

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



Date: Apr 13, 2026  
Starting Time: 5:31 pm  
Ending Time: 6:57 pm  
Hybrid meeting

### **ATTENDEES:**

Board Members: Josh Piper (JP); Thomas Smith (TS); Kevin Clark (KC); Rachael Kuryunny (RK); Bobbie (Rob) Walker (BW); Roger Edwards (RE); Gerry Ochs (GO); Rob Johns (RJ); Christina White (CW); Mike Landstrom (ML);

Online: Maj Britt (Max) Baker (MB); Bob Trimble (BT); Dale Bajema (DB)

Guests: Joe Putnam, alumni 1996; Peter Ruff, Nolan Rabbi – current students; William “Moto” McChesney (alum)

ABSENT: Jeff Strachan (JS); Alex Lamb (AL)

### **BUSINESS**

- Introductions:
  - Joe Putnum 1996. Previous yearbook editor, currently taking photos of some of the athletics. Two uncles and older brother graduated in 1994.
- Maker Space update: RJ and students
  - Within the last week, a few issues arose.
  - Trivory is the main app PPS uses. Nolan and Peter got a post promoting it on Trivory before spring break, which boosted awareness.
  - The post was deleted by Admin, citing there were extra steps to post it. However, the folks that advised them how to do it weren't aware of extra steps and there was no direction provided for the first post.
  - RJ asked for a copy of the post information so he can find out what is the issue. Signatures from Mr. Wilson, Ms. King, and Sheli Bryan are needed. They haven't heard back in the last several days.
  - They are interested in raising funds for supplies, if they can get a staff member to host the club. Only one 3D printer works, about 50% of the time. It's been that way for months.
  - Spanish classes have Maker Space time built into their curriculum, but Mr. Wilson said there must be an advisor in there for it to be open.

- RJ noted Mr. Wilson had proposed asking the Staff about lunch hour supervision.
- KC: Teacher's Union has agreed to take less hours to secure benefits, however this makes it difficult to get staff to volunteer for extra duties like this.
- Makers Space will be open during Tech Show. But they wanted to have it open for creation and to produce some items for sale/donation.
- BT arrived.
- Moto arrived.
  - Would like help if Alumni could reach out to Mr. Curtis. Steve Curley knows about the space being open.
  - They would like 1/8-inch plywood. Mr. Plywood can cut it down to size. Joe Putnam volunteered to pick it up. RJ started an email and Peter Ruff, Nolan Rabbi will get Joe a list of what they want/need.
  - MB: I will reach out to see what we can do about the 3D Printer fixing.
  - Mr. Patterson has been the main advocate for fundraising during Tech Show. They have a student made coin sorter and will say you can donate your loose change and watch it sort.
- DB arrived
  - DB noted that the Maker Space is on the Site Council agenda and will be discussed.
- Orbit – Peter Ruff:
  - Asking for access to the Tech Pep archives, as they are working on an article about the history of journalism at Benson Tech.
  - The person that has access is a senior, and an editor. They are busy. JP will ensure that the Advisor (Hunting) and that Peter Ruff gets access.
- Peter Ruff, Nolan Rabbi left the meeting.
- Membership: JP
  - 62 paid members
  - QR code will be posted around the school for Tech Show
- Financial Report – BT
  - \$8060 in the bank
  - \$40 in Paypal.
- BT: Badges have been ordered and will be available Thursday.
- Prior Meeting Minutes Approval (MB)
  - Draft 2 sent out Friday, no other comments back.
  - ML moved and BW seconded accepting minutes as amended. Motion passed.
- Tech Show planning – RJ
  - RK: Yearbooks are in order for pulling out.
  - RJ will bring ice
  - KC: jugs are at the school

- [jug will be used with lemonade drink powder. There were bags left over and RJ will get more if needed. Drink powder is from Chefs Store. Bags are 18 oz and make 3 gallons.]
- MB: bringing cakes and other supplies that RJ will get her after this meeting.
- Big push is setup, which starts at 4PM.
- Floor plans should be sent to KC, who will start the setup.
- Need 7 tables for yearbooks, 6 outside, one inside.
- Need 7 tables downstairs (can't be round downstairs)
- Discussed setup:
  - Putting fliers around the school.
  - Putting tables together, sign in sheets, yearbooks out.
  - At sign-in, asking were you in BATs, looking for advisor.
- Email plug for what is happening at Tech Show for Alums.
  - Chester Benson set up in the library this year, 6-9 Both nights. Sell/Sign books, etc.
  - Taylor coming on Friday at 7PM, meet and greet with Documentary director.
  - BATS are running guided tours, backstage, etc.
  - Plug the new equipment.
- WW last year, KGW, too. Jacob Patterson is well connected and bringing folks in. The major ones that were here last year passed. KBPS will be broadcasting.
- Email went out to our entire list. The newsletter came after that was sent, but was sent right away to paid members, then will follow up to all with the link and – hey, did you miss it? You can get it if you sign up.
  - Discussion about getting out the Tech Show newsletter out to everyone.
- RK spoke about getting alums to hit the reunions that we know about to push membership benefits.
- Wear alumni board shirts, show up at 4PM Thurs.
- Construction Class Adirondack Chair School Competition Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> (9am-3 pm) Luke has set this up as a multi high school competition
- April 16th at Tech Show Benson Wellness Center has a Tenth Birthday Celebration, say hi to Caroline Bleckman, she has been there even before the opening
- Model T Woody will be at Tech Show by Auto Shop - Clayton Paddison will bring, stop by and say hi, he enjoys talking about it. Benson New Balance shoes:
  - Benson Boosters are selling a pair as part of their fundraising to help bridge the wage gap for teachers. Men's 10 ½ size.
  - RK moves that we spend \$150 for a pair of shoes for the time capsule. KC seconded. Motion passed.

- PPS Budget issues – RJ and DB:
  - It's the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year that all the schools have taken cuts from declining revenue. Principal Curtis did a fair job with balancing the growing enrollment and academic class needs with CTE. Needed to add 4 academic teachers while trying to protect CTE.
  - It may be in a few years the state funding will increase.
  - BT sent a PDF via email re the Benson FTE allocation on April 9<sup>th</sup> (below)
  - Quick hits – enrollment is growing. We do have low student to teacher ratios. 600 applicants for the 335 spots. The demand is there. We'll be at 1200 students by 2028. Varsity Football starting back next year.
- Signage – RK
  - Hung signs around the building for Tech Show.
  - Will put the Lawn Signs in the front of Benson right now.
    - They were slightly more expensive, so we have 3.
  - Let's see how this goes. Let's consider if we need signs in front of middle schools. It would be about \$600 and lots of energy to get these out. We aren't seeing lack of interest in applications.
  - Freshman welcome/community picnic will be hosted by the school this year.
- PPS homepage is very different right now – new vendor.
- BT sent out PPS forecast for enrollment (see below). They will have to close some schools.
- If you can wear Benson gear and go to Franz tomorrow to celebrate their anniversary, that's great.

## **UPCOMING BUSINESS**

- Next meetings: May 11<sup>th</sup>, June 8<sup>th</sup>, Take July off, August 17.
- Tech show in 2026 is: April 16 and 17<sup>th</sup>
- Graduation: Sunday, May 31, 2026

Respectfully Submitted,

Maj Britt (Max) Baker  
 Secretary  
 BPHS Alumni Association



BUSINESS SAVINGS	BEGINNING BALANCE	TOTAL DEPOSITS	TOTAL WITHDRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE	
BSAV00	\$5,201.95	\$0.13	-\$0.00	\$5,202.08	
	YTD DIVIDENDS	YTD DIVIDENDS WITHHELD			
	\$0.34	\$0.00			
Actual Effective Transaction Description				Amount	Balance
03/31 03/31	Dividend Annual Percentage Yield Earned= 0.03% For 31 Days			0.13	5202.08

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	\$2,534.47	\$324.20	-\$0.00	\$2,858.67	
	YTD DIVIDENDS	YTD DIVIDENDS WITHHELD			
	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Actual Effective Transaction Description				Amount	Balance
03/10 03/10	Deposit ACH PAYPAL*TRANSFER			324.20	2858.67

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

**Benson: FTE Allocations for 2026-27**

Table 1: Enrollment by Grade Level

School	Student Category	KG	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	K-12 Total
Benson	A - Projected Enrollment for 2025-26										325	314	209	202	1050
	B - Actual Enrollment for 2025-26										328	303	203	191	1025
	C - Misprojection										3	-11	-6	-11	-25
	D - Projected Enrollment for 2026-27										328	326	273	185	1112
	E - Year to Year Change											23	70	-6	87
	F - Change in Projection for Staffing											3	12	64	-17

Table 2: Enrollment Summary

Enrollment Type	2025-26	2026-27	Change
Free by Direct Certification	36%	32%	-4%
Federally Qualified	68%	65%	-3%
Total Student Count for Staffing	1050	1112	62

Table 3: General Fund & Student Investment Account

FTE Allocation Type	Overall Change			Breakout of Change by Funding Source						
	2025-26 Gen Fund, SIA, and Grants	2026-27 Gen Fund, SIA, and Grants	Overall Change from 2025-26	2025-26 Gen Fund		Gen Fund Change from 2025-26	SIA Change from 2025-26		Grants Change from 2025-26	
				2025-26 Gen Fund	2026-27 Gen Fund		2025-26 SIA	2026-27 SIA	2025-26 Grants	2026-27 Grants
Admin	1.00	1.00		1.00	1.00					
	2.00	2.00		2.00	2.00					
	1.00	1.00		1.00	1.00					
Licensed	47.30	45.50	-1.80	47.30	45.50	-1.80				
	0.67		-0.67	0.67		-0.67				
Equity *	5.50	5.50		5.50	5.50					
	0.50		-0.50	0.50		-0.50				
		2.00	2.00		2.00	2.00				
Support										
	1.00	1.00		1.00		-1.00	1.00	1.00		
	3.50	3.50		3.50	3.50					
	1.00	1.00		1.00	1.00					
Classified *	1.50		-1.50	1.50		-1.50				
ESL *	1.00	1.00		1.00	1.00					
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>65.97</b>	<b>63.50</b>	<b>-2.47</b>	<b>65.97</b>	<b>62.50</b>	<b>-3.47</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>		

\* Equity Classified Staff and ESL EAs shown in Licensed Equivalent, where 1.0 classified staff is shown as .5 FTE, given salaries for classified are approximately half the cost of a teacher.

**Notes**

**NOTES FOR (Table 3):**

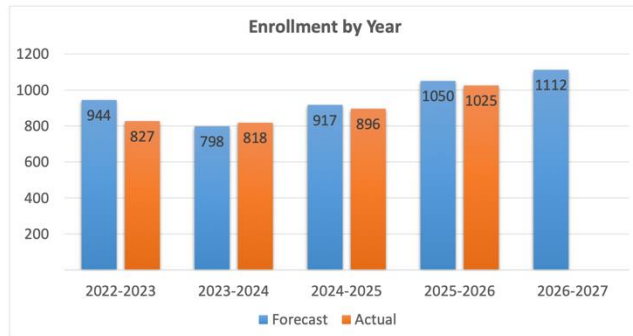
For details on investments for 25-26 school year, go to google staffing folder for last year's ISR.  
 Counselor ratios were raised to 350:1 at .5 increments. These ratios are rounded up such that counselor loads stay at or below the average threshold of 350:1.  
 Teacher ratio changed and base changed. New allocation at the ratio of 25:1 and base of 1 for all schools above 900 students.  
 ELD staffing ratios increased by 3 to 60:1. Schools with fewer than 8 ELD students will be served by itinerant staff.  
 1.0 social worker for all high schools.

5.50 Equity FTE must be explained in the 'Special Funds Staffing Justification' Google Sheet. 1.00 worth of this Equity FTE can be converted into dollars to make other kinds of investments in support of the Comprehensive Achievement Plan.

Additional Investments continuing or being added:  
 .167 Credit Recovery Teacher does not continue.

Other Funding Sources		2026-27
Special Ed*	SPED Lic Learning Ctr (Tchr)	6.00
	SPED CIs Learning Center(Para)	
	SPED Lic Intsv Skls Ctr (Tchr)	
	SPED CIs Intsv Skls Ctr (Para)	
	SPED Lic Comm Beh Acad (Tchr)	
	SPED Lic Comm Beh Team (Tchr)	
	SPED CIs Comm Beh Team	
	SPED CIs Comm Beh Acad (Para)	1.00
	SPED Lic Soc Emotional (Tchr)	1.88
	SPED CIs Soc Emotional (Para)	0.94
	SPED CIs Therap Intervnt Coach	
	SPED Lic QMHP	1.00
	SPED Lic Voc Trans Specialist	
	SPED Lic Speech Pathologist	
	SPED CIs 1 to 1 Support	1.88
<b>Special Education Total (Licensed Equivalent)</b>	<b>10.35</b>	
HS Success	Student Success Team Lead/Instructional Coach	1.00
	Other	4.67
	<b>High School Success (M98) Total (HS only)</b>	<b>5.67</b>

Title I			
	2025-26	2026-27	Change
Title I	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ESSA			
ESSA Partnership Fund for CSI/TSI School Improvement*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -



\*Special Education FTE are shown as they will be reflected in the SMT. The Classified positions are not half-weighted, whereas the General Fund and ESL Classified FTE shown above are half-weighted. The Total Special Education account for the weighting.

**Explanation of K-5 Section Analysis**

The tables on the right (table 4) shows the number of sections being allocated per grade based on enrollment and the resulting class sizes, while adjusting for co-located programs. Principals have some flexibility for allocating blends that best fit the needs of their school - whether that be to blend just one classroom (like in Table 4A) or all classrooms at the blended grades indicated (like in table 4B). If the 1-2B (blend) and 4-5B (blend) columns are blank, you are not projected to have any blends in your school.

**Table 4A: Sections and Resulting Class Size for K-5**

Classroom Type	Section	KG	01	1-2 B	02	03	04	4-5 B	05
Program	1								
Program	2								
Program	3								
Co-located	1								
Co-located	2								
Co-located	3								

**Table 4B: Sections and Resulting Class Size for K-5**

Classroom Type	Section	KG	01	1-2 B	02	03	04	4-5 B	05
Program	1								
Program	2								
Program	3								
Program	4								
Program	5								
Co-located	1								
Co-located	2								
Co-located	3								
Co-located	4								
Co-located	5								

**Table 5: Projected enrollment by program type for Middle grades**

Projected Enrollment	Program	06	07	08
Projected Enrollment	Co-located Program			

Notice the Oregon class sizes getting smaller. A problem PPS has noticed and will get worse if the family flight to the suburbs continue or whatever.

Grades	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Black / African American	Hispanic / Latino	White	Multi-Racial	Male	Female
Kindergarten	373	1,446	339	967	9,484	19,198	2,779	17,691	16,868
First Grade	381	1,500	339	960	9,830	20,179	2,878	18,469	17,566
Second Grade	385	1,559	364	992	10,187	21,539	2,987	19,415	18,543
Third Grade	415	1,693	406	1,023	10,617	22,488	3,180	20,406	19,366
Fourth Grade	453	1,629	375	1,041	11,121	24,107	3,288	21,446	20,487
Fifth Grade	450	1,682	358	1,077	10,818	23,834	3,208	21,243	20,091
Sixth Grade	446	1,681	403	1,063	11,105	24,660	3,301	21,850	20,678
Seventh Grade	453	1,770	406	987	10,978	24,524	3,263	21,813	20,408
Eighth Grade	473	1,734	374	1,041	11,170	24,761	3,261	22,089	20,496
Ninth Grade	493	1,705	416	1,032	11,590	25,264	3,301	22,558	20,978
Tenth Grade	484	1,755	410	1,111	11,764	25,570	3,151	22,836	21,102
Eleventh Grade	491	1,850	343	1,121	11,920	25,428	3,181	22,927	21,035
Twelfth Grade	560	2,054	426	1,330	12,855	26,872	3,384	24,610	22,404
All Grades	5,857	22,058	4,959	13,745	143,439	308,424	41,162	277,353	260,022

	Non-Binary	Total	Column1
8	27		16,895
6	32		17,598
3	55		18,598
6	50		19,416
7	81		20,568
1	93		20,184
8	131		20,809
8	160		20,568
6	229	42,814	63,539
8	265	43,801	65,044
2	307	44,245	65,654
5	372	44,334	65,741
4	467	47,481	70,352
2	2,269	539,644	801,935

44,214
43,801
44,344
47,811
180,170