

Beacon Academy Board Special Meeting
May 26, 2010
6:30 a.m.

Call to Order: *Tam Harken called the meeting to order at 6:39 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	
Cathy Rawitzer	Terese Corey Blanck	

Advisory Members:

Keith Johnson	Sean Koster
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Miscellaneous Member:

Jennissa Wold	Erin Miller
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Meeting Agenda: Forwarded by Ann Marie Roder, seconded by Cathy Rawitzer, unanimously approved.

Agenda: To discuss the budget for the 2010-2011 school year.

Tam Harken sent out documents prepared by Jordan Ford and Keith Johnson last night that include a revised cash flow for 2009/2010 and 2010/2011, a preliminary revised 2010-2011 budget, and a document with potential savings for 2010-2011. (See handouts)

The cash flow projection for the 2009-2010 school year has improved because the church agreed to allow us to pay the June rent with the security deposit. We most likely will not have to pay another security deposit and Church of the Open Door may defer next summer's rent until we receive state money if necessary.

Jordan Ford recommends reassigning the Spanish aide to a middle school paraprofessional since many of the students this person has worked with are leaving and reassigning the office aide to the lunchroom only since that position was added for the move. Jordan suggests reducing instructional supplies and reducing the technology budget.

The instructional supplies category was reduced. The consumable costs for supplies are about \$12,000 for Saxon math worksheets, Houghton Mifflin practice books, and other replacement textbooks.

The board agreed that we want to maintain a fund balance of at least 20%. There was a discussion regarding whether or not the school should borrow money, whether or not the state has money to pay us back, and what the repayment plan would be.

Friends of Education has suggested cutting our budget by 5% overall.

Jordan Ford reminded us that we need to look at things from all angles (parents, teachers, community, etc.). We need to be fiscally responsible and not raise alarm or panic among any of the groups.

The office staff included a question in the annual survey asking families their opinion on charging \$150 per family per school year to ride the bus. There were 66 families that responded to the survey so far. There were 27 families that said yes they would pay, there were 14 that said no and of them 2 of them would leave the school if there was a bus charge, and 11 said they would consider paying a fee for bussing. The buses are currently full and there was a discussion about extending the routes north to cover that section of the Osseo School District where some of our families reside. This discussion will be continued when there is more information from the transportation committee.

The board recommends that we will advise the finance committee to incorporate the following changes into the 2010-2011 preliminary budget.

- Spanish Aide- \$25,000
- Office staff- \$5,000
- Technology budget- \$30,000 (\$45,000 to \$15,000)
- Supplies/Curriculum/Textbooks- \$15,000
- No summer stipend to attend workshops- \$5,000

The above cuts are recommendations from the board to the finance committee for revisions to the 2010-2011 budget that will be brought to the board on June 10th for board approval.

These budget reductions would amount to a projected \$80,000. Scott DesBles recommended that if we do not increase staff salaries this year that is something that we need to keep in mind for next year. A 3% increase (which is the increase that is currently on the board approved salary schedule) for licensed staff totals \$46,000.

There was discussion about grant writing and bringing money into the organization for technology and other things.

The audit committee will be looking at the budget line by line and try to make little cuts where possible. It may be possible to cut some of the money from the professional development line item, but it is going to stay as is for now.

Tam Harken brought up that it may be possible to give a 1.5% raise half way through the year to licensed staff if the budget is staying on target. This may help to retain staff in the future.

Administration will give working agreements to teachers at the same salary as the current school year by the end of the day on Friday and they will be approved at the June board meeting.

Keith Johnson said the board needs to formally acknowledge that we will not be following the currently approved salary schedule for licensed teachers. This will happen at the June 10th board meeting.

Motion:	To adjourn the meeting.		
Made by:	Rainey Miller	Seconded by:	Candace Johnson
Discussion:			
Vote:	Yea: All	Nay: None	Abstain: None
Decision:	Motion passes.		

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 a.m.

Approved on _____

Anne Kronebusch, Secretary
Beacon Academy School Board

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