

Beacon Academy Board Special Meeting  
February 1, 2010  
4:30 p.m.

**Call to Order:** *Tam Harken called the meeting to order at 4:34 p. m.*

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

Anne Kronebusch	Tam Harken	Jordan Ford (ex-officio)
Kalin Farrell	Cathy Burke	Terese Corey Blanck
Rainey Miller	Candace Johnson	
Mindy Grant	Ann Marie Roder	

**Advisory Members:**

Sean Koster

**Miscellaneous Attendees:**

Nicky Cronin	Nancy Olson	Laura Oman
Lori Karcz	Jennissa Wold	Jill Zarriello
Connie Isle	Gretchen McQuillan	Mari Scott
Jenny Conway	Ramona Flores	Erin Miller

Discussion: To give staff and parents an opportunity to hear the reasons why the board voted to change the teacher majority requirement.

Tam Harken explained why a work session was called and what the purpose of the meeting is.

Tam Harken explained that the legislature changed the requirements for a charter school board and they no longer require a teacher majority board. The only legal requirement now is that there must be at least one teacher, at least one parent, and at least one community member (with no ties to the school).

Steps to change teacher majority:

1. A majority of the school board needs to vote to no longer have teacher majority
2. A majority of the licensed teachers in the building need to vote to no longer have teacher majority. There are 29 licensed teachers in the building, so at least 16 teachers need to support the yeas decision of the board in order to remove the teacher majority requirement.
3. The authorizer of Beacon Academy (Friends of Education) needs to approve this resolution

There was discussion regarding how this motion came to be and Tam Harken explained the background of the discussion and the motion. The board currently has to change our by-laws because they are out of date, so part of this discussion is deciding if we want to retain the teacher majority board.

Tam Harken stated that she needs to do a better job communicating with the Beacon community what the needs are on the board like finance, real estate, etc.

The board and the teachers discussed what the election and ballot would look like. This will be looked at further by the governance committee, if needed, once this decision is made.

Board members all had a chance to share their opinions on the subject and how they voted at the last board meeting. Opinions included things such as: this is a way for teachers to have some kind of a teacher's union, the focus should be the board working together and doing what is best for the students, and giving the voters the opportunity to decide who will best serve the needs of Beacon Academy.

Everyone needs to look at the school from as many perspectives as they can when they think about voting and what is best for the Beacon community as a whole.

<b>Motion:</b>	To adjourn the meeting.		
<b>Made by:</b>	Ann Marie Roder	<b>Seconded by:</b>	Terese Corey Blanck
<b>Discussion:</b>			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> All	<b>Nay:</b> None	<b>Abstain:</b> None
<b>Decision:</b>	Motion passes.		

**Meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.**

**Approved on** \_\_\_\_\_

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