

Benton School Board Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2020

Meeting called to order by Chairman Boutin, 6:20

Board Members Present: J. Boutin, K. Harris and T. Hickey

Administrators Present: L. Melanson and K. Ducharme

Minutes for April 29, 2020: Motion Boutin, 2nd Hickey, no discussion. Motion passed.

No public present for input.

Board signed the manifest

Administrator Reports:

Melanson discussed the Haverhill School reopening plan. The schools are ready, look great and looking forward to students returning. Many health and safety protocols are in place and the goal is to stay open and add more in school time as we progress through the school year.

Parents are asked to screen students at home and naturally, keep sick students home until symptoms improve. Students in school who exhibit COVID-19 type symptoms will be sent home and asked to have a C-19 test. A negative test is required to return to school.

Many parents have agreed to drive their child to school to reduce the risk of infection on the bus. Bus drivers will wear masks along with any student riders, hand sanitizer will be available, students will have assigned seats and will load and unload in an orderly fashion: load from the back to the front and unload front to back. Windows will be open, weather permitting and drivers will clean and disinfect after every run.

Some families have elected to homeschool students. There is no tuition charge to Benton for homeschooled or students enrolled in VLACS.

Ducharme reviewed Financial Summary for the year ended June 30, 2020. \$38,131 will be transferred to the trust fund.

Motion to approve Roxanne Newton for Deputy Treasurer made by Hickey, seconded by Boutin. Discussion regarding the need to have a second person able to sign checks for the district. All voted in favor.

Policy DAF - Administration of Federal Grant Funds was presented. Motion Hickey, 2nd Harris. Discussion: we currently follow these procedures and need the policy in place for federal grant audits. All voted in favor.

Other business: Boutin asked if we can use electronic signatures if we have the need to have more remote meetings in the future. Ducharme agreed this would be helpful.

The list of Benton Board meetings was discussed. The board would like to change the April 21, 2021 meeting to April 14 because of the school vacation.

Next meeting: October 28, 2020

Meeting adjourned 7:14 pm

Minutes taken by Supt. Melanson