

**Beacon Academy Special Board Meeting**

April 29, 2009

4:15 p.m.

**Call to Order:** *Tam Harken called the meeting to order at 4:18 p.m.*

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

Tam Harken	Kalin Farrell	Jordan Ford (ex-officio)
Ann Marie Roder	Candace Newman	Bob Zarriello (4:41 p.m.)
Cathy Burke	Anne Ingvaldson	Rainey Miller
Terese Corey Blanck	Scott DesBles	Lori Karcz

**Advisory Members:**

Sean Koster (5:01 p.m.)

**Misc. Attendees:**

Tina Goeske	Brandon Burbach	Christina Holmes
Mike Helman		

**Meeting Agenda:** Forwarded by Terese, seconded by Cathy, unanimously approved.

1. **Phone Service: Review of RFP's with possible selection-** *The technology committee put out RFP's for a new phone system. There are 2 companies for the phone system that are very similar in cost and functionality. The cost will be about \$30,000 for the phone system. The phone system is something that we need to decide on as soon as possible so that we are up and running when we move. The system needs to have E911 which means that when 911 are called the exact location and classroom can be located. It costs approximately \$1000 a month for this service. The phone system and servers that we buy are portable and will be able to move to new locations. The technology committee has done its due diligence to maximize fund use by searching for used ancillary equipment.*

<b>Motion:</b>	To approve Jordan and the IT committee to spend up to \$40,000 for the data and communications infrastructure for Beacon Academy.				
<b>Made by:</b>	Terese		<b>Seconded by:</b>	Scott	
<b>Discussion:</b>					
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b>	All, but Bob.	<b>Nay:</b>	<b>Abstain:</b>	Bob, arrived after the discussion
<b>Decision:</b>	Motion passes.				
	The \$40,000 will come from the 2008-2009 budget.				

2. **Resignation of board member-** *Lori submitted a letter to the board to announce her resignation.*

<b>Motion:</b>	To accept Lori Karcz's resignation effective June 30, 2009.				
<b>Made by:</b>	Anne		<b>Seconded by:</b>	Ann Marie	
<b>Discussion:</b>					

<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> All, but Lori	<b>Nay:</b>	<b>Abstain:</b> Lori
<b>Decision:</b>	Motion passes.		

**Kindergarten format-** *On 4/13 the board voted to not have a mid day kindergarten bus because of the expense. The first year of Beacon Academy there was a consensus to have half day every day kindergarten. The parents of the incoming kindergarten class were polled to see what their opinions were. Office staff called the families to ask them if they want all day every other day or half day every day kindergarten for the 2009-2010 school year. Seventeen families wanted all day every other day, twelve families wanted half day every day, and five did not care. Two calendars were presented as possibilities if kindergarten was going to be all day. One calendar has every other day and one calendar has Monday/Wednesday and Tuesday/Thursday and every other Friday. (See handouts) The every other day program makes things easier with bussing, but may pose problems with day care. After reviewing state statues (MN 123B.88 and MN 124D.10) regarding transportation requirements a potential discrepancy was identified. Tam contacted MDE and legal counsel regarding which statue a charter school is required to follow. MDE personnel advised to follow one statue where legal counsel advised another. This discrepancy could potentially present statue compliance issues between parents/MDE if the school chose to continue their current decision of half day every day kindergarten with no noon bussing. It was discussed that transportation and day care needs often drive this decision in other districts. The calendar options will be discussed at kindergarten round up to get more input from parents.*

<b>Motion:</b>	To change from daily half day to full day partial week sections of kindergarten.		
<b>Made by:</b>	Ann Marie	<b>Seconded by:</b>	Cathy
<b>Discussion:</b>			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> All, but Kalin and Scott	<b>Nay:</b> Kalin, Scott	<b>Abstain:</b>
<b>Decision:</b>	Motion passes.		

- 3. Summer storage bid-** *Bester Bros. was chosen for the moving company and they have provided us with a bid from summer storage. They would pack things on trailers, keep things on trailers for the summer, and then bring it over when we need it in August. Church of the Open Door has summer programs and we cannot move all of our stuff in June. The price is \$3,000 for 2 months.*

<b>Motion:</b>	To authorize Jordan to spend up to \$7000 to secure summer storage.		
<b>Made by:</b>	Anne	<b>Seconded by:</b>	Scott
<b>Discussion:</b>			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> All	<b>Nay:</b>	<b>Abstain:</b>
<b>Decision:</b>	Motion passes.		

<b>Motion:</b>	To adjourn the meeting,
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<b>Made by:</b>	Cathy	<b>Seconded by:</b>	Ann Marie
<b>Discussion:</b>			
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Yea:</b> All	<b>Nay:</b>	<b>Abstain:</b>
<b>Decision:</b>	Motion passes.		

**Meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.**

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

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**Anne Ingvaldson, Secretary**

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