

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



Date: June 8, 2026
Starting Time: 5:30 pm
Ending Time: 7:18 pm
Hybrid meeting

ATTENDEES:

Board Members: Josh Piper (JP); Thomas Smith (TS); Kevin Clark (KC); Rachael Kuryunny (RK); Roger Edwards (RE); Rob Johns (RJ); Maj Britt (Max) Baker (MB); Bob Trimble (BT); Christina White (CW); Bobbie (Rob) Walker (BW); Alex Lamb (AL); Gerry Ochs (GO), Francis (Joe) Putnam (FP)

Online: Mike Landstrom (ML)

Guests: Dan Malone

ABSENT: Dale Bajema (DB); Jeff Strachan (JS)

BUSINESS

- Announcement: Thanks to JP for becoming President of the Boosters, and also all the other things you silently do.
- Dan Malone:
 - Still things to be done at the school.
 - By June 30 we should know who is coming to fix the things that are left.
 - Brice Gardner, who worked so much here, had been moved to an office at the district, but also the company he works for gave 30 days' notice.
 - Jen Sohm is the only one left with historical knowledge.
 - Thurs with Bassetti, going to award ceremony at Convention Center.
 - Waiting for the platinum Lead plaque to hang it.
 - DM will be back in August.
 - Wed Aug 19th at 4PM is Tour Guide practice.
 - Discussed tips on guiding tours; keeping people moving in the back, etc.
 - Dan thanked the board for their passion, organization and unity.
 - The board thanked DM for all his work on behalf of the school.
- DM left.
- Open Board position: Position 1.
 - Francis (Joe) Putnam had been nominated in May meeting.

- **RK moved that we vote for Joe Putnam to fill Position 1. ML seconded. The vote passed.**
- Membership: JP
 - 77 paid members currently.
 - That includes 14 lifetime members.
- Financial Report – BT
 - \$5277.34 in savings, \$3025.93 in checking
 - \$1100 deposit from Tech Show.
 - \$286 in PayPal, on its way to the credit union
 - Items outstanding:
 - RK for Tech Show
 - MB for Tech Show food
 - RJ lemonade and paper
 - RK for yearbook ad
 - RK for gift card for Kelly, etc.
- Prior Meeting Minutes Approval (MB)
 - Draft 2 sent out 7-June, only minor changes
 - **JP moved that we approve the May minutes as amended. RK seconded. Motion passed.**
- Boosters – JP:
 - We knew we were losing Jeff, and that the President's son was graduating this year, and her work situation has changed. At our last meeting we had some parents that were potentials. One agreed to join as Secretary. The Treasurer also had a work change, and we need a replacement.
 - The Vice Chair Rachael McDonald is staying on, with an incoming Freshman.
 - There is an email list that was underutilized before; the database has been updated.
 - KC – Discussed the Hopscotch Foundation, which can bring in food for food insecure kids to take home, through the concessions stand. Food would come in Thurs, then kids eat there or take it home. JP and KC will look into it.
 - KC introduced discussion topic on continuing concerns over the confluence of funding streams for BPHSAA and TechBoosters and the need to review fundraising strategies.
- JP – need someone to help with communications and online store.
 - GoFundMe and eventBrite management.
- Community Celebration:
 - Discussion about the fact that Principal Wilson said that we will need to get the CUB for this event this year.
 - **RK moves that we allot \$830 to cover the cost for the CUB, if needed. ML seconded. Motion passed.**
 - Discussed ideas about having reunions kick in some money to help cover the CUB.
 - Haven't heard about any groups doing food in the commons.

- Boosters table, Alumni table, maybe reunions area. Class of 76 doesn't have a rep but will have a table. 66, 96, 01 and 06 are coming.
- JS will reach out to the 3 food trucks we had last year. Concessions stand will not be open.
- Girls Basketball might want a table to recruit. They were the only club that responded.
- Jessica Russell will be there to answer questions about sports.
- JP said he hopes to have band club presence. They are planning to do a mini camp the 2 days before the 22nd. Won't know until the last minute.
- 2027's will be August 14th.
- Side door will be open. We'll move the tables closer in.
- RJ will provide fliers.
- Discussed having map overlay – old building vs new. So people can orient themselves. May be safety/security to have building map available online.
- JP – few questions from site council.
 - To entice teachers, might we bring in treats for the Tues before the community celebration. JP and DB might be able to speak there.
 - **JP moves that we allocate up to \$100 for staff treats for their August meeting. RK seconded. Motion passed.**
 - Principal Wilson has access to district-wide 7th and 8th grade email list. He will send the Community Picnic info to that list.
 - RK had previously sent the info to the Counsellors.
- Discussed what folks were doing at reunions, at the picnic, and for tour practice.
- Quarterly Socials: This idea came up previously. Should James at Kenton Station broadcast the Alumni/Booster Tech Tuesday every quarter.
 - He's a great host.
- Varsity Football – RJ/BW:
 - RJ mentioned that DB wanted to form a subcommittee.
 - JP explained: District is concerned we won't be able to field a varsity and JV team. If we forfeit more than 2 games we run the risk of losing the entire program again.
 - Discussed requirements:
 - It was min 23 players on JV required last year.
 - You can take some JV players to Varsity games, though there are quarter limitations.
 - There have been varying requirements for various schools.
 - There are no equipment issues now.
 - BW Reached out to Coach Kendall. Trying to get an article or even just a game schedule for us to circulate.
 - Also, great if he could get some players in uniforms to show up for the Community Picnic.

- Linked In showed he may have a new job, so there may be concern about this coming year.
 - RJ says, it would be great to get his top 3 needs. BW: The last few years they've done online fundraising. Mentioned we'd be happy to get fundraiser info out as well.
 - There may be conflicts with Marshall's field since both Cleveland and Benson Tech will be using that field.
 - BW will keep the board informed.
- Annual Meeting: Nov 9th.
 - DB's suggestion was to invite back founding members of the Alumni Association and review the founding stories.
- Discussed honoring veterans and also honoring those that have passed.
 - Might be sub-pages hooked on the Alumni Association page.
- KC Discussed need for new Board Member Booklet and reviewing the by-laws.
 - Keep this on the agenda.
- Scholarship – RK:
 - 23 applications, all excellent.
 - There were 6 recipients. 5 males, 1 female. 2 construction, 2 electric, 1 Health Occ. 1 Computer science. About \$12,000 given out because some money was left over from last year.
 - KC queried about tracking demographic group information regarding recipients over years. There are a lot of electric and construction majors that apply because they are likely to go to a 2-year tech school. Mostly white/Hispanic. Mostly male.
 - RK reached out to get bio and photo, via letter and followed up a few days after graduation with email.
- Scholarship and middle school signage - RK:
 - Purchased scholarship signage in March/April in advance of Tech Show.
 - Ordered a few yard signs.
 - Opted not to purchase more yard signs to distribute to middle schools, in part due to cost and in part to wait to get a read on how effective our email/website/social media/word of mouth efforts were at turning out incoming students and their families.
- Discussed July 13th meeting at 5:30PM at Kenton station to say farewell to JS.
- Newsletter – RE
 - Due date August 1st.
 - We will send out an email re what we are thinking about to put in.
 - RK – scholarships
 - JP – graduation and boosters
 - DB – enrollment and budget issues; late-breaking news
 - BW – football
 - Jessica will recap the spring sports.
 - RJ – Tech Foundation

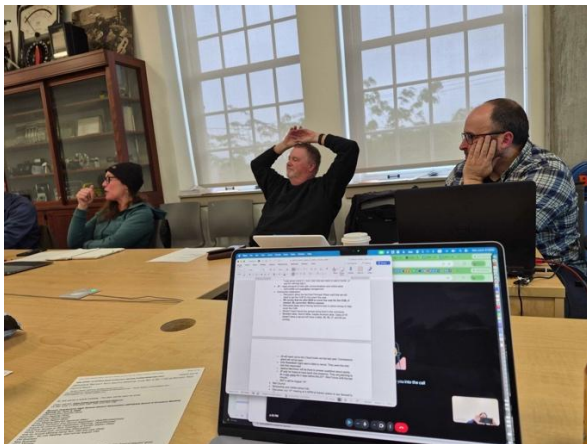
- RE – trivia on community; brief sketch on neighbors that have moved. PointWest CU, Vic Alfonso, Sweet Tibbie Dunbar's, Everyday Music, Arctic Circle, etc.
- Lloyd Center demolition – what does it mean to us?
- Benson Frying Pan – BT
 - The first mold collapsed during the pour.
 - It's at the Elderberry Inn.
 - Talked to the owner of the pan, it's been in the back for 3 years. They've tried to put it up but it breaks whatever holds it. (250 lbs.)
 - It attracts a lot of interest from Benson alumni. It's in their menu.
 - She asked if we had any other memorabilia to display, she'll take it.
 - TS pointed out we have 2 architect firms on our alumni list, maybe they would take on engineering something.

UPCOMING BUSINESS

- July 16th meeting at 6-8PM at Kenton Station to say farewell to JS and celebrate Benson Tech.
- Next meetings: July off, August 17 (3rd Monday).
- July 19th 4PM Tour training at Benson Tech with DM.
- Community Celebration: Aug 22nd noon – 3PM.
- Monday Nov 9th will be our Annual Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maj Britt (Max) Baker
Secretary
BPHS Alumni Association





BUSINESS SAVINGS	BEGINNING BALANCE	TOTAL DEPOSITS	TOTAL WITHDRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE
BSAV00	\$5,202.21	\$75.13	-\$0.00	\$5,277.34
	YTD DIVIDENDS	YTD DIVIDENDS WITHHELD		
	\$0.60	\$0.00		
Actual	Effective	Transaction Description	Amount	Balance
05/30	05/30	Deposit Internet From Mobile Deposit	75.00	5277.21
05/31	05/31	Dividend Annual Percentage Yield Earned= 0.03% For 31 Days	0.13	5277.34

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	\$2,349.09	\$1,026.07	-\$349.23	\$3,025.93
	YTD DIVIDENDS	YTD DIVIDENDS WITHHELD		
	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Actual	Effective	Transaction Description	Amount	Balance
05/05	05/04	Withdrawal Draft Clearing Check #250 - Withdrawal, Draft Clearing	-40.58	2308.51
05/12	05/12	Deposit ACH PAYPAL*TRANSFER	1026.07	3334.58
05/18	05/15	Withdrawal Draft Clearing Check #253 - Withdrawal, Draft Clearing	-108.65	3225.93
05/21	05/20	Withdrawal Draft Clearing Check #252 - Withdrawal, Draft Clearing	-200.00	3025.93

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CLEARED CHECKS - BUSINESS FLEX CHCK								
CHECK #	DATE PAID	AMOUNT	CHECK #	DATE PAID	AMOUNT	CHECK #	DATE PAID	AMOUNT
250	05/04	40.58	252	05/20	200.00	253	05/15	108.65