

Benton School Board

April 19, 2023

Minutes

Attendance: Joseph Boutin, Kristina Harris, Dwight Swauger

Public: None

Administration: Laurie Melanson, Katherine Ducharme, Janet Cole

Meeting called to order by Laurie Melanson at 6:10 PM.

Reorganization of the Benton School Board:

Kristina Harris made a motion to have Joseph Boutin nominated for chairman, seconded by member Swauger, passed. Kristina Harris nominated Dwight Swauger to be vice chairman, seconded by member Boutin and passed.

Motion to approve minutes from January 4, 2023 moved by Kristina Harris and seconded by Joe Boutin and approved. Member Swauger volunteered for secretary duties for taking minutes, approved by member Boutin and Harris.

No public input.

Signed manifest for Treasurer.

Superintendent: Last day of school for Haverhill Schools is June 16, 2023.

Graduation is Saturday June 10, 2023 at 10:00 AM. Approved list of Benton students enrolled. Window replacement at Woodsville High School will be completed this summer using ESSR funding. HCMS will have a new Dean of Students, Shyanne Albee starting July 1, 2023.

Finance: General fund budget for FY 2023 is \$677,746 with revenue received to date \$438,719. Anticipated additional revenue \$210,318. Expenditures to date are \$291,927 and encumbrances are approximately \$344,950. Approximately \$63,500 fund balance (subject change) for Article 7 to trust. Average cost per student \$15,486.99.

Special Education: Janet Cole: Additional grants from ARP IDEA (American Rescue Plan Individuals with Disabilities Education Act). Funds split among schools with Benton's share going into special education fund at the SAU targeted to Benton students.

Next meeting date: June 14, 2023 @ 6:00 PM.

Meeting was adjourned 6:25 PM.

Dwight Swauger-Secretary, Benton School Board