

Minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Education held on August 30, 2021 at the Unified District Office. Those present were Juanita Morris, Rani Pecenka, Robert Miller, Ray Swearingen, Jeff Shamburg and Warren McDougal; Superintendent Pam Irwin, Clerk Cindy Regnier. Jeremiah Van Doren attended the meeting by Zoom.

President Juanita Morris called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The agenda for the meeting was adopted. Motion by Robert Miller, seconded by Warren McDougal. Motion carried 7-0.

The Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing was conducted. Motion by Rani Pecenka to approve the General Fund rate at 20 mills, exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate of 19.605 by .395. Seconded by Robert Miller. Motion carried 7-0.

The 21-22 budget hearing followed. Motion by Rani Pecenka to approve the budget as proposed at a total mill levy of 56.442. Seconded by Warren McDougal. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Robert Miller that the board enter executive session for 5 minutes to discuss personnel, inviting the Clerk to attend. Seconded by Warren McDougal. Motion carried 7-0. The board entered executive session at 6:35 p.m.

The board reconvened at 6:40 p.m.

Motion by Ray Swearingen to approve hiring Andrea Pickering as BHS assistant volleyball coach. Seconded by Robert Miller. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Warren McDougal to accept the resignation of Dede Case as Bennington Kitchen Manager. Seconded by Rani Pecenka. Motion carried 7-0.

President Juanita Morris adjourned the meeting to the Bennington High School for a Tiny House tour.

Cindy Regnier
Clerk of the Board