OUR MISSION
To support and enhance the education of students in the Bentonville Public Schools

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2015–2016 HIGHLIGHTS

- The BPSF Wall of Honor was constructed to serve as a permanent reminder of the benefactors who generously give to the Foundation. The Foundation Wall is maintained by the Bentonville Garden Club.

- The Foundation manages close to $100,000 on behalf of several community scholarships including the Ruth Hale Barker Scholarship and the Carla and Alleen McKinney Scholarship.

- Our Bold for Gold Campaign is held August–December. Last year, community leaders and district parents overwhelmingly showed their support, with the Foundation raising over $100,000. Further, 100% of the Foundation Board of Directors personally pledged their financial support of our campaign. Additionally, designated gifts in the amount of $318,000 were given to the Foundation in 2015–2016.

- In April 2016, the Foundation awarded 23 teachers a total of approximately $39,000. Grants were awarded for a variety of creative and innovative projects and programs, all of which will enrich our students’ learning experience.

- In cooperation with the Bentonville Public Schools Foundation, the Bentonville Public Schools established the Bright Futures Program. The Bright Futures Program works to fill student needs from food, clothing, medical/dental, household items and much more. Community support through financial and item donations made the program an overwhelming success in the first year.

- The Foundation used a special gift to award $10,250 to the “Teacher of the Year” recipients. One teacher from each school was chosen by their peers. In addition, one was recognized as the “District’s Top Teacher of the Year”.

- The Seventh Annual Gold Rush 5k and fun run were held on May 5th. Over 2,600 runners registered in the highly touted competitive event. The Foundation raised $60,612, providing proceeds of almost $40,000.

- On May 17th, the Foundation recognized the top 25 Bentonville High School academic scholarship recipients at our Academic Signing Day Program. In addition, the teacher who made a significant impact in the academic success of each recipient was presented with a Teacher of Excellence medallion.

- The Bentonville Public Schools Foundation teamed up with Bentonville Downtown Merchants for the annual Jeans Week Fundraiser. The staff purchased a pass to go casual for one week and received a punch card for offers and discounts from ten Bentonville Downtown Merchants. Over $14,000 was raised for the Teacher Grant Program.

OUR MISSION DEFINED:

To support and enhance the education of students in the Bentonville Public Schools.

ENRICH educational opportunities and strengthen student achievement

INCREASE community involvement to promote quality education

SUPPORT teaching innovations and initiatives

ENCOURAGE parental participation for students to work at their highest potential

RAISE and provide funding for activities and projects which support academic excellence

ELEVATE public awareness of the Bentonville Public Schools Foundation.
The Bentonville School District is at such a transformative time: a growing population, new schools and new demands on the District’s resources. We are very fortunate that every student has the opportunity to develop and learn in such a unique corner of the world. Access to an excellent education with committed educators and strong District leadership are the very reasons we have chosen to live in Bentonville. The Bentonville Public Schools Foundation’s mission is to enhance the education of all students in the Bentonville Public School District. We do this through providing additional resources to support educational excellence through teacher and student grants and events for healthy, active living for our students and families. The collective communities of school leaders, educators, and of course students, thank you, our donors, for your support now and into the future.

With gratitude to our donor members during 2015–2016, we continued our mission to support the education of students in the Bentonville Public School District. A few minutes reviewing this year’s annual report will help you understand that you are making a difference. Our two largest fundraising events were very successful. The seventh annual Gold Rush event with over 2,600 participants, the largest running event in the state, was the culmination of countless hours of student running clubs with volunteer teachers that lead these clubs – we cannot thank our participants and volunteers enough! Just peruse the pictures from the event and see the joy in the accomplishment of the students.

The Foundation’s annual giving campaign, Bold for Gold, now re-branded as the Fall Fundraising Drive, provided for the funding of numerous teacher grants as well as an our first ever Arend Arts Appreciation Grant. We were also able to once again celebrate the efforts of our teachers and students with the Teacher of the Year and Academic Signing Day events.

The Foundation has also continued to build a community through this year’s partnership with the BHS Alumni Association and Bright Futures Bentonville. These new organizations are significant to the health of our community. BHS Alumni Association strives to preserve the important history, ideals, and traditions of our district; and Bright Futures offers a framework to meet present needs of children and their families in hopes that every child can be successful now and in the future.

We could not do anything without the financial, in-kind and voluntary assistance of community members like you. Proudly share with your friends and colleagues the difference that you are making in our community by supporting the Bentonville Public Schools Foundation. We at the Foundation are so appreciative of your support and please recognize that the investment you are making today through donations to the Bentonville Public Schools Foundation are the foundation for a strong community where we put our students FIRST.

With Gratitude,

Jim Conway, Current President
Bentonville Public Schools Foundation
A script library suitable for Forensics competition will be purchased. The library will include materials for speaking events such as Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Prose Interpretation, Poetry and others.

Innovation and Involvement for Students In Technology
Leroy Roberts; LJHS
This grant allows cooperation with the art department through the use of a laser cutter and vinyl cutter. Students have the opportunity to use the equipment in prototyping of designs which they create.

CNC for Everyone
Dan Eddy; FJHS
A CNC machine allows students to create objects and designs on a Computer Aided Design system and then create the real object out of wood or metal. A CNC machine is a computer controlled router that cuts wood or metal into shapes programmed by the student.
School Store
Melanie Monjure, Alyssa Ivy; BFMS
The School Store allows students with special needs to develop an understanding of what it means to be an entrepreneur. The grant will provide a cash register and folding wooden storage unit for the store.

You’re on Your Own Transition Program
Vickie Hartwell; BHS
Upon completion of this program, students will be able to demonstrate the necessary financial skills for living independently including balancing a checkbook and creating a balanced budget.

Increasing Student Interaction and Modeling Strategies
BWHS Social Study Teachers – Corey Thomas, Jaclyn Evans, Shawna Shields, Casey Dick, Todd Boddie, Michael Hunter
Teachers will use the Ladybug document cameras to improve writing skills and analysis of historical documents and artifacts in the social studies classes.

Printmaking of All Kinds
Jennifer Tatum; WJHS
A printing press will allow students to create several types of printmaking not limited to relief printing.

Every Student Reading: Every Student Engaged
Michele Sterrett, Debbie Ethridge; FJHS
Playaways, small palm sized book recordings, will provide reading experiences across all learning styles, ability levels and current alliterate readers.
Book-a-Month Club
Carol Halbmaier; AGES
Quality picture books will be provided for each classroom on a monthly basis. The books will promote a culture of reading for all students and be a catalyst for discussion on a specific topic.

Launchpad Makerspace
Kim Moss; BFMS
The current makerspace will be expanded and become flexible in order to be utilized the library commons area or library reading lab.

Building Futures in Math and Science
Amy Cox, Diedra Gauw; BFMS
Students will explore the facets of robotics by rotating through the engineering roles in a afterschool club setting during weekly hands-on experiences.

Kicking Up a Storm and Using Engineering Designing Practices to Do It!
Edwina Wallace; AAMS
This grant will provide science equipment for students to use a series of engaging hands-on activities. Through these activities students extend their knowledge of Earth Science and weather.

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- Literacy Enhancement: 27%
- Technology: 10%
- Industrial Arts: 19%
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A celebration of academic excellence in the Bentonville School District

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Designated Donors:
Endeavor Foundation
Rateliff Family Charitable Fund
Travis Riggs
Octavio and Elizabeth Sanchez
# Financial Statement

**Fiscal year ending June 30, 2016**

## Revenues

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Revenue Source</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<td>Community events</td>
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<td>Bold for Gold campaign</td>
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<td>Interest earned</td>
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<td>Designated Funds</td>
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<td>Scholarship Endowment</td>
<td>$54,891</td>
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<td>Designated gifts</td>
<td>$263,311</td>
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## Expenditures

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<tr>
<th>Expenditure Type</th>
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<td>Grants and Awards</td>
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<tr>
<td>Teacher grants</td>
<td>$38,949</td>
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<tr>
<td>Teacher of the Year</td>
<td>$10,250</td>
<td>2.2%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Operating Expenses</td>
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<tr>
<td>Events &amp; promotion</td>
<td>$22,566</td>
<td>4.8%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Administrative expenses</td>
<td>$12,874</td>
<td>2.7%</td>
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## Total Funds Available

- **Total Funds Available:** $470,579
- **Total Expenditures:** $84,612

## Designated Gifts

**Fiscal year ending June 30, 2016**

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<th>Designated Gifts</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>BWHS Steinway Piano</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Stephen Hacala Scholarship Fund</strong></td>
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<td>Jeff and Misty Clifton</td>
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We have many organizations in Bentonville worthy of our time, efforts, and finances. Bentonville Public Schools Foundation is an independent organization served by a 100% volunteer board that collaborates with Bentonville Public Schools to supplement the education of our kids. The BPS Foundation is one I have been privileged to be involved with during the last several years and will continue to support. As a past board member I was fortunate to be involved with several committees including Academic Signing, Teacher Grants, and Gold Rush. Working with fellow board members, students, teachers, and administrators, we worked to enhance the education in Bentonville Public Schools by raising funds, supporting innovation, and enriching opportunities for students. The Foundation funds a wide range of educational programs and activities that would not be possible without parent and community involvement. We have had impressive participation from families and businesses, but my hope is that even more will contribute this year. I encourage each of you to show your support for public education with a donation to BPSF. It’s a wise investment that benefits the entire community today and into the future.

Stacy Barron, Past Board Member
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