

Benton School Board Minutes  
April 17, 2024

6:00 pm The board began signing the manifest.

6:10 pm Superintendent Melanson opened the meeting.

Present: Dwight Sauger, Joe Boutin, and Brenda Finola

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Reorganization of the board: L. Melanson asked for nominations for board chair. D. Sauger nominated by J. Boutin, seconded by B. Finoia, Dwight said he would accept. All voted in favor. L. Melanson turned the meeting over to the new Board Chair, D. Sauger.

D. Sauger asked for nominations for Vice Chair: Sauger nominated J Boutin, seconded by B Finoia. All voted in favor. B. Finoia was nominated as Board Secretary by J. Boutin, and seconded by D. Sauger, all voted in favor.

Motion by D. Sauger to approve the minutes of January 3, 2024, 2nd by J. Boutin, all in favor.

No public input.

L. Melanson shared that the last day of school for students would be June 12, an early release day. Her last day would be June 14 as superintendent. Melanson welcomed Dolores Fox, who was attending and begins July 1st. The Board welcomed Mrs. Fox.

K. Ducharme shared the financial summary with the board. The anticipated budget deficit is slightly lower than anticipated, at \$46,000. Changes in special education costs and tuition have changed. We will have a trust fund hearing at the June 12 board meeting to cover the deficit from the Tuition Expendable Trust fund.

J. Cole shared the NH DOE monitoring process, which is looking at our compliance with special education paperwork across the SAU. This is part of a regularly scheduled monitoring process. Each year 12 out of 96 districts are monitored.

Next meeting: June 12, 2024, with the Public Expendable Trust Fund Hearing.

Motion to adjourn by D. Sauger at 6:20 pm, seconded by J. Boutin. All voted in favor.

Minutes submitted by L. Melanson