



BOARD MEETING RECAP

December Board Agenda

PANTHER PRIDE



Panther Pride – Mountain View Elementary
Mountain View Elementary is proud to recognize several first-grade students for outstanding achievement on the 2025 ATLAS Summative Assessment. These students earned the highest scores in their subject areas, reflecting strong academic foundations and a commitment to excellence.

- Literacy: Lincoln Gill
- Math: Jackson Jernigan, Bentley Pugh, and Valkyrie Rogers

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Panther Pride – Mountain View Elementary
Mountain View Elementary is proud to recognize several fourth-grade students who earned the highest scores on the 2025 ATLAS Summative Assessment in literacy, math, and science. Their success reflects dedication, preparation, and strong academic foundations.

- Literacy: David Heinrichs
- Math: August Allen
- Science: Hayti Thomas

PANTHER PRIDE



Panther Pride – Mountain View Elementary
Mountain View Elementary is proud to celebrate several second-grade students who earned the highest scores on the 2025 ATLAS Summative Assessment in literacy and math. Their achievement reflects dedication, preparation, and a strong foundation for continued success.

- Literacy: Brielle Tolleson and Sadie Roberson
- Math: Caroline Donald, Xavier Griffith, and Olivia Shelman

PANTHER PRIDE



Panther Pride at Benton High School!
The BHS Choral Department is proud to recognize students selected for the Arkansas Choral Directors Association Region 3 Honor Choirs, one of the highest honors a high school vocalist can achieve. With more than 900 students auditioning for just 250 spots, this achievement reflects exceptional talent, dedication, and musical excellence. We are proud of the tradition these students continue at BHS.

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Panther Pride – Mountain View Elementary
Mountain View Elementary is proud to recognize several third-grade students who earned the highest scores on the 2025 ATLAS Summative Assessment in literacy and math. Their performance reflects strong academic growth and a commitment to excellence.

- Literacy: Norah Fuller and Carlee Grace Norman
- Math: Noral Fuller

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Panther Pride at BJHS!
The BJHS Choral Department is proud to recognize students selected for the Arkansas Choral Directors Association Region 3 Honor Choirs, one of the highest honors a student vocalist can achieve. Chosen from more than 900 auditions for just 250 spots, these students demonstrated outstanding talent, dedication, and a commitment to musical excellence. We are proud of the tradition they continue at BJHS.

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Panther Pride – Arkansas Seal of Biliiteracy
Congratulations to our Arkansas Seal of Biliiteracy recipients!
Please join us in celebrating Alma Corza, Knowlton Epperson, Morgan Holden, Kiera Lee, Allison Lopez-Gutierrez, Jose Parajon, Kelvin Reyes, Sophie Saunders, and Jerome Zarembo for earning the Arkansas Seal of Biliiteracy this semester.

PANTHER PRIDE



Panther Pride – Central Office
The Benton School District is proud to recognize Mrs. Ann Cooper, our Central Office custodian, for her outstanding service and the care she provides to both our facilities and our staff.
Mrs. Cooper consistently ensures that Central Office remains clean, safe, and sanitary, creating a welcoming environment for employees and visitors alike. Beyond her daily responsibilities, she regularly goes the extra mile through thoughtful gestures — setting up coffee and tea stations, preparing hot cocoa bars, and baking treats.



CONSENT AGENDA

- The board approved the [November Board Meeting Minutes](#)
- The board approved the [November Financial Report](#)
- The Board approved all the Aramark monthly invoice.
- The Board approved the Legal Transfers.



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INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Dr. Nail presented the monthly [Superintendent's Report](#).
- Mr. Jennings presented the [Student Achievement Report](#).

ACTION ITEMS



1. 2026–2027 School Calendar Approved:

The Board of Education approved the proposed 2026–2027 Benton School District calendar, developed with input from staff, committees, and a districtwide vote. The calendar begins with a mid-week student start on Wednesday, August 12, includes 174 student days, and preserves embedded professional development days. Extended instructional minutes allow the district to absorb up to three inclement weather days without extending the school year. The calendar maintains balanced quarters, traditional breaks, and staggered parent-teacher conferences to reduce scheduling conflicts.

2. Purchases Over \$50,000:

The Board approved the annual Chromebook purchase as part of the district's regular device refresh cycle. A total of 840 Chromebooks will be replaced for the 2025–2026 school year due to age and battery wear, with usable batteries salvaged to extend the life of other devices. Following a competitive, brand-agnostic bidding process, the lowest and best bid was awarded to 9 to 5 Computers for Lenovo Chromebooks, consistent with last year's purchase. The purchase is funded through the Technology budget and supports reliable, up-to-date access for students and staff.

PERSONNEL

- A full list of this month's personnel approvals may be viewed [here](#).