

CALL TO ORDER Melanie Spall called the meeting to order to at 6:31 p.m.

1.ROLL CALL present at time of meeting unless otherwise noted	Present	Absent
Board Member		
David Goeske (President)		✓
Melanie Spall (Vice President)	✓	
Jacque Lee (Treasurer)		✓
Heidi Sheard (Secretary)	✓	
Todd Alle	✓	
Matt Goodman	✓	
Meg Herlofsky	✓	
Brandon Huberty	✓	
Jennifer Hodge	✓	
Rob Kalinsky	✓	
Keith Johnson(ex-officio)		✓
Sean Koster(ex-officio)		✓
Kris Achter (ex-officio)	✓	

MISC. ATTENDEES: CONNIE WILDER,
 JEANNE VANOOSBRE, JOHN LOREZINI

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(Choral reading of the Pledge of Allegiance)

3. BEACON MISSION STATEMENT

(Choral reading of the Beacon Academy Mission Statement)

David Goeske arrived at 6:33pm; Jacque Lee and Keith Johnson arrived at 6:34pm

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion:	To approve the agenda with the following additions: World's Best Workforce under Principal's report and Draft Purchase Agreement under Facility Planning Committee Report							
Made by:	*Jen Hodge			Seconded by:	*Meg Herlofsky			
Discussion:								
Vote:	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain
	David Goeske	x			Todd Alle	x		
	Melanie Spall	x			Meg Herlofsky	x		
	Heidi Sheard	x			Jennifer Hodge	x		
	Brandon Huberty	x			Rob Kalinsky	x		
	Matt Goodman	x			Jacque Lee	x		
Decision:	Passes							

5. School Spotlight

-Our Character Education trait for October was Community Values Youth. We finished our Socktober drive by collecting and donating 900 pairs of socks to a homeless shelter. This

month middle school students are participating in a toiletries collection for a boy's homeless shelter. The Character Education trait for Nov is Resistance Skills (being assertive).

6. Open Floor Comments from Attendees:

-Connie Wilder is attending to hear more about facility planning. She thanked board members for their service and increased communication, especially in regards to the Spotlight.

7. Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion: To approve the consent agenda:								
Made by: *Jen			Seconded by: *Jacque					
Discussion:								
Vote:	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain
	David Goeske	x			Todd Alle	x		
	Melanie Spall	x			Meg Herlofsky	x		
	Heidi Sheard	x			Jennifer Hodge	x		
	Brandon Huberty	x			Rob Kalinsky	x		
	Matt Goodman	x			Jacque Lee	x		
Decision: Passes								
A. Approval of Minutes: 1. Regular Board Meeting –October 20, 2015								
B. Policy First Reading : 1. 104 School District Mission Statement								
C. Policy Second Reading/Approval: 1. 537 Education of Students with Disabilities Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act 2. 612.1 Development of Parental Involvement Policies for Title I Programs								
D. Approval of ICS Deposit Placement Agreement with Venture Bank								

8. Board Reports

A. Treasurer's Report –Jacque Lee

1. Review/Approval of Treasurers Report

- Enrollment: first time in history there is no wait list for Kindergarten.
- Budget outlook compared to the projected budget is under budget by \$200,000. Fund balance is healthy at 28%
- Financials do not include increased cost for bussing situation. We are \$30,000 approx. over budget.

Motion: To approve the financial report								
Made by: *Matt Goodman			Seconded by: *Jen Hodge					
Discussion:								
Vote:	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain
	David Goeske	x			Todd Alle	x		
	Melanie Spall	x			Meg Herlofsky	x		
	Heidi Sheard	x			Jennifer Hodge	x		
	Brandon Huberty	x			Rob Kalinsky	x		
	Matt Goodman	x			Jacque Lee	x		
Decision: Passes								

2. Review/Approval of 2015 Audit – Clifton Larson Allen- John Lorenzini

- The audit opinion was clean. Best we could have gotten.
- Net position: negative this year due to new Federal accounting practice. It's nothing to worry about.
- Fund balance sheet: good cash position. Ending fund balance was 34%
- Statement of revenues and expenditures: all positive
- Revenue was within 1% of budget which is excellent
- Internal control letter: no findings which is great
- Overall it's a great audit with no findings.

Motion:	To approve the 2015 Audit as presented by John Lorenzini of Clifton Larson Allen with exception of pg. 53 (submitted correctly at a later date)							
Made by:	*Melanie Spall				Seconded by:	*Meg Herlofsky		
Discussion:								
Vote:	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain
	David Goeske	x			Todd Alle	x		
	Melanie Spall	x			Meg Herlofsky	x		
	Heidi Sheard	x			Jennifer Hodge	x		
	Brandon Huberty	x			Rob Kalinsky	x		
	Matt Goodman	x			Jacque Lee	x		
Decision:	Passes							

B. Principal – Kris Achter (on behalf of Sean Koster)

1. Enrollment Report

- Two new students started this week.
- First time no waiting list for Kindergarten
- There was a group tour today that 4 families attended
- Open House is January 9th
- Would consider another open house if attendance is low or we do not get desired outcome

2. Update on Meeting with IQS

- Doug Thomas was here this morning. He will be in the building a few more times this year.
- David and Sean met with IQS about renewing our contract. Having a new contract signed before April will be difficult due to delays with the state.

3. PTO Funds

- The PTO started using the Dash funds. They are giving money to support character education, clay for art, Spanish library and new chairs

4. Bussing Update

- There has been a mutual agreement to terminate and no response yet from several emails and a letter that was sent
- Our lawyer has been involved
- The new bus company has been great so far

5. World's Best Workforce Plan

- This is a required report that Sean will be working on.
- It summarizes all the programs we currently have in our school and how they are implemented.

Motion:	To approve the Plan of the World's Best Workforce as presented:							
Made by:	*Melanie Spall				Seconded by:	*Heidi Sheard		
Discussion:								
Vote:	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain
	David Goeske	x			Todd Alle	x		

Melanie Spall	x	Meg Herlofsky	x		
Heidi Sheard	x	Jennifer Hodge	x		
Brandon Huberty	x	Rob Kalinsky	x		
Matt Goodman	x	Jacque Lee	x		
Decision: Passes					

6. Staffing Update

- We recently accepted the resignation of our Technology teacher, Keith Krueger. We currently have a long term sub, Cole Barker, who is very knowledgeable about Beacon as he spent a lot of time in our building last year.
- We are accepting applications and will be doing interviews to fill this position
- We have hired a 5th Special Education teacher, Sam Springer, to help with additional student needs and alleviate workload from other Sped teachers.
- Sam has worked in our building for the last two years.

8. Standing Committee's

A. Curriculum Committee-Matt Goodman

- We are in the midst of research and development on a math curriculum
 - We are doing broad research right now. There are 13 different options.
 - There is more detailed information on surveys staff took on Saxon
 - We are evaluating Saxon, not getting rid of at this time
 - Crazy 8's program: hoping to start that after winter break for elementary. This would be an after school activity run by teachers
 - The budget for a new math curriculum is \$50,000
 - David asked if parents will be asked to be on the committee. It will be in the Spotlight and meetings are posted.
- We are in the midst of implementing social studies curriculum
- Cornell notes is being implemented and used
- We are in the maintenance and revision cycle of Benchmark Literacy

B. Facility Planning Committee

1. Update on the Corcoran Land Expansion Option
 - This list was submitted by CWN as to what has been taking place
 - LOI executed/Purchase Agreement to follow
 - Wetland delineation study
 - East parcel looks to be most favorable
 - Soil borings will be happening soon
 - Financial forecasting-will be discussed tonight
 - Space programming meeting held this past Monday with Architect and staff
 - Review and Comment for MDE-CWN is working on that
 - Meetings with city of Corcoran-need to get concept plan to them
 - Feasibility study by the city of Corcoran
 - A document sharing website will be set up soon

2. Discuss the Modified Financial Numbers from CWN (scenario 4)
 - New modified financial numbers presented and approved by our finance company.
 - In the short term we can afford this but it's hard to forecast into the future

- Increasing class size would make this a viable option for Beacon Academy
- This is a very conservative model projected at 95% enrollment
- Does not take into account rising insurance costs
- This also assumes staffing stays the same

3. Discussion/Motion to increase the authorized class size for each grade K-8 up to 28 students

Motion:	To approve the increasing the authorized class size for each grade K-8 to 28 students:								
Made by:	*Rob Kalinsky				Seconded by:	*Matt Goodman			
Discussion:									
Vote:	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	
	David Goeske	x			Todd Alle	x			
	Melanie Spall	x			Meg Herlofsky	x			
	Heidi Sheard	x			Jennifer Hodge	x			
	Brandon Huberty	x			Rob Kalinsky	x			
	Matt Goodman	x			Jacque Lee	x			
Decision:	Passes								

- Rob suggested we leave it up to administration to be flexible as they see appropriate.
- Facility planning committee did not come to consensus on this issue
- All teachers were in favor of increasing class sizes as long as space was appropriate.
- Those most affected will be in elementary grades.
- We are going to become larger increasing to 3 classes per grade regardless of increasing class size.

4. Discuss/Approve the Draft Purchase Agreement for Corcoran Land

- Terms are very similar to LOI and costs are same earnest money terms; \$5,000 that is fully refundable
- Gives us 120 days to do our due diligence and change our mind

Motion:	To approve the draft purchase agreement for the Corcoran land:								
Made by:	*Rob Kalinsky				Seconded by:	*Jacque Lee			
Discussion:									
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	Melanie Spall	x			Meg Herlofsky	x			
	Heidi Sheard	x			Jennifer Hodge	x			
	Brandon Huberty	x			Rob Kalinsky	x			
	Matt Goodman	x			Jacque Lee	x			
Decision:	Passes								

Motion:	To approve the Facility Planning Committee to do their due diligence on the East parcel of land in Corcoran								
Made by:	*Rob Kalinsky				Seconded by:	*Melanie Spall			
Discussion:									
Vote:	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	
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	Melanie Spall	x			Meg Herlofsky	x			
	Heidi Sheard	x			Jennifer Hodge	x			
	Brandon Huberty	x			Rob Kalinsky	x			
	Matt Goodman	x			Jacque Lee	x			
Decision:	Passes								

Beacon Academy School Board Goals the 2014-2015 School Year:

1. *Student academic excellence*
2. *Teacher and administration excellence*
3. *Remove barriers to expansion*

Board Correspondence and Communication- None

Board Workshop- None

Old Business- None

Action Items-

NEXT MEETING IS December 17, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 8:31p.m. forwarded by Melanie Spall, seconded by Jen Hodge. Approved unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 8:31p.m.

Approved on_____

Heidi Sheard, Secretary
Beacon Academy School Board