

Beacon Academy Charter District 4124
 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, July 18, 2019 6:30 p.m.
 3415 Louisiana Ave N, Crystal, MN 55428

CALL TO ORDER Paige Roth 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		
(President)		
(Vice President)		
Aaron Price (Treasurer)		✓
(Secretary) Paige Roth	✓	
Kris Gapinski	✓	
Heather Greibrok	✓	
Cameron Ward	✓	
Roxana Bruins	✓	
Joe Sears	✓	
Wendy Terry	✓	
Elizabeth Brobeck	✓	
Sean Koster(ex-officio)	✓	
Mike Reeder (ex-officio)	✓	
Mike Pocrnich (ex-officio)	✓	

MISC. ATTENDEES: ANGELA POGORZELSKI, ROSE PORWOLL, ANGELA BELL, ,LORI THOMAS

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

Motion:	To approve the agenda:							
Made by:	*Roxana Bruins				Seconded by:	*Cameron Ward		
Discussion:								
Vote:	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain
	Aaron Price			x-absent	Paige Roth	x		
	Wendy Terry	x			Elizabeth Brobeck	x		
	Roxana Bruins	x			Heather Greibrok	x		
	Cameron Ward	x			Joe Sears	x		
	Kris Gapinski	x						
Decision:	Passes							

5. Seating of New Board Members – The newly elected board members; Wendy Terry and Elizabeth Brobeck were seated.

6. Election of Officers –we need to nominate and elect 4 positions tonight; chair, vice chair, secretary and treasurer.

Motion:	Wendy Terry was nominated to be the board chair for the 2019-2020 school year:							
Made by:	*Kris Gapinski			Seconded by:	*Cameron Ward			
Discussion:								
Vote:	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain
	Aaron Price			x-absent	Paige Roth	x		
	Wendy Terry	x			Elizabeth Brobeck	x		
	Roxana Bruins	x			Heather Greibrok	x		
	Cameron Ward	x			Joe Sears	x		
	Kris Gapinski	x						
Decision:	Passes							

Motion:	Kris Gapinski was nominated to be the vice chair for the 2019-2020 school year:							
Made by:	*Cameron Ward			Seconded by:	*Elizabeth Brobeck			
Discussion:								
Vote:	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain
	Aaron Price			x-absent	Paige Roth	x		
	Wendy Terry	x			Elizabeth Brobeck	x		
	Roxana Bruins	x			Heather Greibrok	x		
	Cameron Ward	x			Joe Sears	x		
	Kris Gapinski	x						
Decision:	Passes							

Motion:	Paige Roth was nominated to be the Secretary for the 2019-2020 school year:							
Made by:	*Heather Greibrok			Seconded by:	*Cameron Ward			
Discussion:								
Vote:	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain
	Aaron Price			x-absent	Paige Roth	x		
	Wendy Terry	x			Elizabeth Brobeck	x		
	Roxana Bruins	x			Heather Greibrok	x		
	Cameron Ward	x			Joe Sears	x		
	Kris Gapinski	x						
Decision:	Passes							

Motion:	Aaron Price was nominated to be the treasurer for the 2019-2020 school year:							
Made by:	*Paige Roth			Seconded by:	*Cameron Ward			
Discussion:								
Vote:	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain
	Aaron Price			x-absent	Paige Roth	x		
	Wendy Terry	x			Elizabeth Brobeck	x		
	Roxana Bruins	x			Heather Greibrok	x		
	Cameron Ward	x			Joe Sears	x		
	Kris Gapinski	x						
Decision:	Passes							

7. Public Comment – Angela Pogorzelski expressed concern at past SEAC meetings about retention of special ed staff. Specifically salary concerns for special ed teachers. There is more demand for special ed teachers and those teachers should be paid more than general ed teachers due to the qualifications of the job.

Lori Thomas spoke about her two kids at Beacon; one recently qualified for special ed services. She also is concerned about the turnover in the special ed department. She echos a lot of Angela’s concerns.

Angela Bell is also here to speak about the special ed department and is concerned about turn over but also about the quality of the teachers that are hired. She received reports in the mail that were not about her daughter and about the inconsistency in the data driven reports.

Rose Porwoll echoes the concerns that Angela Bell brought up.

8. Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion:	To approve the consent agenda: with the corrections to the previous board minutes							
Made by:	* Kris Gapinski				Seconded by:	*Roxana Bruins		
Discussion:								
Vote:	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain
	Aaron Price			x-absent	Paige Roth	x		
	Wendy Terry	x			Elizabeth Brobeck	x		
	Roxana Bruins	x			Heather Greibrok	x		
	Cameron Ward	x			Joe Sears	x		
	Kris Gapinski	x						
Decision:	Passes							
	A. Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting – June 20, 2019 B. Special Education Contracts 1. Agate – Social Work, Special Ed							

9. Board Reports

A. Finance Committee – Mike Pocrnich

1. Review/Approve May 2019 Financial Report

- The audit is coming up.
- We finished June with a little over \$400k in the bank
- We have sizeable receivables
- We are within 2-3% with where we expected to be with expenditures and receivables
- We are expected to have a 200k surplus this year.

Motion:	To approve the finance report:							
Made by:	*Joe Sears				Seconded by:	*Heather Greibrok		
Discussion:								
Vote:	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain
	Aaron Price			x-absent	Paige Roth	x		
	Wendy Terry	x			Elizabeth Brobeck	x		
	Roxana Bruins	x			Heather Greibrok	x		
	Cameron Ward	x			Joe Sears	x		
	Kris Gapinski	x						
Decision:	Passes							

B. Vice Principal’s Report, Mike Reeder

1. Referral Data Report 2018-2019, Q3 and Q4

- There is a summarization of the tables in the packet.
- Quarter 3 students broken down by race. We try to keep awareness in any disparities of race and students receiving referrals in comparison to the general population. Some of these students came in later in the year and some students are just harder to work with than others.
- Our 6th and 8th grade students had the most referrals and that is to be expected in the middle school years. 495 of our students did not get a referral.
- Quarter 4, 490 students did not get a referral in quarter 4 out of 615 students.
- Many of the students receiving most of the referrals are new to our school.
- We have a comparison to the previous year. We were lower in quarter 1 and 2, with quarter 3 remaining steady and quarter 4 found a few more referrals than the year prior.

C. Principal’s Report, Sean Koster

1. Enrollment Report

-Our enrollment report has been the same as last month. There is a total enrollment number of 680. This is due to many of our families not telling us they are withdrawing. We are shooting for 654 which is our budgeted amount and 97% enrollment is 667.

2. Teacher Shortage; raising special ed salary schedules

- We have seen a higher turnover of special ed teachers at our school. Many of our teachers come to us with masters degrees. Some other things that contribute to turnover, we mainstream our kids and have an inclusive environment. This can cause some meltdowns because there are more students to influence the behavior and this is harder for our case managers and our special ed team.
- We are 90% refunded for our special ed teachers. Paying these teachers more would not affect our bottom line the way a traditional district would be hit. We could help bridge the gap for what we pay but how do we get the word out to get the applicants through the door?
- Sean is asking for a motion to pay our sped teachers at the same rate that our resident district pays their special ed teacher
- Mike also commented on how hard it is to keep them here due to the way we service our special ed students.

-Paige commented on how the inconsistency in special ed teachers stress the classroom teachers because students are melting down and the special ed teacher doesn't have the relationship with the student because they are new.

Motion:	To approve paying our special ed teachers at the salary rate that our district resides in pays their special ed teachers							
Made by:	*Joe Sears				Seconded by:	*Roxana Bruins		
Discussion:								
Vote:	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain
	Aaron Price			x-absent	Paige Roth	x		
	Wendy Terry	x			Elizabeth Brobeck	x		
	Roxana Bruins	x			Heather Greibrok	x		
	Cameron Ward	x			Joe Sears	x		
	Kris Gapinski	x						
Decision:	Passes							

3. Crotega June Proposal and New Investor Commitment

-Last month we saw project pricing well below the dealer cost for the threat suppression system. We toured the facility a week ago. We were able to see the suppression system in action. While we were there another investor offered to pay \$10,000 on top of the first \$10,000 investor.

-Over 5 years on the lease the min amount we would pay would be \$50,355. The maximum we would pay would be \$97,000

-We would have 47 units installed in the building. The proposal is phase 1 and 2 in the packet.

-Sean stated that he would like to also get a rebate for tours just coming into the building without a purchase as well as the rebate for tours that purchase a system.

Motion:	To table a decision to give finance time to meet and discuss where the money would come from in the budget and to follow up with a special board meeting:							
Made by:	*Roxana Bruins				Seconded by:	*Joe Sears		
Discussion:								
Vote:	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain
	Aron Price			x-absent	Paige Roth	x		
	Wendy Terry	x			Elizabeth Brobeck	x		
	Roxana Bruins	x			Heather Greibrok	x		
	Cameron Ward	x			Joe Sears	x		
	Kris Gapinski	x						
Decision:	Passes							

There will be a special board meeting on August 1st at 6:30pm to discuss the Crotega proposal.

D. 2019-2020 Committees

1. Discuss Board Level Committees

- We have 4 board level committees; Governance, Finance, ERCC and Curriculum
- Board members need to be on at least one committee

2. Begin Committee Sign Ups

- Board members signed up for committees

10. Adjournment

Board Workshop- None

Old Business- None

Action Items-

NEXT MEETING IS August 15, 2019

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 8:42pm forwarded by Elizabeth Brobeck seconded by Joe Sears Approved unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm

Approved on_____

Secretary
Beacon Academy School Board