

Beacon Academy Charter District 4124
 Board Meeting Minutes, August 27, 2009 6:00 p.m.
 9060 Zanzibar Lane N., Maple Grove, MN 55311

CALL TO ORDER Tam Harken called the meeting to order to at 6:09 pm.

ROLL CALL (present at time of meeting unless otherwise noted)

Board Member	Present	Absent
Cathy Burke		✓
Bob Zarriello (left at 7:55)	✓	
Tam Harken	✓	
Kalin Farrell	✓	

Board Member	Present	Absent
Scott DesBles		✓
Jordan Ford (ex-officio)	✓	
Rainey Miller		✓
Candace Johnson	✓	
Anne Kronebusch	✓	

Board Member	Present	Absent
Mindy Boehnen	✓	
Anne Marie Roder	✓	
Terese Corey Blanck	✓	

ADVISORY MEMBERS Sean Koster

MISC. ATTENDEES Mari Scott, Christina Holmes, Chris and Paul Lentz

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE *(choral reading of the Pledge of Allegiance)*

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Forwarded by Candace, seconded by Ann Marie, unanimously approved.

Open Floor Comments: *Music teacher, Mari Scott came to the board meeting to present a proposal to purchase musical instruments (see attached). She would be able to use these instruments with students in all grades K-8. These instruments are expensive, but should be able to last for 20-30 years. Beacon Academy has never really purchased musical instruments because there has not been the space to store the instruments. Jordan Ford's recommendation would be to see if PTO could fund part of the expense.*

Chris Lentz would like to see a percentage of students that were at Beacon Academy last year that are returning for the current school year. Jordan Ford will work to have this percentage by the end of September.

Treasurers Report-Bob Zarriello-

- *Bank Balance as of 7-31-09: \$291,360.00, plus \$250,000 CD (opened 9-28-08)*
- *The 2008-2009 budget will be \$7,000 better than expected because of special education transportation being funded.*
- *Health care is \$17,000 over budget right now and we need to find ways to cut costs. There was a discussion about changing the renewal date to July 1 so that the staff is around to fill out forms and make decisions about health insurance. We need to continue to discuss what Beacon's contribution to the health insurance plan will be in the future.*
- *There is an option to switch to Health Partners Dental or Delta Dental instead of Confident Dental. Delta Dental would show a cost savings, but there would be higher costs for basic and major dental services for employees (see handouts from work session). Steven Haagenson's recommendation was to stay with Confident Dental. The finance committee will look at ways to cut costs to cover expenses.*

Motion:	To approve Health Partners Empower Choice 2000-100 and Choice 500-40 for the 2009-2010 school year.		
Made by:	Candace Johnson	Seconded by:	Bob Zarriello

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Discussion:			
Vote:	Yea: all	Nay: none	Abstain: none
Decision:	passes		

Motion: To stay with Confident Dental for the 2009-2010 school year.			
Made by:	Candace Johnson	Seconded by:	Terese Blanck
Discussion:			
Vote:	Yea: all	Nay: none	Abstain: none
Decision:	passes		

Principal's Report(Jordan Ford):

1. Enrollment Update- *The total number of enrolled students is 412. The target number is 408.*
2. Personnel – new teacher working agreement for Nicky Cronin (special education for middle school)

Motion: To approve a working agreement for Nicky Cronin for the 2009-2010 school year.			
Made by:	Kalin Farrell	Seconded by:	Candace Johnson
Discussion:			
Vote:	Yea: all	Nay: none	Abstain: none
Decision:	passes		

3. Facilities Update
 - Room readiness- *Teachers are unpacking and getting ready for the school year.*
 - Storage needs- *The church has been very generous with providing storage.*
 - Technology update- *The server will be installed Monday and the new teacher laptops have been shipped. It is the goal to have everything up and ready by the start of school.*
 - Other
4. Dishwasher proposal update- *Dana Adamson-lunch supervisor- put together a proposal about installing a commercial grade dishwasher that we would be able to take with us when we leave. The dishwasher would greatly reduce the amount of trash by having reusable trays. We have enough money in the food service budget to pay for the dishwasher, a new refrigerator, and lunch trays. The total cost would be \$3905.*

Motion: To purchase the dishwasher and ancillary supplies for \$3905 including the installation.			
Made by:	Terese Blanck	Seconded by:	Ann Marie Roder
Discussion:			
Vote:	Yea: all	Nay: none	Abstain: none
Decision:	passes		

5. other (to be shared at the meeting)
 1. *Jordan Ford registered Beacon Academy in the Parent Magazine and there is a Parent Fair on October 10th.*
 2. *Alese Larson provided some prototypes for Beacon Academy signage for Church of the Open Door.*
 3. *David Carlson ran some figures on how much it would cost to install LCD Projectors and speakers. For eight rooms it would cost about \$7938. The board discussed spending money on installation that would not come with us to a new location and how to keep*

projectors out of the way and safe from students. The board is going to wait on this decision for now.

Assistant Director's Report (Sean Koster):

1. Workshop schedule (see attached)
2. Mentor Program
 - a. Seven new teachers will be paired up with veteran teachers
3. Student Conduct
 - a. ISS room behind my office
4. Professional Development
 - a. 14 teachers went to the Responsive Classroom or Developmental Designs workshops
 - b. 4 teachers went to the Core Knowledge Conference
 - c. 8/27 Saxon Math Training K-3
 - d. 8/31 Houghton Mifflin Training K-5
 - e. 9/3 Professional Development
 - i. Q-Comp
 - ii. RC and DD
 - iii. Cultural Proficiency
5. Special Education Program Overhaul
 - a. One elementary and three middle school Special Education teachers
 - b. Each middle school teacher is assigned a grade
 - c. Two paraprofessionals per grade in middle school
6. Musical instrument proposal (see attached)

PTO Report: None

Chairperson (Tam Harken): *The security deposit from Quantum Development has not yet been returned. Per the lease agreement Quantum Development has until August 29, 2009 to respond. Tam Harken has contacted Melissa Houghtaling from Heltzer and Burg as well as a second attorney Tim Palmatier from Kennedy and Graven, in case the board decides to seek legal action. The firm Heltzer and Burg has requested an engagement fee of \$500.00. The board has asked Tam Harken to approach the firm with a request to decrease the amount.*

Friends of Beacon (Bob Zarriello): *A representative of Friends of Beacon went to Robbinsdale District 281's Divestiture Meeting where they were discussing school closings. The committee made it clear that they are not interested in selling to charter schools. Jordan Ford is looking into holding a parent information meeting on Monday September 14th at Beacon Academy to convey this information. Jordan has met with a realtor to look at several different properties. Jordan and Tam have met with Jennifer Rice of NCB Capital Improvement, a non profit organization to talk about financing for charter schools. They give schools an option to be pre-qualified so that they can move quickly if a deal comes up. More information to follow in the coming weeks.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- STANDING COMMITTEES
 - a. **Governance (Ann Marie)** – Policy 533 (Wellness), Enrollment Procedures, Lottery Procedures- First Reading
 - b. **Executive (Tam Harken)** - None
 - c. **Finance (Bob Zarriello)**- None in addition to treasurer's report

- d. **Technology Committee (Scott DesBles)**- None
- e. **Curriculum (Rainey Miller)**- None
- f. **Marketing and Public Relations (Candace Johnson)**- Candace Johnson sent out an e-mail about updating the website. Ann Marie Roder brought up ordering magnets to hand out at Plymouth on Parade. Candace bought up ordering canvas tote bags for students to bring their snow stuff to and from school.
- g. **New Building (Ann Marie)**- None
- h. **Transition (Tam Harken)**- None
- i. **Transportation (Tam Harken)**- None

- ON CALL COMMITTEES

- a. **Fundraising and Grants**- None
- b. **Long-Range Planning**- None

Board Correspondence and Communication- None

Old Business- None

New Business- None

NEXT MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 10, 2009 AT 6:00 P.M.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA-

Motion to approve agenda forwarded by Anne Kronebusch, seconded by Kalin Farrell. Approved unanimously.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn forwarded by Ann Marie Roder, seconded by Mindy Boehnen. Approved unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Approved on _____

Anne Kronebusch, Secretary
Beacon Academy School Board