

## **Benton School Board**

**October 26, 2022**

### **Minutes**

Attendance: Joseph Boutin, Dwight Swauger

Public: None

Administration: Laurie Melanson, Katherine Ducharme, Janet Cole

Chairman Boutin called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM.

Motion to approve minutes from August 24, 2022 moved by Dwight Swauger seconded by Joe Boutin and approved.

No public input.

Signed manifest for Treasurer.

Superintendent: Additional training In Illustrative Math program continues.

DOE Technical Advisory stating testing and masking is only recommended and not required. Positive test will remain out of school for 5 days. Testing upon parental request only.

Benton will receive \$2,249 in additional adequacy funds from the new Extraordinary Needs Grant to reduce the tax rate before it is set.

Finance: Draft #1 FY2024 budget-\$627,957 which is overall decrease of \$49,789 representing a 7.35% decrease from FY2023 budget. Discussion ensued.

SAU 23 School Districts Investment Policy was reviewed.

Special Education: Janet Cole: Making progress in new programs and developments pending.

Next meeting date: January 4, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

Meeting was adjourned 6:45 PM.

Dwight Swauger-Secretary, Benton School Board