

BEALS SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MINUTES ARE NOT FINAL UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING

A meeting of the Beals School Committee was held at Beals Elementary School on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 with members present as follows: Mariner Bunker, Adam Merchant and Bethanie Beal. Also present was Superintendent of Schools Joseph Swain, Principal Chris Crowley,

Board called the meeting to order at 5:36p.m. followed by the pledge

1. Approval of Minutes- The School Committee voted to approve the minutes of March 3, 2026 as written.

Motion made by Bethanie and seconded by Adam. Vote passed 3-0-0.

2. Public Comment Session (Up to 20 minutes)-
 - a. Proposed to have a music teacher back at Beals
 - b. If closing the school, possibly combining the schools. Keep staff, local people appreciated.

3. Committee Reports

- a. Principal's Report- Available to be read at Superintendent's office

4. New Business-

- a. Superintendent Swain recommends the following staff as continuous contracts:

Christopher Crowley
Naomi Chandler
Kaitlynn Whitney
Susan Chandler
George Crawford
Laura Fish
Taylor Roos
Carolyn Libby

- i. Motion made by Bethanie and seconded by Adam. Vote passed 3-0-0

- b. Superintendent Swain recommends the following staff for a contract for the school year 2026-2027.

Kristin Alley
Sarah Merchant
Belinda McDonald
Andrea Faulkingham
LeaAnn Crowley

- i. Motion made by Bethanie and seconded by Adam. Vote Passed 3-0-0.

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5. Old Business-

a. Budget for the school year 2026-2027

- i. Motion was made to accept the budget at \$1,573,517.09 using a fund balance of \$125,000.00, creating an increase of \$23,883.97 from the previous year.
- ii. Motion made by Bethanie and seconded by Adam. Vote passed 3-0-0.

6. Adjournment

Motion made by Bethanie and seconded by Adam to adjourn meeting at 6:15p.m.
3-0-0

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph M Swain, Superintendent

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