

Beacon Academy Board Special Meeting
 January 11, 2010
 8:40 a.m.

Call to Order: *Tam Harken called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m.*

Roll Call (present at time of meeting unless otherwise noted):

Anne Kronebusch	Tam Harken	Jordan Ford (ex-officio)
Kalin Farrell	Scott DesBles	
Rainey Miller	Candace Johnson	
Mindy Grant	Ann Marie Roder	

Advisory Members:

Sean Koster

Meeting Agenda: Forwarded by Anne Kronebusch, seconded by Candace Johnson, unanimously approved.

Agenda: To discuss and vote on Race to the Top

By January 13th the application for Race to the Top needs to be signed and submitted. The application states that we will participate in Race to the Top, but we will be able to pull out at anytime.

Currently MDE is projecting approximately \$260/student to be paid to each school participating in RTTT. That would be in the range of \$120,000-130,000 over 4 years.

Being a Race to the Top school may allow schools to participate in reduced or free professional development, testing, and other things. All schools will be required to do these things, but Race to the Top schools will have advantages.

Fifteen states will be eligible for Race to the Top, but only 5 states will be approved right away.

Jordan Ford recommends that the board vote for Race to the Top now so that we can be considered and then when more details come forward we can decide if we still want to participate.

Motion:	To authorize Tam Harken and Jordan Ford to sign the MOA for Race to the Top.		
Made by:	Candace Johnson	Seconded by:	Mindy Grant
Discussion:			
Vote:	Yea: All, but Ann Marie Roder	Nay: Ann Marie Roder	Abstain: None
Decision:	Motion passes.		
	We will go forward with Race to the Top now and then have a work session to discuss only Race to the Top when we have more details.		

Motion:	To adjourn the meeting.		
Made by:	Anne Kronebusch	Seconded by:	Candace Johnson

Discussion:			
Vote:	Yea: All	Nay: None	Abstain: None
Decision:	Motion passes.		

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Approved on _____

**Anne Ingvaldson, Secretary
Beacon Academy School Board**

APPROVED