

Benton School Board Minutes
Public Hearing
221 Coventry Rd. Benton, NH
February 12, 2026

Benton School Board: Dwight Swauger, J.B. Boutin

Also Present: Dolores Fox, SAU Superintendent, Kathryn Ducharme, SAU Business Administrator.

Public: None

Meeting Called to Order: 6:02 pm

No Public Input

Motion made by Member Boutin to adjourn meeting and open public hearing, seconded and passed at 6:09 pm.

Public Hearing for Benton School District budget for 2027: With the budget decreasing by 25.94% discussion ensued as to the reasons for the decrease and the impact it will have on the town tax rate. K. Ducharme related to the board the reason was the loss of 3 students and a decrease in special education expenses. Warrant articles were discussed and approved.

Chair Swauger made a motion to approve the budget and warrant articles as written, seconded by Member Boutin and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Chair Swauger to adjourn public hearing at 6:12 pm and seconded by Member Boutin and passed. Returned to school board meeting.

Next meeting date: March 10, 2026 (Annual Town Meeting, 7:00pm).

Business for next meeting was discussed.

Motion was made by Chair Swauger to adjourn school board meeting, seconded by Member Boutin and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Dwight Swauger, Chairman

