

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



Date: Sep 14, 2026  
Starting Time: 5:32 pm  
Ending Time: 7:31 pm  
Hybrid meeting

### **ATTENDEES:**

Board Members: Thomas Smith (TS); Kevin Clark (KC); Rachael Kuryanny (RK); Roger Edwards (RE); Bob Trimble (BT); Alex Lamb (AL); Francis (Joe) Putnam (FP); Dale Bajema (DB); Christina White (CW)

Online: Maj Britt (Max) Baker (MB)

ABSENT: Gerry Ochs (GO); Rob Johns (RJ); Bobbie (Rob) Walker (BW); Mike Landstrom (ML); Josh Piper (JP)

### **BUSINESS**

- Waiting for a moment for folks to arrive.
- Discussion about the student that brought toxic substances to Benson Tech:
- No guests today.
- We will push minutes approval to next month.
- Financial Report – BT
  - 2 Lifetime memberships, other memberships from class reunions.
  - \$8054 total, except one check.
  - Request for expenses for the community celebration at the next minutes – this year and last year.
  - Invoice from JP for \$100 for joint Booster breakfast. MB will look through old notes, this seems like something we already voted on. [After the meeting, found this in June notes: JP moves that we allocate up to \$100 for staff treats for their August meeting. RK seconded. Motion passed.]
- Membership: RK
  - Membership is up.
  - CW and RK attended a few reunions. It was very successful. When someone can attend, people will join/donate.
  - Discussion about volunteering to visit a reunion. RK has packets of things. It's helpful to know folks there.
    - Next year class of 77 will have a reunion. Rob probably will do his own. RK and CW have their reunions as well, so may not be available.

- Ideas:
  - Fliers prior to them arriving with QR codes
  - getting someone from their class to introduce them and challenge the class.
  - Make sure the online payment system works ahead of time.
  - Good to have someone within 10 or 15 years of the class.
  - Recruit people who's been to several reunions – sometimes organizers. They could help sell it.
- Discussion about reunion spots: Eagle Landing Golf Course, etc. Places where Benson folks are or know folks.
- Discussion about Benson Tech Businesses list.
- Community Celebration – RK:
  - Positives:
    - CW: leading the tours was overall was great.
    - TS: agreed!
    - Luke Hotchkiss was there in construction, and it was great to have him give talks. It would be great to have more teachers but it's hard to get them to volunteer.
    - Lots of folks mentioned Principal Wilson's email blasts: pre July sent to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, after that to incoming Freshmen. We don't have any way of knowing if the middle schools are advertising.
    - Benson Tech did have Community Event info in the first photo of rotating photos.
    - According to JP, it was very successful to have a 8<sup>th</sup> graders/freshman table with Boosters – they had 2 people talking at the table. Even though it was backed up a bit, talking to them gave them some interested parents.
  - Process Improvements:
    - Too many people on several tours. 40-60 or bigger. We will need more help with leading and trailing tours, so they can be smaller.
    - Have a plan for how it may split and start in different areas.
    - Open toed shoes, kids running around in the shops. Safety.
    - RK – Dan's suggestion: Next year, should have 3 alumni tours with another board member in the back. Alumni board members should be leading in coming student tours.
    - More tours -> More megaphones, more people trained.
    - Health Occ hallway – we were there a long time. That would be great to have someone in the room.
    - Sign by where food carts come in pointing toward the door at the side where folks were supposed to come in.
    - Fliers and signs about the food carts around the area. Also, If it's a Benson-owned business, a sign on their area.
    - People congregated in the Sign-In area. (the high round tables).

- We would have liked to have had a table for the incoming freshman, or middle schoolers.
  - Middle schoolers folks wanted information on Benson Programs. (fliers/pamphlets).
  - Balloons or sandwich boards at the front of the lane entrance – at each corner.
  - Potentially charging \$100 for ‘tables’ for reunions OR have 5 folks (\$200/10) join the alumni association. Noting to reunions that they can’t really host their own access to the building – it’s too expensive.
  - Discussion of reunion hosts including cost into ‘ticket’.
  - DB – signs high up on the tables so folks can see them (Incoming Freshman/8<sup>th</sup> graders). Would the school/Booster invest?
  - Club row guiding folks to courtyard? Cross Country folks were at the end.
    - Games for kids? Maybe not, or maybe in the Green Space.
  - Food carts:
    - Do we need to have the food carts? Maybe just one with refreshments?
    - Could we think about arranging club tables so they lead people to food carts? (Robotics was sort of in-the-way)
    - Ending tours at the food carts might also help.
- DB: We’ll send out the annual scholarship fund donation ask.
- Communications: FP
  - CW and FP meeting.
  - Focus on website and social media.
  - JP handing off MailChimp. May be able to have a little more flexibility and ease with a little \$
  - Sunsetting a few ‘tech alums’ spots, will name everything the same.
  - Updating imagery.
  - Our pages/images will look designed.
  - Trying to get schedule of ALL sports for fall and winter. Want to push those on social media with weekly posts, scheduled a month in advance.
  - There will be call to actions.
  - Let’s do professional headshots with short bios.
- Newsletter – DB
  - WINTER NEWSLETTER – PRELIMINARY LIST OF CONTENTS
  - Tech Show IS Coming
  - Tech Tuesdays
  - August 2026 Celebration
  - Class Reunions (RK)
    - Wrap on 2026 reunions

- 2027 Class Reunions being planned
- 2026 Varsity Football Season
- Fall Sports Wrap up and Outlook for Winter Sports (AD)
- Winter Sports Schedule (AD)
- BPHSAA Annual Meeting and Election of Officers (DB)
- Digitized Yearbooks and Tech Pep – How to Access
- In Brief [other relevant alumni and school news]
- Oregon Battle Of the Books reading list (DB)
- An Orbit Reprint (DB)
- Benson Trivia (RE)
- Benson Tech Boosters (JP)
- Lifetime membership members (since last announcement) thank you.
- materials due November 30th / other December 11th
- Annual meeting – RK
  - Invite founding members to speak on origins.
  - JP, RJ and DB will reach out.
- Tomorrow is Kenton Station Tech Tues! FP won't be there tomorrow but will be there next month. It's on the Kenton Station website.
- Happy b-day to Simon Benson Sept 9<sup>th</sup>!

#### **UPCOMING BUSINESS**

- Next meetings: October 12<sup>th</sup>, November 9<sup>th</sup>: 5:30, hybrid.
- Third Tues at Kenton Station: September 15<sup>th</sup>, after confirmed.
- Monday Nov 9<sup>th</sup> will be our Annual Meeting pre or post the normal meeting.
- Holdover: KC Discussed need for new Board Member Booklet and reviewing the by-laws.
  - Keep this on the agenda.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maj Britt (Max) Baker  
 Secretary  
 BPHS Alumni Association



| BUSINESS SAVINGS |           |                                                            | BEGINNING BALANCE | TOTAL DEPOSITS         | TOTAL WITHDRAWALS | ENDING BALANCE |
|------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| BSAV00           |           |                                                            | \$5,277.60        | \$730.14               | -\$0.00           | \$6,007.74     |
|                  |           |                                                            | YTD DIVIDENDS     | YTD DIVIDENDS WITHHELD |                   |                |
|                  |           |                                                            | \$1.00            | \$0.00                 |                   |                |
| Actual           | Effective | Transaction Description                                    | Amount            |                        |                   | Balance        |
| 08/23            | 08/23     | Deposit Internet From Mobile Deposit                       | 135.00            |                        |                   | 5412.60        |
| 08/23            | 08/23     | Deposit Internet From Mobile Deposit                       | 200.00            |                        |                   | 5612.60        |
| 08/26            | 08/26     | Deposit Internet From Mobile Deposit                       | 395.00            |                        |                   | 6007.60        |
| 08/31            | 08/31     | Dividend Annual Percentage Yield Earned= 0.03% For 31 Days | 0.14              |                        |                   | 6007.74        |

| 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 |
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| BFLX00             |           |                                                                   | \$1,711.59        | \$305.39               | -\$232.48         | \$1,784.50     |
|                    |           |                                                                   | YTD DIVIDENDS     | YTD DIVIDENDS WITHHELD |                   |                |
|                    |           |                                                                   | \$0.00            | \$0.00                 |                   |                |
| Actual             | Effective | Transaction Description                                           |                   |                        | Amount            | Balance        |
| 08/18              | 08/18     | Deposit ACH PAYPAL*TRANSFER                                       |                   |                        | 305.39            | 2016.98        |
| 08/31              | 08/28     | Withdrawal Draft Clearing Check #258 - Withdrawal, Draft Clearing |                   |                        | -232.48           | 1784.50        |

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| CLEARED CHECKS - BUSINESS FLEX CHCK |           |        |         |           |        |         |           |        |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|--------|---------|-----------|--------|---------|-----------|--------|
| CHECK #                             | DATE PAID | AMOUNT | CHECK # | DATE PAID | AMOUNT | CHECK # | DATE PAID | AMOUNT |
| 258                                 | 08/28     | 232.48 |         |           |        |         |           |        |