Next meeting in March.
- Boosters – JS:
 - Wed at 5:30PM, we are hosting Chinese female basketball team.
- Tech Pep digitizing – RE:
 - RE was poking around at the scanned items and found a few that were a bit scrunched. He will get these re-scanned.
 - In a library cabinet, there is a Simon Benson biography written by his daughter Alice Allen, which a lot of pictures. It's an interesting read. There's a chapter about how he floated 800 rafts of logs down to San Diego.
- RJ report on meeting with Principal at Lincoln:
 - Met at an athletic game recently. RJ asked about the impact about Board decision to eliminate funding of teachers by parents.
 - It took out 10million in funding and eliminated 60 teachers.
 - As a former parent, letter was sent to each parent for \$530 per child.

- She was sure it made a big hit at Grant, too.
- The redistricting for Jefferson has been very contentious. Legacy kids that can see Grant will have to go to Jefferson.
- Lincoln and Grant have low cost per student; Benson Tech has higher cost per student.
- They have a robotics room, a constitution team room, etc. It feels like a college more than a high school. There is a condo 20 yards away and their bathrooms/bedrooms face the school. It's very urban.
- KC: The district had some listening sessions with the community, but you must wonder how much listening they really did.
- RJ: If you look at this superintendent's (Dr. Kimberlee Armstrong) influence, there have been some different decisions around the bid process, etc.
- Moto: If you look at her entire story, and the decision for choosing her, I didn't agree with it.
- JP arrived.
- Membership – JP:
 - 50 paid members, 6 lifetime members.
 - DB: How do we keep track of who is 'regular' vs 'lifetime' members? JP – we will need to track it.
 - KC: We might want to think about whether we need a high yield business account. We also have had some big event years – 100-year, re-opening... we may see a drop in coming years.
 - As graduation approaches, we want to make sure we are represented there. But historically recent grads don't have cash. We are starting to see folks from the 00's start to engage.
 - RE: We've put ads in the yearbook and that stays around when they look through it later.
 - RJ: Reunions at the school, etc. Talking it up. It's time to kick off planning for the 50th for class of 77!

UPCOMING BUSINESS

- Next meetings: March 9th, April 13th
- [After the meeting RK suggested: Tech Show meeting on March 9th at 4:30]
- Tech show in 2026 is: April 16 and 17th

Respectfully Submitted,

Maj Britt (Max) Baker
 Secretary
 BPHS Alumni Association



BUSINESS SAVINGS	BEGINNING BALANCE	TOTAL DEPOSITS	TOTAL WITHDRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE
BSAV00	\$3,456.91	\$1,320.10	-\$0.00	\$4,777.01
	YTD DIVIDENDS	YTD DIVIDENDS WITHHELD		
	\$0.10	\$0.00		
Actual	Effective	Transaction Description	Amount	Balance
01/22	01/22	Deposit Internet From Mobile Deposit	20.00	3476.91
01/22	01/22	Deposit Internet From Mobile Deposit	500.00	3976.91
01/22	01/22	Deposit Internet From Mobile Deposit	200.00	4176.91
01/22	01/22	Deposit Internet From Mobile Deposit	200.00	4376.91
01/22	01/22	Deposit Internet From Mobile Deposit	200.00	4576.91
01/26	01/26	Deposit Internet From Mobile Deposit	200.00	4776.91
01/31	01/31	Dividend Annual Percentage Yield Earned= 0.03% For 31 Days	0.10	4777.01

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
BFLX00	\$1,981.88	\$207.50	-\$204.83	\$1,984.55
	YTD DIVIDENDS	YTD DIVIDENDS WITHHELD		
	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Actual	Effective	Transaction Description	Amount	Balance
01/13	01/13	Deposit ACH PAYPAL*TRANSFER	207.50	2189.38
01/20	01/20	Withdrawal ACH The Oregonian*CHECK PYMT	-204.83	1984.55

CLEARED CHECKS - BUSINESS FLEX CHCK

CHECK #	DATE PAID	AMOUNT	CHECK #	DATE PAID	AMOUNT	CHECK #	DATE PAID	AMOUNT
246	01/20	204.83						

2025 Year End financial Report:

Benson Polytechnic High School Alumni 2025 Financial Report

Check #	Date	Amount	Event		
234	4/22/2025	\$415.66	Tech Show Cakes	MB	Tech Show
235	4/22/2025	\$62.32	Tech Show Goodies	MB	Tech Show
236	5/24/2025	\$225.00	Yearbook Stuff	RK	PR
237	8/21/2025	\$19.95	Zazzle Shipping for Shirts	RK	PR
238	9/13/2025	\$24.04	Misc Reunion Items	RK	PR
239	9/13/2025	\$325.00	News Letter	DB	PR
240	9/13/2025	\$201.84	Postcards	JP	PR
241	4/18/2025	\$459.00	News Letter	DB	PR
242	11/20/2025	\$110.00	Yearbooks	RK	PR
242	9/13/2025	\$14.40	Student Dinner	RK	Com. Picnic
242	10/13/2025	\$17.60	Tshirt	RK	PR
243	11/20/2025	\$171.88	Cookies for Meeting	MB	PR
244	11/24/2025	\$153.60	8th Grade Flyers	KJ	PR
245	12/8/2025	\$107.61	Cookies for Annual Meeting	MB	PR
EFT	7/15/2025	\$540.33	Picnic CUB Fee - Facilitron	BT	Com. Picnic
		\$2,848.23			\$2,848.23

Outstanding Checks

Income

Jan		\$131.67
Feb		\$635.60
March		\$212.93
April		\$285.50
May		\$289.36
June		\$37.62
July	x	
Aug		\$94.05
Sept		\$136.01
Oct	x	
Nov		\$117.71
Dec	x	

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