

Beacon Academy Emergency Board Meeting

September 5, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

Call to Order: *Tam Harken called the meeting to order at 4:00.*

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

Anne Ingvaldson	Candace Newman	Gretchen McQuillan (left at 4:15)
Kalin Richardon	Lori Karcz	Ann Marie Roder
Bob Zarriello	Terese Blanck	Jordan Ford (ex-officio)
Tam Harken	Cathy Burke	

Advisory Members:

Misc. Attendees: Kristi Pingel, Jill Zarriello, John Carnes (attorney), Grant Carlson, Kurt Appffelbacher (Dougherty), Rainy Miller

Friends of Beacon (FOB) has been working with the Beacon Academy long range planning committee to figure out long range planning needs for Beacon Academy. FOB has found an approximately 17-acre parcel of land just west of 494 and has signed a letter of intent to purchase the land. Now they are waiting for a purchase agreement to be finalized. The anticipated closing date for the property is December 1, 2008. Two architect firms were interviewed yesterday by FOB and Pope Associates Inc. was chosen. FOB's desire is to have the facility completed for Beacon Academy to take occupancy in the new building September 1, 2009. Once the purchase agreement has been signed, FOB and Beacon Academy can begin marketing this to the public.

FOB hopes to begin construction in December, after the closing. Anderson Builders was selected by FOB for development/construction services on the project. The land and building will cost approximately 10 million dollars. The new building would be a facility to house approximately 625 students, with 3 sections of every grade. (See handout)

FOB would like the Beacon Academy board to endorse FOB's decision to use Pope Architect and Anderson Builders.

Most of Jordan's day-to-day duties at Beacon Academy will be transitioned so that he can focus the majority of his time and energy on the building project. Sean will take over as the Director of Beacon Academy. The executive committee will meet to further discuss these changes. Sean will be financially compensated for his increased workload. This will be voted on at the 9-17-08 board meeting when we have more facts and specific dollar amounts. Per the information provided by FOB to Dougherty the revenue from the bonding project can reimburse part of Jordan's salary.

John Carnes, an attorney that has been working with Beacon Academy and FOB was present at the meeting to answer questions and to give the Beacon board guidance. John ensured us that the emergency meeting that was called, does meet the exigency meeting circumstances and does abide by open meeting laws because of the time sensitive matters

that are being addressed. FOB is on a very aggressive timeline so that Beacon Academy can be in the new school by September 1, 2009.

The architect and developer have already begun working on this project and the architect will spend much of next week at Beacon Academy meeting with Jordan. A focus group will be formed so that representatives from different staff groups will have input in the design of the new building. The architect hopes to have a draft completed by the end of next week and the rest of the plans will come in waves as they continue to add data. One of the first things that they will need to do is to present the planning committee of the city of Maple Grove with information on traffic, parking, and entrances and exits for the new building.

FOB has provided documentation to Dougherty to assist them in determining what FOB can afford for the new project based on lease aid provided through enrollment. The bonds will be underwritten based on enrollment that will be in the school in the 3rd year, which will be the fiscal year of 2013.

Jordan has pictures and information from 2 other projects that Pope Architect has been a part of for anyone that is interested in looking at them.

Motion:	To charge Bob and Cathy as Beacon's representatives on the Friends of Beacon Board to pursue the project as described reporting back to the Beacon Academy board at the 9-17-08 board meeting and every board meeting.		
Made by:	Candace	Seconded by:	Terse
Discussion:			
Vote:	Yea: all	Nay: none	Abstain: none
Decision:	passes		

Bob stated that we have talked with the landlord and he is aware of the situation. It is to be understood by everyone that this transition is no reflection on Clint, Quantum Development, or their ability to perform. If it weren't for Clint, Janet, and Quantum Development, Beacon Academy would not exist. This is a tough situation, but we will continue though the transition in a professional and business-like manner.

Terese forwarded motion to adjourned, seconded by Kalin, unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.