

**Benson Polytechnic High School Alumni Association  
Annual Meeting – Official Minutes - Final**



Date: Feb 12, 2015  
Starting Time: 8:45 pm Ending Time: 9:00pm  
Benson Tech Old Gym

**ATTENDEES:**

Dale Bajema (DB), Roger Edwards (RE), Mike Landstrom (ML), Neal Galash (NG), Ken Bakke (KB), Max Baker (MB), Rob Johns (RJ), Annika Johnson (AJ), Josh Piper (JP)

Guests: Wes Soderback, alum

**MINUTES:**

- The alumni newsletter alumni update article was read aloud:
  - Benson Tech and Portland Public Schools (PPS) Summer School have set aside one week in the summer of 2015 to have CTE Summer Saturday Academy classes for the first time.
  - A full-time architecture teacher was brought back in Fall 2014 — this major had been eliminated from the Benson Tech curriculum four years earlier. A CTE State of Oregon Grant paid for new computer-aided design equipment as well.
  - The Freshman Picnic will be 6/2/15 to welcome the incoming class.
  - While enrollment is still capped, PPS has agreed to manage enrollment upward steadily — for Fall 2014, almost 900 kids are enrolled.
  - The BPHSAA provided \$500 financial support to help maintain summer radio programming.
  - Benson Tech's Community Picnic will be 8/15/15 — all incoming freshmen and families are invited.
  - BPHSAA Board members have worked with PPS on issues at the Site Council-level to help support athletics and future planning for the forthcoming 2016 bond measure. For more information about the BPHSAA and how you can help as an alumni, visit the website at [www.bensontechalumni.org](http://www.bensontechalumni.org) or contact me at 503-314-0041 or email at [robjohns@comcast.net](mailto:robjohns@comcast.net).
- There was discussion about the pep band. With Wayne DeVore stepping out, there is no alumni advocate to push for the return of the band, or a band club.
- Financial report: KB:
  - Our net income was -\$77.65.
- Board nominations were opened.
  - NG nominated Wes Soderback to the board, MB seconded.
  - DB nominated DS, MB seconded.
  - ML nominated DB, NG seconded
  - NG nominated KB, JP seconded
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  - NG nominated RJ, JP seconded

- Nominations were closed.
- KB moved that all nominees be accepted; AJ seconded and the motion passed.
- RJ reminded all that we should try and bring in potential new board members to our next meeting, where we will vote on officers.
- The meeting was closed at 9PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maj Britt (Max) Baker  
Secretary  
BPHS Alumni Association