

Benton School District**Meeting Minutes****Printed : 4/14/2021 12:36 PM CT****Benton Board of Education****04/12/2021 05:30 PM****Professional Development Center
211 North Border****I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by board president, Holley Little, at 5:30 p.m.

II. Establishment of Quorum

Board members present: Paul Childress, Jarrod Hambric, Chris Ledbetter, Holley Little, Randy Mitchell.

Board members absent: Luke Fulcher, Jonathan Woolbright.

III. Pledge of Allegiance**IV. District News-Panther Pride**

- A. Ringgold Teacher recognition - Beverly Mayfield
- B. MLK essay contest awards for Ringgold Elementary - Beverly Mayfield
- C. MLK essay contest award for Caldwell Elementary - Diane Lovell
- D. BHS Art Student Recognitions - Curt Barger
- E. Assistant Principal Recognition

V. Consent Agenda

5:39, Jarrod Hambric made motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion seconded by Randy Mitchell. Motion passed unanimously.

- A. Reading of Previous Minutes
- B. Financial Reports
- C. Approval of Gifts/Donations
- D. Approve application for Part B Funds
- E. Approval of Aramark February 2021 Invoice
- F. Approval of School Resource Officers fourth quarter invoice

VI. Action Items

- A. Resolution for financing Lighting Update - Mr. Jack Truemper
Jack Truemper, Stephen's Inc., presented the non-bonded debt financing for the district lighting update.
5:47, Chris Ledbetter made motion to approve action item A as presented.
Paul Childress seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Approve Updated Ready for Learning Plan - Eric Saunders
Dr. Eric Saunders presented the updated Ready for Learning District Plan. He explained the update was to include the changes in the district mask mandate.
5:49, Randy Mitchell made motion to approve the updated Ready for Learning Plan.
Jarrod Hambric seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. Approve MOU with Arch Ford for ALE Special Education Services - Dr. Skelton
The board decided to table this item pending further information.
- D. Approval of Chromebook Purchase - Isabella Bradley
Isabella Bradley presented the request to purchase chromebooks. She explained that they are needed for testing and will have current licensing needed.
5:55, Randy Mitchell made motion to approve as presented.
Jarrod Hambric seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. Approval to recognize Benton Panther Dance Boosters as an official Booster Club of the Benton School District - Scott Neathery
Scott Neathery presented the request to approve the Benton Panther Dance Booster Club as per district policy.
5:56, Jarrod Hambric made motion to approve action item E.
Chris Ledbetter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Executive Session (if needed)

The board went to executive session at 5:56 and reconvened at 7:01.

VIII. Personnel Recommendations/HR Report - Dr. Larry Smith

7:02, Jarrod Hambric made motion to approve personnel recommendations as presented.

Paul Childress seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Departmental Update - Cheryl Watson**X. Department Reports**

- A. Facilities Report - Kevin Chastain
- B. Personnel and Student Services - Dr. Larry Smith
- C. Transportation Report- Danny Revis
- D. Athletics Report - Scott Neathery
- E. Child Nutrition/Food Service Report - Stacey Adams
- F. Special Education - Angie McWhorter
- G. Technology/Public Relations - Isabella Bradley
- H. Elementary Education - Dr. Kim Anderson
- I. Secondary Education - Dr. Eric Saunders

XI. Superintendent - Upcoming Dates to Remember

- A. April 13, 2021 Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet
- B. April 27, 2021 Lunch with the Board at BHS
- C. May 4, 2021 Twenty-Fifth Annual Joint Leadership Conference 8:30-3:30 virtual or in person
- D. May 10, 2021 - Regular Board Meeting
- E. May 13, 2021 - Graduation (War Memorial Stadium) 7:00 p.m.
- F. May 27, 2021 - Last Day of School

XII. Adjournment

Prior to dismissal Mr. Childress asked Mr. Scott Neathery to answer some questions regarding the track. Mr. Neathery verified the problems with the track and football area since reopening to the public. There has been issues with vandalism, trash, and people just not following the rules and taking care of the facility.

The public is asked to please follow all rules of use.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11

President

Secretary