

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



Date: Aug 17, 2026
Starting Time: 5:30 pm
Ending Time: 7:27 pm
Hybrid meeting

ATTENDEES:

Board Members: Josh Piper (JP); Thomas Smith (TS); Kevin Clark (KC); Rachael Kuryunny (RK); Roger Edwards (RE); Rob Johns (RJ); Bob Trimble (BT); Bobbie (Rob) Walker (BW); Alex Lamb (AL); Francis (Joe) Putnam (FP); Dale Bajema (DB)

Online: Maj Britt (Max) Baker (MB); Christina White (CA); Mike Landstrom (ML)

ABSENT: Gerry Ochs (GO)

BUSINESS

- Note there was no July meeting last month.
- No guests today.
- Membership: JP
 - 92 paid members currently.
 - That includes 14 lifetime members.
- Financial Report – BT
 - \$5,277.60 in savings, \$1,711.59 in checking
 - 3 megaphones purchased for tours.
- Prior Meeting Minutes Approval (MB)
 - Draft 3 sent today, but only one minor change from last draft out.
 - **BW moved that we approve the June minutes as amended. RJ seconded.**
 - **Motion passed.**
- Boosters – JP:
 - Putting in effort to grow members. This Sat, please send folks to the Boosters table. They are listing the board seats on the website as well.
 - Looking for someone to run Signup Genius/volunteer coordinating. Looking for Concessions guru.
 - There are smaller roles, even club/sport specific interest roles.
 - Looking to stream athletics through 'Huddle', which is used by the football and basketball programs. They have been paying out of pocket.
 - KC – The district has had restrictions.

- JP – Don't know the history on restrictions, but the district is pushing groups to do this to stream athletics. There is no PPS official ask, but the athletic directors are getting the message that they should do this. Sitewide license is much cheaper.
- Football is required to do this (record all practices and games) for liability protection. There was a discussion about the district requiring it, but not providing money, though it is beneficial for their insurance liability.
- KC – This speaks to educational equity – can't imagine each school has the financial resources to fund this service. It would be good to learn any new policies and practices to determine whether or not PPS now allows partnerships and sponsors to help reduce funding inequities at schools with disadvantages.
- RK suggested that current students/families get funneled to Boosters to sign in, alumni to the Alumni station.
- ML joined online.
- Boosters cont.:
 - Still trying to figure out concessions with other schools as well. Cleveland has moved to Marshall now, so it's a little awkward. However, Marshall remains our home field for the foreseeable future. We yield to Cleveland for the next 3 years. There have been some improvements, but we do need to think about maintenance.
- Community Celebration:
 - Event runs from 12-3. Please come at 10:30AM!
 - Event Schedule:
 - 12:05: Welcome
 - 12:15: Tour for incoming students & families
 - 12:30: Tour for class of 2006
 - 12:45: Tour of classes 1996 and 2001
 - 12:55: Tour for class of 1966 and all other alumni
 - 1:00 – Tour for incoming students & families
 - 1:50 – Special Person recognition
 - 2:05 – Tour for incoming students & families
 - 3:00 – End event
 - All tours meet at north end of commons (east of stadium stairs)
 - 12:15, 1, 2:05 are the open family tours.
 - RK confirmed with Dan that relevant doors will be open, so no need for keys/exchanging.
 - Alums are welcome to join any of the other tours but ideally not the family tours.
 - 1:50 announcement of honoring a special guest.
 - Discussion about nametags, signs to post around the building, etc.
 - Welcoming message at 12:05, then repeat about an hour later.
 - Lou will be in shop space.

- Discussed food carts, discussed coach notification. Kendall (football), Jose Torres (soccer), Rachael (girls basketball) reached out. RK sent out the info to all the coaches again. Several responded and will have tables. One will sell cheesecake and drinks, perhaps one other selling some. Fall sports will be well represented.
- Ideally, we want teachers to come and trail the tour groups, so they could answer questions about programming.
- \$850 CUB this year. RK hopes that there will be a commitment from administrators to help lead tours. We also need to budget for this for next year.
- Wed 4PM tour training with Dan Malone, come to the main door.
- Will stash the megaphones in the student store.
- Christina suggested having the tour schedule on the TVs throughout the school.
- Quarterly/Monthly Socials – RJ:
 - This idea came up previously. Should James at Kenton Station broadcast the Alumni/Booster Tech Tuesday every quarter. He's a great host.
 - Discussion about utilizing LinkedIn more, etc. Tuesday CONNECTs. It's still a social gathering, even if only one person shows up.
 - DB reminded folks that the previous Tech Pep band grew out of monthly meetups.
 - RJ will talk to James about Third Tuesday, then contact Joe/Christina. Joe will start designing something advertising this. RK will post on the reunion sites she has access to.
- Varsity Football – RJ/BW:
 - DB – PPS has said the Varsity Football team must finish all of its scheduled games with the required number of players, i.e. cannot forfeit any, or there will not be a Benson Tech football program in the 2027-28 SY. Those conditions may apply to its junior varsity team as well. Our team probably won't win most games.
 - Discussion about what the alumni association could do to keep morale up or provide other support.
 - We had about 22 kids at summer workouts.
 - They are participating in the jamboree. Suggestion to have the Benson Tech popup tent at the games. We should probably push out the dates to try and get alumni out.
 - ML: do we know any sports celebrities that could come talk to them and motivate them?
 - KC: Discussed this before to bring in Alumni from champion teams; not sure about the results.
 - RK: A.C. Green is receptive to doing talks.
 - CW: Motivation? I know several folks that could come do that. Or.. is it more about recruitment?

- ML: I think recruitment is done, so motivation would be great.
- CW: Her nephew could talk next week, had full scholarship. Has other names.
- JP – starting with a tent with folks there to talk and motivate sounds great.
- JP - There is no pep band yet. Might be able to put together an alumni pep band. Band camp had been cancelled.
- Digitization – RE:
 - During renovation, there was a promise to digitize all the yearbooks. They gave us the thumb drive that has them all. It was rumored at the time that both Franklin and Grant also got one, but it's not on their PPS websites.
 - We could be breaking ground on this. KC had mentioned that it could be appropriate to put it on the school PPS website, but it was given to the alumni association.
 - KC: In past discussions during the modernization period, PPS had also offered to make yearbook content accessible to the public through digital kiosks located within the school. Similar options were suggested for other schools, such as Franklin HS.
 - DB: would Jen Sohm know what other schools have done? RE: She's the one that got us the drive.
 - Is there a technical limitation? No.
 - JP: The PDFs are on the website, but they are not advertised at all. The Yearbooks are maybe one of our most important draws. So if we just put them out there, might that harm us?
 - We did put the Tech Peps behind the membership wall. We could do the same for the yearbooks.
 - Who owns the images? Jostens? The photographers? The copyright creators? We probably need to contact PPS to get their opinion. Discussed options.
 - **FP moved and RK seconded that we make the scanned yearbooks available on the alumni association website behind a membership login.**
 - **Motion passed.**
- Annual Meeting: Nov 9th.
- Social and website - FP:
 - CW, JP, and FP have been meeting to hand over social media.
 - FP will do a presentation in the next month to show the consistency and new templates/looks.
- Alumni Association Merch – RK:
 - The member stickers are almost out.
 - Can order 100 more \$114, or 200 for \$202.
 - It's been about 8 years since we ordered them. They only are handed out if they sign up in person. We haven't sent them if people sign up online.
 - In the past she bought 250 in Feb 2019. (\$122.80)

- FP will redesign it today, and we will order to have them for the weekend.
- **RK moved to use up to \$210 to order new stickers. JP seconded.**
 - **Motion passed.**
- Alumni Directory – TS
 - Need to drum up more interest in this. Fliers – Business Owners, scan this code to enter your info. Want to use Benson Tech businesses? Scan this code.
 - FP will get something done by EOD Wed.
- Newsletter – RE
 - Printed – RJ bringing them on Sat.
 - Online is up, link will be emailed out this week.
 - Leftover newsletters are handed out by RK at reunions as well.
- Virtual Tour – KC:
 - We've talked about this in the past. During the modernization, construction contractors folks did this for us.
 - FP has done this for real estate before.
 - RE said that alumni that don't live here would enjoy it.
 - KC – it gives the school exposure all over the world.
 - FP – we can work with students to create the content.
- Holdover: KC Discussed need for new Board Member Booklet and reviewing the by-laws.
 - Keep this on the agenda.

UPCOMING BUSINESS

- Next meetings: September 14th, October 12th. 5:30, hybrid.
- Third Tues at Kenton Station: September 15th, after confirmed.
- Community Celebration: Aug 22nd noon – 3PM.
- Monday Nov 9th will be our Annual Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maj Britt (Max) Baker
 Secretary
 BPHS Alumni Association



June 2026

BUSINESS SAVINGS	BEGINNING BALANCE	TOTAL DEPOSITS	TOTAL WITHDRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE
BSAV00	\$5,277.34	\$0.13	-\$0.00	\$5,277.47
	YTD DIVIDENDS	YTD DIVIDENDS WITHHELD		
	\$0.73	\$0.00		
Actual	Effective	Transaction Description	Amount	Balance
06/30	06/30	Dividend Annual Percentage Yield Earned= 0.03% For 30 Days	0.13	5277.47

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	\$3,025.93	\$286.58	-\$1,223.60	\$2,088.91
	YTD DIVIDENDS	YTD DIVIDENDS WITHHELD		
	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Actual	Effective	Transaction Description	Amount	Balance
06/02	06/01	Withdrawal Draft Clearing Check #254 - Withdrawal, Draft Clearing	-50.00	2975.93
06/08	06/05	Withdrawal Draft Clearing Check #256 - Withdrawal, Draft Clearing	-125.00	2850.93
06/08	06/05	Withdrawal Draft Clearing Check #251 - Withdrawal, Draft Clearing	-404.64	2446.29
06/09	06/09	Deposit ACH PAYPAL*TRANSFER	286.58	2732.87
06/18	06/18	Withdrawal ACH FACILITRON, INC*PURCHASE*800-272-2962	-643.96	2088.91

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Total Overdraft Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Returned Items	\$0.00	\$0.00

CLEARED CHECKS - BUSINESS FLEX CHCK								
CHECK #	DATE PAID	AMOUNT	CHECK #	DATE PAID	AMOUNT	CHECK #	DATE PAID	AMOUNT
251	06/05	404.64	254	06/01	50.00	256	06/05	125.00

July 2026

BUSINESS SAVINGS	BEGINNING BALANCE	TOTAL DEPOSITS	TOTAL WITHDRAWALS	ENDING BALANCE
BSAV00	\$5,277.47	\$0.13	-\$0.00	\$5,277.60
	YTD DIVIDENDS	YTD DIVIDENDS WITHHELD		
	\$0.86	\$0.00		
Actual	Effective	Transaction Description	Amount	Balance
07/31	07/31	Dividend Annual Percentage Yield Earned= 0.03% For 31 Days	0.13	5277.60

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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	\$2,088.91	\$0.00	-\$377.32	\$1,711.59
	YTD DIVIDENDS	YTD DIVIDENDS WITHHELD		
	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Actual	Effective	Transaction Description	Amount	Balance
07/07	07/07	Withdrawal ACH FACILITRON, INC*PURCHASE*800-272-2962	-225.66	1863.25
07/29	07/28	Withdrawal Draft Clearing Check #257 - Withdrawal, Draft Clearing	-151.66	1711.59

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Fee Type	Total For This Period	Total Year-To-Date
Total Overdraft Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Returned Items	\$0.00	\$0.00

CLEARED CHECKS - BUSINESS FLEX CHCK								
CHECK #	DATE PAID	AMOUNT	CHECK #	DATE PAID	AMOUNT	CHECK #	DATE PAID	AMOUNT
257	07/28	151.66						