

**CALL TO ORDER**      David Goeske called the meeting to order to at 6:30 p.m.

<b>1.ROLL CALL</b> present at time of meeting unless otherwise noted	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Board Member</b>		
David Goeske (President)	✓	
Melanie Spall (Vice President)	✓	
Jacque Lee (Treasurer)	✓	
Heidi Sheard (Secretary)	✓	
Todd Alle		✓
Matt Goodman	✓	
Meg Herlofsky	✓	Left at 7:49pm
Brandon Huberty	✓	
Jennifer Hodge	✓	
Rob Kalinsky	✓	
Keith Johnson(ex-officio)		✓
Sean Koster(ex-officio)	✓	
Kris Achter (ex-officio)	✓	

**MISC. ATTENDEES:** WENDY TERRY, GEORGE ROVOLIS, JILL COUGHENAU LANE, CHERYL KROTZ, KELLY DIMA, KEITH MIKKOLA, LORI THOMAS, SCOTT LOGAN, SARAH LOGAN, LISA ROULET, TIF RENNER, CINDY JONES, JEN BOICH, TRACEY HELLAWELL, NORMA NISTLER, JEFF AND JACQUIE TIMPERLEY, MARY PASTIKA, MICKY AND DANA BRINK, RACHEL BLOCK, BOB AND JILL ZARRIELLO, MATT WAHL, LAURA FRITZ, DIANNE AND GREGG OMOH, CONNIE WILDER, JENNA FADLALLA, AMY KING, LINDSAY JOHNSON, KRIS GAPINSKI, SHARON MACFARLANE, DARRIN ENERSON, JACLYN MAY, GERHARDT GLEIGE, PAUL DONOVAN, DEB RATHMAN, TED BECKMAN, STEVE NICKEL, CRAIG KEPLER, JULIA MULLIN, BRANDON BURBACH, KRISTI KALINSKY, ASHLING GILLIGAN, SARESE SVIHL, ANGELA POGORZELSKI, STACEY ASHPOLE, ROD MEDEL, NICHOLAS AND MICHELLE MEYER, LUPE HOYT, ABIGAIL TAPIA, KATY AND TONY LUKKEN, SCOTT LOGAN, MARY MARTIN WIENS, JOSHUA AND SARA HINES, AMY KOBIELUSH, TAM HARKEN, KRISTI PINGEL

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*(Choral reading of the Pledge of Allegiance)*

**3. BEACON MISSION STATEMENT**

*(Choral reading of the Beacon Academy Mission Statement)*

**4. Approval of Agenda**

<b>Motion:</b>	To approve the agenda:		
<b>Made by:</b>	*Heidi Sheard	<b>Seconded by:</b>	*Meg Herlofsky
<b>Discussion:</b>			

<b>Vote:</b>	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		
<b>Decision:</b>	Passes							

**5. Review/Discuss Details of Both Site/Building Options**

-Rob is leading the discussion portion of this meeting.

**a. Review of the contrasting documents**

This is a high level contrast of both properties

**Crystal property:**

1. Fit plan for Crystal was just to see if we can fit into the space. There are opportunities to manipulate what has been presented. Many rooms can be subdivided to make more rooms that will be useful to our programing. Cost is around \$5,000 to put up each wall.
2. The contingency is higher in Crystal because we are not that far along in the project. As we move farther into the project that will decrease.
3. Crystal is not a purpose built school. The sanctuary in the Crystal spot will only have a specific use for that space. There was a suggestion that middle school can use the smaller rooms as they typically have smaller honors classes. Melanie commented that 6<sup>th</sup> grade spills out into the hallway currently for more space. Todd commented that it's not always that way. It's unpredictable as to how many you might have in a class.
4. In Crystal we can use the larger space to have group events but not large enough to have an assembly. The assemblies will have to be divided. Some advantages to this were noted.
5. Crystal site; large and generous classrooms. Some larger spaces can be broken down to accommodate the program better.
6. We are buying the building for \$5 million. We are already buying the turn lanes and the infrastructure that we would have to purchase in Corcoran.
7. Crystal property 10.5 Acres of land that is fully developed.
8. Gym in Crystal has classrooms around it. It could be distracting when you have 28 students playing basketball in it. Nine classrooms will have a gym right outside their door.
9. Crystal is a sprawling campus. It is not purpose built. There are more unknowns. We don't control the land yet. We don't have city approvals yet.
10. Paul explained the process with the city approvals. Rob read the recommendation from facility planning. The informal vote was toward Crystal.

**Corcoran Property:**

1. There is a square footage concern. Nine classrooms are less than 700 sq. ft. With the increased class size will have a hard time fitting all the students. 19 classrooms under 705 sq. ft. Rob expressed that through a process of 2 plus months with input from parents, teachers and staff we painstakingly came to an agreement on this fit plan.
2. There's a lot of money going into the Corcoran project that is not going into the school building. It is not going to the educational benefit of the students. The outside space is not sufficient in Corcoran.
3. Deb: Corcoran spaces are smaller because they are not meant to be used as classrooms. David: commented that there are classrooms in Corcoran that are less than 700 sq. ft.

4. Corcoran has 3 acres of wetland that is unusable to us.
5. It would take a large partnership with the city of Corcoran to develop our existing greenspace.
6. Corcoran would be more of a community feel and it's purpose built
7. We know more about Corcoran; new, due diligence done, minimal risk in future unknowns. Potentially tighter budget.

**Miscellaneous Comments:**

1. Regarding technology and classroom features; there's no significant advantage to one over the other in regards to technology. We are not giving up technology in one location or the other.
2. Regarding space for school assemblies; neither gym would be suitable in either place to do assemblies the way we do it now. Sean explained that due to size we would be going to 3 assemblies.

**Open Door Comments:**

1. David: there are unknowns with staying where we are. Our enrollment is down and we are having trouble keeping enrollment. There is large teacher turnover. There is something to say about ownership of a space. We don't have a space that is our own. We have to ask to do things and ask to use space.
2. Matt: he can't leave things out over the weekend. It's not the flip for him; it's the unpacking on Monday's and doesn't have full use of space.
3. Sean: appreciates that the question is being asked. We have 6 classrooms of dedicated space and over 60% of the classrooms would have to be flipped with an expansion. Some staff have expressed that is in their top 3 reasons for leaving and they were great teachers.
4. Rob: the process was very thought out and the church was considered.
5. David: we only lease for the hours we have control of the space. Our lease would increase with the addition of the gym and the classrooms because the church does not need to use that space for their programming.

**b. Budgets for Both Sites**

Corcoran: \$13.5 million

Crystal: \$13.5 million

-unknowns are the contingencies

- Crystal: \$60,000 increase in operating cost out of general fund for bigger building and larger green space.

-FF&E: not included in this budget and would be spent out of our bottom line. That number is constant over both projects. It is fluid.

-\$400,000 was value engineered in Corcoran. These are choices we make in construction features. They can be put back in as we go through the process.

**c. Review of City of Crystal Process:** We will submit in April have approval in May. Community meeting in Crystal will be March 21<sup>st</sup> to gain approval from neighbors on the project. To build an addition and because we are new inhabitants of the building we need a conditional use permit.

**d. Updated Corcoran Budget:** no update to this budget. The list of value engineering is included in the packet.

**e. Open Discussion: What will happen on Thursday?**

- A decision will be made on one or the other to keep the selected project on time and on budget.

-Finance Tracker: what will we be spending to have both property options in play?

-\$11,000 has been budgeted through March

-\$88,000 in total spend with \$40,000 usable at either site (April)

-Demographic data shows many families in the middle who may go either way. There is a considerable amount of families still coming to Beacon from Crystal, New Hope, and Minneapolis.

**f. Review and Comment:** CWN called MDE to explain the situation and asked for a delay in submittal to April 1<sup>st</sup>. There currently is no backlog so we could stay on our timeline with a two week delay.

***Beacon Academy School Board Goals the 2015-2016 School Year:***

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

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 9:35pm; forwarded by Rob Kalinsky, seconded by Melanie Spall. Approved unanimously.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m

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

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**Heidi Sheard, Secretary**  
**Beacon Academy School Board**