

# Beacon Academy Expulsion Hearing

February 11, 2009

8:15 a.m.

**Call to Order:** *Tam Harken called the meeting to order at 8:26 a.m.*

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

Tam Harken	Anne Ingvaldson	Lori Karcz
Ann Marie Roder	Candace Newman	Cathy Burke
Bob Zarriello	Kalin Farrell	Jordan Ford (ex-officio)

**Advisory Members:**

Sean Koster

**Misc. Attendees:**

**1. State Purpose for Meeting-** *This meeting is for the board to consider a hearing officer's recommendation from an expulsion hearing for a middle school student and to and to vote on whether or not to expel this student.*

**2. Provide the student and/or her parent the opportunity to speak to the board-***The student and parent are not present. The parent thought the meeting was tonight at 6:30 p.m., which is 30 minutes after the lottery is scheduled to take place. The Fair Pupil Dismissal Act does not require that the parent and/or student are present, but the meeting must take place within 5 days of the hearing, which brings us to today. The board will go forward with the meeting since that parent chose the meeting date and time and was informed when the meeting was to take place.*

<b>Motion:</b>	To go forward with the hearing and expulsion process even though the parent and student have not shown up.		
<b>Made by:</b>	Bob	<b>Seconded by:</b>	Lori
<b>Discussion:</b>			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> all	<b>Nay:</b>	<b>Abstain:</b>
<b>Decision:</b>	Motion passes.		

**3. Provide the school administration the opportunity to speak to the board-***The administration will not have an opportunity to speak since the parent and student were not here to speak. Cathy Burke submitted a letter about the student that Tam read aloud.*

*The following statement is from the "Findings of Fact and Conclusions and Recommendations" filed by the Administrative Judge:*

"Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions, and for the reasons set forth in the attached Memorandum, the Administrative Law Judge makes the following:

## RECOMMENDATION

IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED that the School Board affirm the decision of Beacon Academy to expel the student for the remainder of the school year.”

<b>Motion:</b>	To go with the recommendation of the hearing officer to expel the student.		
<b>Made by:</b>	Ann Marie	<b>Seconded by:</b>	Bob
<b>Discussion:</b>			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> All, but Cathy	<b>Nay:</b> Cathy	<b>Abstain:</b>
<b>Decision:</b>	Motion passes.		

**4. Board will render decision on the matter. This will be a roll call vote.**

**Tam-** *Yes*

**Ann Marie-** *Yes*

**Bob-** *Yes*

**Anne-** *Yes*

**Candace-** *Yes*

**Kalin-** *Yes*

**Lori-** *Yes*

**Cathy-** *No*

<b>Motion:</b>	To adjourn the meeting.		
<b>Made by:</b>	Anne	<b>Seconded by:</b>	Candace
<b>Discussion:</b>			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> all	<b>Nay:</b>	<b>Abstain:</b>
<b>Decision:</b>	Motion passes.		

**Meeting adjourned at 8:58 a.m.**