

**Benton School District**

**Meeting Minutes**

Printed : 9/3/2020 3:56 PM CST

**Benton Board of Education**

**07/13/2020 05:30 PM**

Chenault Administration Building  
207 N Conway

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I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by board president, Dio Vannucci, at 5:31 p.m.

II. Establishment of Quorum

All Board members were present: Paul Childress, Jarrod Hambric, Chris Ledbetter, Holley Little, Randy Mitchell, Dio Vannucci, Jonathan Woolbright.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Consent Agenda

5:31, Randy Mitchell made motion to approve the consent agenda.

Jonathan Woolbright seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A. Reading of Previous Minutes

B. Financial Reports

C. Approval of Audit Contract

D. Approve School Improvement Plans

E. Approve School Resource Officer invoice for Qtr 1

F. Approve agreement for Juvenile Probation Officer 2020-21 school year

G. Contract disclosure/resolution renewals

H. Boy and Girls Club Annual Payment

- I. Approve MOU with Arkansas State University Three Rivers
- J. Benton Parks Agreement for Tennis Team
- K. Approve BHS Swim Team Agreement

V. Action Items

- A. Sale of 2.55 Acres of land along highway 35, Benton - Dr. Skelton  
Dr. Skelton presented the paperwork for the sale of 2.55 acres along highway 35. He explained that the previous offer fell through due to the land being deemed unbuildable; hence dropping the value of the property.  
5:32, Chris Ledbetter made motion to approve the sale.  
Jonathan Woolbright seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Approval of Athletic Insurance for 2020-21 - Scott Neathery  
Scott Neathery presented the option for Athletic Insurance for 2020-21 school year. He informed the board that this is a different company from last year. The policy will be paid from operating account.  
5:25, Dio Vannucci made motion to approve as presented.  
Jarrod Hambric seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. Approve purchase of playground equipment for Angie Grant - Kevin Chastain  
Kevin Chastain presented the quotes for playground equipment for Angie Grant Elementary. He noted that the cost includes installation.  
5:36, Randy Mitchell made motion to approve purchase of playground equipment for Angie Grant Elementary.  
Holley Little seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. Activity Account Cleanup - Chris Hinson  
Chris Hinson presented the request for Activity Account Cleanup. These are accounts that have been inactive for extended periods of time. The funds will be relocated to campus general activity accounts. By doing so, the funds will be less restricted and used for students.  
5:40, Dio Vannucci made motion to approve the transfer for activity account cleanup.  
Randy Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- E. Approve Woolbright Contract disclosure/resolution - Chris Hinson  
Jonathan Woolbright exited the meeting at 5:41.  
Chris Hinson presented the contract disclosure/resolution for Mr. Woolbright.  
His son will be used for various video/technology events in the district.  
5:42, Holley Little made motion to approve as presented.  
Jarrod Hambric seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.  
Mr. Woolbright reentered the meeting at 5:43.
  
- F. BHS Textbook Purchase - Karen Hilborn  
5:44, Jarrod Hambric made motion to approve the textbook purchase as requested.  
Dio Vannucci seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
  
- G. Resolution for the suspension of District Policy to Align with Emergency COVID-19 Legislation and Statutory/Rule Waivers - Dr. Larry Smith  
Dr. Larry Smith presented the resolution. He explained that this allows the district to adjust policies as deemed necessary to align with state requirements. ASBA wrote the resolution to assist districts in the process.  
5:49, Randy Mitchell made motion to approve the resolution for the suspension of District Policy to Align with Emergency COVID-19 Legislation and Statutory Rule Waivers.  
Holley Little seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Executive Session (If Needed)

The board went into executive session at 5:49, and reconvened at 6:25.

VII. Personnel Recommendations - Dr. Larry Smith

6:25, Jarrod Hambric made motion to approve the personnel recommendations.  
Chris Ledbetter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Department Reports

A. Facilities Report - Kevin Chastain

B. Transportation Report- Danny Revis

C. Athletics Report - Scott Neathery

- D. Child Nutrition/Food Service Report - Stacy Adams
- E. Special Education - Angela McWhorter
- F. Technology/PR - Isabella Bradley
- G. Elementary Education - Dr. Kim Anderson
- H. Secondary Education - Dr. Eric Saunders
- I. Human Resources/Student Services - Dr. Larry Smith

IX. Superintendent's Report

- A. July 30, 2020 New Teacher Orientation
- B. August 10, 2020 - Regular Board Meeting
- C. August 11, 2020 @ 8:00 a.m. - District Staff Meeting At River Center
- D. August 13, 2020 - First Day of School

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27.

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President

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Secretary

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 by board vice president, Randy Mitchell.

II. Establishment of Quorum

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

Board members absent: Dio Vannucci

III. Action Items

A. Adopt Refunding Bond Resolution - Jack Truemper

Jack Truemper, Stephen's Inc., presented the refinancing of a bond for the savings to the District of \$329,345. This did not extend the debt, just resold at a lower interest rate.

He asked the board approve the resolution granting the refinance.

5:13, Jonathan Woolbright made motion to approve the resolution as presented.

Chris Ledbetter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Risk Management Insurance Approval - Chris Hinson

Dr. Skelton presented this annual payment. He informed the board the cost did increase slightly.

5:16, Holley Little made motion to approve action item B as presented.

Jarrod Hambric seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Salt Creek Property Sale - Counter Offer

Dr. Skelton explained the buyer of the property had an inspection done on the property and had changed their offer to a lower dollar amount.

5:19, Chris Ledbetter made motion to reject the counter offer.

Paul Childress seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Student Transfer Requests - Dr. Larry Smith

Dr. Smith presented the student transfer requests stating these are requests that were not ready to present at the Regular Meeting.

5:20, Jonathan Woolbright made motion to accept action item D as presented.

Holley Little seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Personnel Recommendations

5:22, Paul Childress made motion to approve personnel recommendations as presented.

Chris Ledbetter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Information/Discussion Items

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23.

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President

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Secretary

**Benton School District****Meeting Minutes**

Printed : 9/15/2020 3:40 PM CST

**Benton Board of Education****09/14/2020 05:30 PM**

Professional Development Center

211 North Border

**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. Establishment of Quorum**

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

Jonathan Woolbright entered the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance****IV. Consent Agenda**

5:31, Jarrod Hambric made motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Randy Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- A. Approval of Previous Minutes
- B. Financial Reports
- C. Approval of Gifts/Donations
- D. Approve Ready for Learning District Support Plan
- E. Approve Minority Teacher and Administrator recruitment plan
- F. Act 1029
- G. Approve renewal of Contract Disclosures/resolutions
  - 1. Darla Brimhall Contract Disclosure and Resolution
  - 2. Staci Morrow Contract Disclosure and Resolution
  - 3. Lauren Roseberry Contract Disclosure and Resolution
  - 4. Morgan Roseberry Contract Disclosure and Resolution
  - 5. Jennifer Lunsford Contract Disclosure and Resolution

**V. Action Items****A. Facilities Action Items - Kevin Chastain**

- 1. Approve Change Order for auditorium HVAC  
Kevin Chastain presented the change order for the auditorium HVAC, which was to decrease the order by \$11,788.  
5:32, Dio Vannucci made motion to approve action item A1 as presented.  
Second by Chris Ledbetter. Motion passed unanimously.
- 2. Approve new IP cameras at BHS Cook Fieldhouse  
Kevin Chastain requested approval to purchase new cameras for the Cook Center.  
5:33, Randy Mitchell made motion to approve action item A2 as presented.  
Chris Ledbetter seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Approve purchase of new 9th grade building surveillance camera system  
Kevin Chastain presented the request for the 9th grade building surveillance camera system.  
5:35, Dio Vannucci made motion to approve the purchase as presented.  
Holley Little seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4. Approve new access system for 9th grade building  
Kevin Chastain presented the request to purchase the access system for the 9th grade building.  
5:36, Randy Mitchell made motion to approve purchase of access system for 9th grade building.  
Chris Ledbetter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**B. Approval of the 2020-2021 Operating Budget - Chris Hinson**

Chris Hinson presented the 2020-21 Operating Budget to the board.

5:40, Dio Vannucci made motion to approve the 2020-21 Operating Budget as presented.

Jarrold Hambric seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**VI. Adopt Policy Updates - Dr. Larry Smith**

Dr. Larry Smith presented the policy updates that will allow for COVID Emergency Leave.

**A. 3.32.1 Licensed Personnel COVID Emergency Leave**

5:42, Randy Mitchell made motion approve licensed personnel policy 3.32.1.

Chris Ledbetter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**B. 8.23.1 Classified Personnel COVID Emergency Leave**

5:42, Randy Mitchell made motion to approve Item VI-B, Classified Personnel Leave.

Holley Little seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**VII. Approve Stipend Schedule Addition for Assistant Jr. High/High School Band Director - Dr. Larry Smith**

Dr. Larry Smith presented to the board the request for an addition to the salary stipend schedule.

He stated that the PPC had approved unanimously.

5:43, Jarrold Hambric made motion to approve the addition to the salary stipend schedule.

Dio Vannucci seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**VIII. Executive Session - if requested**

No executive session needed.

**IX. Personnel Recommendations/HR Report - Dr. Larry Smith**

Dr. Larry Smith presented Administrations personnel recommendations to the board.

5:45, Dio Vannucci made motion to approve the personnel recommendations.

Jonathan Woolbright seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**X. Informational**

**A. Proposed Policy Changes Sections 1 and 2**

Dr. Larry Smith presented proposed policy updates for sections 1 and 2. He explained that these changes would allow Benton School District policies to align with Arkansas School Board Association policy recommendations.

The board determined they would like to have a workshop to discuss these possible changes.

A date will be set for a special workshop soon.

**XI. Department Reports**

A. Facilities Report - Kevin Chastain

B. Transportation Report- Danny Revis

C. Athletics Report - Scott Neathery

D. Child Nutrition/Food Service Report - Stacy Adams

E. Personnel Report/Student Services - Dr. Larry Smith

F. Special Education - Angie McWhorter

G. Technology/PR - Isabella Bradley

H. Elementary Report (GT/Special Programs) - Dr. Kim Anderson

I. Secondary Report - Dr. Eric Saunders

**XII. Upcoming Dates to Remember**

A. October 12, 2020 School Board Regular Meeting 5:30 p.m.

**XIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

**Benton School District****Meeting Minutes****Printed : 11/5/2020 9:59 AM CST****Benton Board of Education****10/12/2020 05:30 PM****Professional Development Center  
211 North Border****I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by board President, Dio Vannucci, at 5:30 p.m.

**II. Establishment of Quorum**

Board members present: Jarrod Hambric, Chris Ledbetter, Randy Mitchell, Dio Vannucci, Jonathan Woolbright

Board members absent: Paul Childress and Holley Little

**III. Pledge of Allegiance****IV. Informational Agenda****A. EAST Initiative Announcement - Dr. Eric Saunders**

Dr. Saunders informed the board of Grants received that allows for EAST to be offered for grades 5 - 12.

**V. Panther Pride****A. Recognition of Principals****B. National Merit Commended Student - Curt Barger****C. 2019 National Merit Semifinalist - Curt Barger****D. Good Citizens- Jennifer Almond****E. Board Member Recognition - Dr. Mike Skelton****VI. Consent Agenda**

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

Jonathan Woolbright seconded the motion. Motion Passed unanimously.

**A. Reading of Previous Minutes****B. Financial Reports****C. Approval of Gifts/Donations****D. School Resource Officers Second Quarter Payment****E. Technology Renewal****VII. Action Items****A. Annual Resolution for Act 1120 - Chris Hinson**

Chris Hinson presented the Act 1120 report that lists employees who received a pay increase of 5% from previous year. He stated hire dates, bonus given to district employees, and changes in disbursement for National Board Certified Teachers are some of the reasons for the increases.

**B. MOU Everett Naming of Football Field - Scott Neathery**

Scott Neathery presented the memorandum of understanding with Everett.

5:43, Jarrod Hambric made motion to approve the MOU with Everett.

Randy Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**C. Adoption of Policy sections 1 and 2 - Dr. Larry Smith**

Dr. Larry Smith presented Sections 1 and 2 with changes as first presented at the September meeting, and discussion at a Special Meeting on October 2nd.

5:46 Dio Vannucci made motion "to propose that we adopt a policy to rescind the entirety of sections 1 and 2 of our current policy manual, which constitutes the entirety of the district's Board Governance, Operations and Administration sections and adopt sections 1 and 2 of the ASBA model policies and requested changes with the purpose of bringing into compliance with the ASBA model policies. This means that our policies will be identical or virtually identical to those in all other Arkansas school districts."

Randy Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**D. Adoption of a proposed policy to rescind sections 6 and 7 of the current policy manual in order to adopt the Arkansas School Board Association Model Policies, sections 6 and 7 - Dr. Larry Smith**

Dr. Larry Smith presented sections 6 and 7 for consideration by the Board. This item requires no action at this time. The Board will meet to discuss these proposed changes before the November 2020 meeting.

- E. High School Cafeteria Booths - quote #8222509 - Kevin Chastain  
Kevin Chastain presented the quote for booths for the new high school cafeteria.  
5:52, Dio Vannucci made motion to approve action item E as presented.  
Chris Ledbetter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- F. High School Cafeteria tables and chairs - quote #8233755 - Kevin Chastain  
Kevin Chastain presented the quote for the tables and chairs for the new HS cafeteria.  
5:53, Randy Mitchell made motion to approve Action Item F.  
Jonathan Woolbright seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**VIII. Executive Session (if needed)**

No executive session taken.

**IX. Personnel Recommendations/HR Report - Dr. Larry Smith**

Dr. Larry Smith presented the personnel recommendations to the board.

5:55, Dio Vannucci made motion to approve the personnel recommendations.

Jarrold Hambric seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**X. Department Reports**

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

**XI. Superintendent's Report**

- A. BSD to offer Flu Immunization Clinics October
- B. October 30 Offsite Virtual Day
- C. November 9, 2020 Regular School Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.

**XII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

## Benton School District

## Meeting Minutes

Printed : 11/10/2020 10:22 AM CST

## Benton Board of Education

11/09/2020 05:30 PM

Professional Development Center  
211 North Border**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 by board president, Dio Vannucci.

**II. Establishment of Quorum**

Board members present: Paul Childress, Chris Ledbetter, Holley Little, Randy Mitchell, Dio Vannucci, Jonathan Woolbright

Board member absent: Jarrod Hambric

**III. Pledge of Allegiance****IV. Panther Pride**

A. DAR Recipients - BJH- Chad Pitts

**V. Consent Agenda**

After review, 5:34 Paul Childress made motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Chris Ledbetter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A. Previous Minutes

B. Financial Reports

C. Approval of Gifts/Donations

D. Approve Aramark September Invoice

E. Dawson Co-Op Invoice

F. Updated MOU between ASU Three Rivers and Saline County and Schools

**VI. Action Items**

A. Approve Change Order to Job No. 20012 - Angie Grant Sidewalks & Canopies - Kevin Chastain

Kevin Chastain presented the change order that was for a \$4069 deduction in cost.

5:35, Dio Vannucci made motion to approve action item A as presented.

Randy Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Approve Change Order to Job No. 20007 - Boys and Girls Club Improvements - Kevin Chastain

Kevin Chastain presented the Change order for Boys and Girls Club Improvements for a reduction in cost of \$1112.

5:35, Chris Ledbetter made motion to approve.

Dio Vannucci seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Approve Technology Purchase - Isabella Bradley

Isabella Bradley presented the technology purchase approval. The purchase was from her budget but requires board approval for the amount of purchase. This request is for Smart Boards for the new 9th grade facility, including installation.

5:36, Randy Mitchell made motion to approve action item C for technology purchase.

Holley Little seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

D. PPC request for Stipend Addition - Melissa Hilson

Melissa Hilson, representing the PPC, made the request for a stipend to be added for the high school and jr. high National Honor Society Sponsors or \$1200. She stated that the PPC had approved this request at the September meeting.

5:38, Dio Vannucci made motion to approve the stipend as presented.

Randy Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Adoption of Revisions of Policies Sections 6 and 7 - Dr. Larry Smith

Dr. Larry Smith presented section 6 and 7 changed to reflect ASBA policy along with the exceptions requested by the board.

5:40, Paul Childress made motion to approve with Holley Little second the motion. Mr.

Childress then amended his motion to reflect the written motion. Holley Little seconded the motion. Dio Vannucci read the motion: We propose that we adopt a policy to rescind the

entirety of sections 6 and 7 of our current policy manual, with the exception of policies 6.70, 6.71, 6.72, 7.70, 7.70F, and 7.72, and adopt sections 6 and 7 of the ASBA model policies to include requested changes with the purpose of bringing into compliance with the ASBA model policies. This means that our policies will be identical or virtually identical to those in all other Arkansas school districts.

- F. Adoption of a proposed policy to rescind section 5 of the current policy manual in order to adopt the Arkansas School Board Association Model Policies, section 5 - Dr. Larry Smith  
Dr. Larry Smith distributed section 5 of the policy manual along with a sheet to reflect changes needed to match ASBA. Dr. Smith says we will need to meet to discuss changes. Mr. Childress suggested representatives from schools attend the meeting.  
5:44, Dio Vannucci made motion to rescind section 5.  
Chris Ledbetter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**VII. Executive Session (if needed)**

No executive session needed.

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

Dr. Smith presented the personnel recommendations to the board.

5:45, Dio Vannucci made motion to approve as presented.

Randy Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**IX. Department Reports**

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

**X. Superintendent's Report**

- A. November 23 - 27 No School for Thanksgiving Break
- B. Board Training hours must be completed by December 31. The final opportunity to obtain those hours will be December 9 - 11 - Annual ASBA Conference (Virtual)
- C. December 14 @ 5:30 p.m. - Regular School Board Meeting
- D. Superintendent Evaluation Survey Open

**XI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

## Benton School District

## Benton Board of Education

12/14/2020 05:30 PM

## Meeting Minutes

Professional Development Center

Printed : 12/15/2020 12:37 PM CT

211 North Border

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Randy Mitchell at 5:31 p.m.

**II. Establishment of Quorum**

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

Board member absent: Jonathan Woolbright.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance****IV. Reorganize Board****A. Election of President/Disbursement Officer**

5:31, Randy Mitchell nominated Holley Little for Board President/Disbursement Officer. Chris Ledbetter seconded the nomination. Members voted unanimously in favor.

**B. Election of Vice President/Alternate Disbursement Officer**

5:32, Randy Mitchell nominated Chris Ledbetter for Vice President. Jarrod Hambric seconded the nomination. All members voted in favor.

**C. Election of Secretary/Legislative Liaison**

5:32, Jarrod Hambric nominated Randy Mitchell for Secretary/Legislative Liaison. Chris Ledbetter seconded the nomination. All members voted in favor.

**V. Panther Pride****A. BHS All Region Choir - Curt Barger****B. Outstanding Board Member****VI. Consent Agenda**

5:36, Paul Childress made motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Chris Ledbetter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**A. Reading of Previous Minutes****B. Financial Reports****C. Approval of Gifts/Donations****D. Aramark Invoice - October****VII. Action Items****A. Approve Security Camera/Card Access Maintenance Agreement - Kevin Chastain**

Kevin Chastain presented the invoice for security camera/card access maintenance agreement.

5:38, Randy Mitchell made motion to approve as presented.

Jarrold Hambric seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**B. Approve Bus Purchase - Chris Hinson**

Chris Hinson presented the quote for purchase of two buses - one gas powered and one diesel. He explained that we need approval now to order but the funds would come from next year's transportation budget.

5:42, Chris Ledbetter made motion to approve action item B.

Paul Childress seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**C. Student Transfer Requests - Dr. Larry Smith**

Dr. Larry Smith presented the student transfer request for board approval.

5:44, Jarrod Hambric made motion to approve action item C, transfer requests.

Randy Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**D. Adoption of revisions to policy section 5 - Dr. Larry Smith**

Dr. Smith presented policy section 5 with changes made as discussed in workshop meeting.

5:45, Holley Little made motion "to propose that we adopt a policy to rescind the entirety of section 5 of our current policy manual, which constitutes the entirety of the district's Curriculum section and adopt section 5 of the ASBA model policies and requested changes

with the purpose of bringing into compliance with the ASBA model policies. This means that our policies will be identical or virtually identical to those in all other Arkansas school districts".

Paul Childress seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- E. Adoption of a proposed policy to rescind section 4 of the current policy manual in order to adopt the Arkansas School Board Association Model Policies, section 4 - Dr. Eric Saunders  
Dr. Eric Saunders presented section 4 -student section- for consideration of updating.

5:50 Randy Mitchell made motion to consider proposal to rescind section 4 in order to adopt ASBA section 4. This is only approval of proposal at this point.

Jarrold Hambric seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**VIII. Executive Session (If needed)**

The board went to executive session at 5:50 and reconvened at 6:20.

**IX. Personnel Recommendations- Dr. Larry Smith**

6:21 Randy Mitchell made motion to approve Personnel Recommendations.

Chris Ledbetter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**X. Department Reports**

- A. Facilities Report - Kevin Chastain
- B. Secondary Education - Dr. Eric Saunders
  - 1. Saline County CTE Center Update
- 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/PR - Isabella Bradley
- H. Elementary Education - Dr. Kim Anderson
- I. Student Services/Human Resources - Dr. Larry Smith

**XI. Superintendent's Report**

- A. Christmas break December 21, 2020 - January 1, 2021
- B. January 11, 2021 - Regular Board Meeting
- C. Statement of Financial Interest due to Clerk by January 31, 2021.

**XII. Student Disciplinary Hearing**

The board recessed at 6:23 and reconvened at 6:26 for a closed hearing.

- A. Student #602153

The student and guardian were in attendance. The board heard the case and went to executive session at 6:45 until 7:30.

7:31 Jarrold Hambric made motion to reject administrations recommendation and instead issue a suspended expulsion for one year.

Randy Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**XIII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

## Benton School District

## Meeting Minutes

Printed : 2/1/2021 8:56 AM CT

## Benton Board of Education

01/11/2021 05:30 PM

Professional Development Center  
211 North Border**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. Establishment of Quorum**

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

Board member absent: Jonathan Woolbright.

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

- A. Daughters of the American Revolution Award - Mr. Barger

**V. Informational**

- A. Board Training hours/Board Appreciation Month

**VI. Consent Agenda**

Paul Childress made motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Jarrold Hambric seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- A. Reading of Previous Minutes
- B. Financial Reports
- C. Approval of Gifts/Donations
- D. Approve Payment of School Board Legal Liability and Employment Practices Coverage

**VII. Action Items**

- A. Student Transfer Requests - Dr. Larry Smith  
Dr. Larry Smith presented the student transfers recommended for approval.  
Jarrod Hambric made motion to approve. Chris Ledbetter seconded the motion.  
Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Dr. Eric Saunders Disclosure and Resolution  
Paul Childress made motion to approve the Contract Disclosure/Resolution.  
Chris Ledbetter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**VIII. Executive Session**

The board went to executive session at 5:38 and reconvened at 6:38.

**IX. Personnel Recommendations/HR Report - Dr. Larry Smith**

Luke Fulcher made motion to approve the personnel recommendations as presented.

Paul Childress seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**X. Department Reports**

- A. Elementary Education - Dr. Kim Anderson
- B. Secondary Education/CTE - Dr. Eric Saunders
- C. Special Education - Angie McWhorter
- D. Athletics Report - Scott Neathery
- E. Child Nutrition/Food Service Report - Stacy Adams
- F. Facilities Report - Kevin Chastain
- G. Transportation Report- Danny Revis
- H. Technology/PR - Isabella Bradley
- I. Human Resources/Admin & Student Services - Dr. Larry Smith

**XI. Superintendent's Report**

- A. January 26, 2021 @ 11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Board-location to be determined
- B. January 31, 2021 - Statement of Financial Interest filing deadline
- C. February 8, 2021 - Regular Board Meeting

**XII. Student Disciplinary Hearing**

The meeting recessed at 6:40

- A. Student #901897

6:45 to 7:00 the board heard student #901897. They went to executive session at 7:00 and returned at 7:17.

B. Student #802655

7:25 to 7:33 the board heard student #802655. They went to executive session at 7:33 and returned at 7:43.

C. Student #702185

7:46 to 7:53 the board heard student #702185. They went to executive session at 7:53 and returned at 8:18.

D. Student #801716

8:21 to 8:28 the board heard student #801716. They went to executive session at 8:28 and returned at 8:36.

**XIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

## Benton School District

## Benton Board of Education

02/08/2021 05:30 PM

## Meeting Minutes

Printed : 2/9/2021 10:49 AM CT

Professional Development Center

211 North Border

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 by board president, Holley Little.

**II. Establishment of Quorum**

All board members present: Paul Childress, Luke Fulcher, Jarrod Hambric, Chris Ledbetter, Holley Little, Randy Mitchell, Jonathan Woolbright.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance****IV. Panther Pride**

- A. AEA Award - Chad Pitts
- B. MLK Essay Contest - Curt Barger

**V. Consent Agenda**

5:36, Chris Ledbetter made motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Jarrold Hambric seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- A. Reading of Previous Minutes
- B. Financial Reports
- C. Approval of Gifts/Donations
- D. Approve Aramark Invoices for November and December 2020
- E. Approve SRO 3rd Quarter Invoice
- F. Approve Payment of Workers Comp Trust

**VI. Action Items****A. Approval of Foundations - Dr. Kim Anderson**

Dr. Kim Anderson presented the request for funding of Foundations for lower grades and to extend to 3rd grade.

5:38, Jarrod Hambric made motion to approve the request.

Jonathan Woolbright seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**B. Approval of new signage - Kevin Chastain****1. Benton High School Digital Sign**

Kevin Chastain presented the request for new sign at BHS. He explained that the higher bid was best for the district needs due to a better quality and higher resolution of the equipment.

5:41, Paul Childress made motion to approve the bid \$70,174.

Randy Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**2. Angie Grant Digital Sign**

Kevin Chastain presented the request for new sign at Angie Grant Elementary. He explained that the higher bid was best for the district needs due to a better quality and higher resolution of the equipment.

5:42, Luke Fulcher made motion to approve the \$24,755 for the higher bid.

Randy Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**C. Approval of 2021-2022 Calendar - Dr. Larry Smith**

Dr. Smith, representing the PPC and CPPC, presented the calendars that were options for the district staff consideration and Option 1 was the choice with the most votes.

5:46 Jarrod Hambric made motion to approve Option 1 calendar for 2021-22 school year.

Chris Ledbetter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**D. Approval to update Policy 3.32.1 - Dr. Larry Smith**

Dr. Smith, representing the PPC, requested the board approve an update to policy 3.32.1, to extend the Covid emergency leave policy through June 20, 2021.

The staff voted to approve this policy 205/3.

5:48, Randy Mitchell made motion to approve policy 3.32.1 as presented.

Jarrold Hambric seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- E. Approval to Update Policy 8.23.1 - Dr. Larry Smith  
Dr. Smith, representing the CPPC, requested the board approve an update to policy 8.23.1, to extend the Covid emergency leave policy through June 20, 2021.  
The staff voted to approve this policy 109/5. Brian Lowrance, was also present as representative for the CPPC.  
5:49, Jarrod Hambric made motion to approve policy 8.23.1 as requested.  
Paul Childress seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- F. Adoption of a proposed policy to rescind section 3 and 8 of the current policy manual in order to adopt the Arkansas School Board Association Model Policies, sections 3 and 8. - Dr. Larry Smith  
5:53, Jarrod Hambric made motion to rescind sections 3 and 8 in order to adopt the ASBA model policies.  
Randy Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.  
The board will meet in the near future for workshop to discuss possible changes to the policies.

**VII. Executive Session (if needed)**

The board went to executive session at 5:53 and returned at 6:56.

**VIII. Personnel Recommendations - Dr. Larry Smith**

Dr. Larry Smith presented administration's recommendations for personnel report.  
6:58, Randy Mitchell made motion to approve personel report as presented.  
Paul Childress seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**IX. Departmental Update**

- A. Technology/PR - Isabella Bradley

**X. Department Reports**

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

**XI. Superintendent's Report**

- A. February 9, 2021 - ASBA School Law Seminar - Virtual Meeting
- B. February 23, 2021 @ 11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Board
- C. March 8, 2021 - Regular Board Meeting
- D. March 22 - 26, 2021 - Spring Break

**XII. Student Disciplinary Hearing**

The Board recessed at 7:02 to clear the room for a closed hearing.

- A. Student #901700  
The student and parent were present for the hearing.  
The board went to executive session at 7:27 and returned at 7:56.  
7:56, Jarrod Hambric made motion for suspendend expulsion and to place at Fusion.  
Chris Ledbetter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**XIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

Benton School District

**Benton Board of Education Special Meeting****03/31/2021 05:00 PM****Meeting Minutes****Printed : 4/1/2021 11:06 AM CT**

Professional Development Center

211 N Border

Benton, AR 72015

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by board president, Holley Little, at 5:03 p.m.

**II. Establishment of Quorum**

All board members were present: Paul Childress, Luke Fulcher, Jarrod Hambric, Chris Ledbetter, Holley Little, Randy Mitchell, Jonathan Woolbright.

Luke Fulcher left the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

**III. Motion to Amend the Agenda**

5:05, Randy Mitchell made motion to amend the agenda to discuss changing mask mandate for the district.

Luke Fulcher seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**A. Discussion/Vote mask mandate**

Randy Mitchell stated he believes it's time to remove the mask mandate and move forward based on feedback from parents and teachers. He also noted the quarantine rules are stricter when no masks are worn.

5:06 Randy Mitchell made motion to remove the mask mandate for Benton School District.

Discussion: Paul Childress stated he is elected to represent the Benton School District and that he must put his personal beliefs aside. He said he received 2 calls against and over 100 for removing the mandate. He has concerns for the severe consequences as a result of lifting the mandate.

Discussion: Randy Mitchell stated he had to listen to what the patrons are saying but feels the new rules seem to be a punishment for removing the mandate.

5:36, Mr. Mitchell withdrew his motion for more discussion.

Holley Little read aloud the mandate rules provided by Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Luke Fulcher stated that if masks are option parents can make the decision for their student.

Chris Ledbetter stated that we can't go both ways. We mandate the masks or we do not. He asked Dr. Skelton if it was possible to know what students are supposed to have mask.

Dr. Skelton stated he did not know how we could possibly do that.

Jonathan Woolbright stated his concerns that due to the change, students might be quarantined and miss prom and graduation, which wouldn't have happened if they had on a mask.

5:39, Randy Mitchell made motion to remove the mask mandate and let it be optional for students and staff to wear masks.

Jarrod Hambric seconded the motion.

Members voting yes: Chris Ledbetter, Jarrod Hambric, Randy Mitchell, Paul Childress, and Luke Fulcher.

Holley Little and Jonathan Woolbright voted no.

Motion passed.

**IV. Student Disciplinary Hearing****A. Student #901600**

The student and parent were present and requested a closed hearing.

The board went to executive session at 6:00 and reconvened at 6:19.

6:19, Jarrod Hambric made motion to lift the expulsion and allow student to return to school on April 1, 2021 with punishment being time served.

Randy Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**B. Student #702429**

The student and parent were present and requested a closed hearing.

The board went to executive session at 6:46 and returned at 6:57.

6:58 Randy Mitchell made motion for suspended expulsion for one calendar year and for the student to finish this school year via the HUB program.

Paul Childress seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**V. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

**Benton School District**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Printed : 3/31/2021 9:46 AM CT**

**Benton Board of Education-Lunch with Board**

**03/30/2021 11:30 AM**

Benton Jr. High School

411 N Border Street

Benton, AR 72015

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**I. Board Luncheon**

Board members attending the luncheon between 11:30 - 1:00 at BJH: Paul Childress, Jarrod Hambric, Holley Little, Randy Mitchell.

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President

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Secretary

## Benton School District

## Benton Board of Education

03/08/2021 05:30 PM

## Meeting Minutes

Printed : 3/9/2021 11:22 AM CT

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, Chris Ledbetter, Holley Little, Randy Mitchell

Jarrod Hambric entered meeting at 5:57 p.m.

Board members absent: Luke Fulcher and Jonathan Woolbright

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

- A. BJH Quiz Bowl - Chad Pitts
- B. National Merit Finalists - Curt Barger
- C. BHS All State Choir - Curt Barger

**V. Consent Agenda**

5:34, Paul Childress made motion to approve the consent agenda.

Second by Randy Mitchell. Motion passed unanimously.

- A. Reading of Previous Minutes
- B. Financial Reports
- C. Approval of Gifts/Donations
- D. Approve Aramark January 2021 Invoice
- E. Approve Renewal of Lawn Care contract

**VI. Action Items**

- A. Amendment to ALE Contract for 2020-21 - Dr. Skelton

Dr. Skelton presented the amended contract for ALE which increased the cost due to the addition of two personnel.

5:36, Randy Mitchell made motion to approve action item A.

Second by Chris Ledbetter. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Arch Ford Contract for 2021-22 - Dr. Skelton

Dr. Skelton presented the MOU with Arch Ford for Fusion and ALE for the 2021-22 school year. He noted that the amount included the additional two staff.

5:37, Paul Childress made motion to approve.

Second by Chris Ledbetter. Motion passed unanimously.

- C. Approve District Lighting Update - Kevin Chastain

Dr. Skelton presented the proposal to approve updating the district lighting in all facilities, with the exception of new facilities. Representatives from Excel Energy were available to answer questions regarding the lighting upgrade and how the process will happen.

Mr. Jack Truemper, representing Stephens, Inc., was available for financing questions. He stated that we would finance by a competitive bid process in order to keep interest rates as low as possible. financing would be for 10 years with pre-pay options.

5:50, Randy Mitchell made motion to approve action item C.

Second by Chris Ledbetter. Motion passed unanimously.

- D. Adoption of Revisions to Policy Section 4 - Dr. Eric Saunders

Dr. Saunders presented the adoption of Section 4 policies.

5:51, Randy Mitchell made motion "to propose that we adopt a policy to rescind the entirety of section 4 of our current policy manual, which constitutes the entirety of the district's Student Personnel section and adopt section 4 of the ASBA model policies with requested changes for the purpose of bringing into compliance with ASBA. This means that our policies

will be identical or virtually identical to those in other Arkansas school districts."  
Second by Paul Childress. Motion passed unanimously.

**VII. Executive Session**

The board went to executive session 5:51 - 6:45 p.m.

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

Dr. Smith presented the personnel recommendations.

6:47, Paul Childress made motion to approve.

Second by Chris Ledbetter. Motion passed unanimously.

**IX. Departmental Update - Child Nutrition - Stacy Adams****X. Department Reports**

- A. Facilities Report - Kevin Chastain
- B. Secondary Education - Dr. Eric Saunders
- C. Transportation Report- Dan Revis
- D. Athletics Report - Scott Neathery
- E. Child Nutrition/Food Service Report - Stacy Adams
- F. Special Education - Angie McWhorter
- G. Technology/PR - Isabella Bradley
- H. Elementary Education - Dr. Kim Anderson
- I. Human Resources/Admin & Student Services - Dr. Smith

**XI. Superintendent - Upcoming Dates to Remember**

- A. March 18, 2021 - Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- B. March 22 - 26, 2021 - Spring Break
- C. March 30, 2021 -Lunch with the Board
- D. April Kindergarten Round Up
- E. April 1, 2021 - Good Friday, Offsite Virtual Day
- F. April 12, 2021 - Board Meeting
- G. April 13, 2021- Chamber Banquet 5:30- Stuart Walton at 6:30

**XII. Student Discipline Hearings**

The board recessed 6:53 - 7:00

**A. Student #1749**

The student and parent were present at the meeting and requested a closed hearing.

The board went to executive session at 7:19 and returned at 7:38.

7:38, Paul Childress made motion to reject the recommendation for expulsion and place a suspended expulsion at Fusion for one calendar year, along with 40 hours community service. Jarrod Hambric seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**B. Student #90845**

The student and parent were present and requested a closed hearing.

The board went to executive session at 7:53 and reconvened at 8:15.

8:15, Holley Little made motion to accept administration recommendation for expulsion.

Randy Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**XIII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

**Benton School District**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Printed : 3/9/2021 10:40 AM CT**

**Benton Cafeteria - Soft Opening**

**03/05/2021 12:00 PM**

Benton High School  
211 North Border Street

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**I. BHS Cafeteria Soft Opening**

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

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President

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Secretary

**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

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President

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Secretary

I. Call to Order

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

II. Establishment of Quorum

All Board members were present: Paul Childress, Luke Fulcher, Jarrod Hambric, Chris Ledbetter, Holley Little, Randy Mitchell, Jonathan Woolbright.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Panther Pride

- A. ROTC - Saunders/Barger
- B. Admin Award - Mike Skelton
- C. Counselor of the year - Curt Barger
- D. Nurse of the Year - Cheryl Watson
- E. Capturing Kids' Hearts Showcase Schools
- F. 2020 Educational Award Program Recipients - Mr. Barger
- G. Athletic Awards - Scott Neathery
  - 1. All State Athletes (Fall/Winter Sports)
  - 2. 6A & Overall State Weightlifting Championship
  - 3. Conference Champions Fall/Winter Sports
    - a. Boys Cross Country
    - b. Volleyball
    - c. Boys/Girls Bowling
    - d. Boys Swim

V. Consent Agenda

6:01, Paul Childres made motion to approve the Consent Agenda.  
Jarrod Hambric Seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- A. Reading of Previous Minutes
- B. Financial Reports
- C. Approval of Gifts/Donations
- D. Aramark Annual Renewal
- E. Aramark Invoice
- F. Approve Renewal of Dr. Charles Stein, C Stein, LLC, Facilities Contract
- G. MOU for the 2021-2022 school year for Early Childhood Special Education services with Dawson Co-OP
- H. Approve MOU with Benton Police Department for SRO's

VI. Action Items

- A. Approve Final Audit - Mr. Mike Cobb  
Mr. Cobb presented the Final Audit and informed the Board of no findings and no weak areas.  
  
6:11, Randy Mitchell made motion to approve the final audit as presented.  
Jonathan Woolbright second. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Policy 5.17 Recommended Change - Curt Barger  
Mr. Barger presented the request for change to policy 5.17, to add AP Statistics for honor grad course.  
6:25, Randy Mitchell made motion to send back to policy to committee with the Junior High and the Middle School included in meetings.  
No second. Mr. Mitchell retracted the motion.  
6:26, Randy Mitchell made motion to reject policy change as worded.  
Chris Ledbetter second. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. Approve Contract Disclosure/Resolution for Ronda Wagner - Chris Hinson  
Chris Hinson presented the Contract Disclosure/Resolution on Ronda Wagner.  
6:32, Paul Childress made motion to approve.  
Randy Mitchell second. Motion passed unanimously.

- D. Matching Funds request for Caldwell Elementary - Chris Hinson  
Chris Hinson presented the request for matching funds for Caldwell Elementary. Caldwell's Parent Organization will pay just over \$6000 for risers for the music program and are asking the district for \$5000.  
6:34, Jarrod Hambric motion to approve action item D.  
Jonathan Woolbright second. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. Approve payment of Freshman Academy Sign - Kevin Chastain  
Kevin Chastain presented the information for purchase of the signage for the new Freshman Academy.  
6:36, Jonathan Woolbright motion to approve.  
Luke Fulcher second. Motion passed unanimously.
- F. Approval to purchase Six Buses - Danny Revis  
Danny Revis presented the request to purchase six new buses using ESSR Funds. He stated that by ordering now, the delivery time would likely be 6 or 7 months.  
6:39, Chris Ledbetter motion to approve.  
Paul Childress second. Motion passed unanimously.
- G. Approve MOU with Arch Ford for ALE Special Education Services - Dr. Skelton  
The MOU with Arch Ford for ALE Special Education Services was presented to the board after being tabled at previous meeting.  
6:42 Jarrod Hambric made motion to reject the MOU.  
Paul Childress second. Motion passed unanimously.
- H. Architect Selection  
6:43, Jarrod Hambric made motion to table the Architect Selection once again to have more time to discuss. He would like to have a workshop for the board to discuss. Mr. Mitchell stated he would like to see the paperwork on the top two architects.  
Luke Fulcher second. Motion passed unanimously.
- I. Approve new staff positions - Dr. Larry Smith  
Dr. Larry Smith presented the request and the need to add two new staff positions, bright futures/social worker and and Occupational Therapy Assistant.  
6:49, Randy Mitchell motion to approve adding the staff positions and refer to CPPC for salary discussions.  
Jarrod Hambric second. Motion passed unanimously.
1. Bright Futures/Social Worker

## 2. Occupational Therapy Assistant

### VII. Executive Session (if needed)

The board went into executive session at 6:50 and reconvened at 7:23 p.m.

### VIII. Personnel Recommendations

7:24, Jarrod Hambric motion to approve personnel recommendations as presented.  
Randy Mitchell second. Motion passed unanimously.

### IX. Departmental Update - Danny Revis, Transportation Director

### 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/PR - Isabella Bradley
- H. Elementary Education - Dr. Kim Anderson
- I. Secondary Education - Dr. Eric Saunders

### XI. Upcoming Dates to Remember

- A. May 11, 2021- Senior Awards Night 6:00 p.m.
- B. May 27, 2021- Official Last Day of School
- C. June 14, 2021 - Regular Board Meeting
- D. May 13, 2021 - Graduation (War Memorial Stadium) 7:00

### XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

**Benton School District****Meeting Minutes****Printed : 6/15/2021 3:03 PM CT****Benton Board of Education Workshop****06/14/2021 06:00 PM**

Professional Development Center

211 N Border

Benton, AR 72015

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**I. Call to Order**

The start of this meeting was delayed due to needed for regular meeting previous.  
The meeting was called to order by board president, Holley Little, at 7:02 p.m.

**II. Establishment of Quorum**

Board Members present: Luke Fulcher, Jarrod Hambric, Chris Ledbetter, Holley Little, Randy Mitchell, Jonathan Woolbright.  
Board Members absent: Paul Childress.

**III. Informational/Discussion****A. District Finance - Leigh Ann Biernat (Stephens Inc.)**

7:04 - 7:15 Leigh Ann Biernat spoke to the board giving the District Financial Update.

**B. Possible interest in land donation**

The board discussed possible land donation. 7:16-7:20

**C. Proposed Policy Updates to align with ASBA - Section 4 of Board Policies**

Dr. Saunders discussed updated ASBA changes to Section 4 policies with board members.  
7:20 - 7:38 p.m.

**D. Student Handbook Update**

7:38, Building administrators and staff discussed possible changes to be made to the student handbook.

**IV. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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**President**

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**Secretary**