

**CALL TO ORDER** Wendy Terry called the meeting to order to at 6:33 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>		
Wendy Terry (President)	✓	
Kris Gapinski (Vice President)	✓	
Aaron Price (Treasurer)	✓	
Paige Roth (Secretary)	✓	
Elizabeth Brobeck	✓	
Heather Greibrok		✓
Cameron Ward		✓
Roxana Bruins		✓
Joe Sears	✓	
Sean Koster(ex-officio)	✓	
Mike Reeder (ex-officio)	✓	
Mike Pocrnich (ex-officio)	✓	

**MISC. ATTENDEES:** ALYSSA RODER, NORA ANTIL, DIANA JAIMES, PAULA NIGHTINGALE, EMILY DANIELS

**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 with the following additions: Board training after the finance report, Transportation after the finance report, Defendant Intervenors in Sean’s report.							
<b>Made by:</b>	*Paige Roth				<b>Seconded by:</b>	*Aaron Price		
<b>Discussion:</b>								
<b>Vote:</b>	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain
	Aaron Price	x			Paige Roth	x		
	Wendy Terry	x			Elizabeth Brobeck	x		
	Roxana Bruins			x-absent	Heather Greibrok			x-absent
	Cameron Ward			x-absent	Joe Sears	x		
	Kris Gapinski	x						
<b>Decision:</b>	Passes							

**5. Public Comment –none**

## 6. Approval of Consent Agenda

<b>Motion:</b> To approve the consent agenda:								
<b>Made by:</b> * Kris Gapinski			<b>Seconded by:</b> *Elizabeth Brobeck					
<b>Discussion:</b>								
<b>Vote:</b>	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain
	Aaron Price	x			Paige Roth	x		
	Wendy Terry	x			Elizabeth Brobeck	x		
	Roxana Bruins			x-absent	Heather Greibrok			x-absent
	Cameron Ward			x-absent	Joe Sears	x		
	Kris Gapinski	x						
<b>Decision:</b> Passes								
A. Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting – August 15, 2019 B. Blind Inc. – SpEd Contract C. Policy – first reading 1. Enrollment Policy - 534								

## 7. Board Reports

### A. Finance Committee – Mike Pocrnich

#### 1. Review/Approve August 2019 Financial Report

- The audit is 99% complete. We've had a great rebound from last year. Our bond holders will be very happy.
- We are only 2 months or 17% into the fiscal year so not much to report.
- The state receivables will be coming in and that will help our bottom line. They currently exceed \$1.7 million
- Our projected DCOH with receivables is 71 which complies with our bond covenants.

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

**2. Board Training – SpEd Finance and State Payments**

- Beacon Academy offers a large special ed program. Salaries/benefits and some contracts and transportation is included in this program.
- The program has had significant growth in the last 5 years.
- We paid .95 on the dollar for any expenditure from special ed.
- Federal funding is given to us in a set amount \$93,000
- The funds have to be used within 27 months
- Maintenance of Effort – whatever we spend last year we have to spend equal or more the next year.
- State Payments – 15<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of each month except for the month of June.

**B. Transportation Update – Principal, Mike Reeder**

- We are operating 3 bus routes at our contracted amount of over 60 riders
- We have 416 riders for this school year, last year 390
- Next year we have projected 440 riders
- The original cost for this school year is 8 buses at over \$396,000
- There is a potential to add a bus and we are hoping to do that. It would be \$43,200 to add a bus by end of September. If we wait until October the cost would be \$37,440
- We have 32 riders on our buses that don't have a sibling. So multiple riders can be lost with just one family leaving.
- Mike has included the communications that were sent out to our families to help explain what was happening with our bus transportation.
- We are asking to add a 9<sup>th</sup> bus this year which is one year earlier than we projected.
- The 9<sup>th</sup> bus would help remove students from overloaded buses. The goal would be to not disrupt several routes.
- Finance had the discussion at tonight's meeting. Two main numbers; \$37,000 was our in the black numbers from last year. In enrollment we are projected to be \$101,000 over what we projected from what we thought was going to walk through the door. The board does have a goal of getting back to a 25% fund balance and ERCC will be looking at bringing a proposal about increasing teacher salaries.

<b>Motion:</b>	To approve the cost for adding a 9 <sup>th</sup> bus for this school year effective immediately:							
<b>Made by:</b>	*Kris Gapinski				<b>Seconded by:</b>	*Joe Sears		
<b>Discussion:</b>								
<b>Vote:</b>	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain
	Aaron Price	x			Paige Roth	x		
	Wendy Terry	x			Elizabeth Brobeck	x		
	Roxana Bruins			x-absent	Heather Greibrok			x-absent
	Cameron Ward			x-absent	Joe Sears	x		
	Kris Gapinski	x						
<b>Decision:</b>	Passes							

**C. Curriculum – Norah Antil**

**1. Review/Approve 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Health Curriculum**

- Norah handed out sample curriculum pieces as well as a power point presentation.

- Essentially she is creating her own curriculum using many different curriculum pieces.
- Norah has been teaching the health curriculum to the students the past two years but would like to add the sexuality piece to the curriculum.
- Wendy asked when the initial change to phy ed happened was it brought to the board? Sean said it wasn't because there was no cost to it. Typically changes to curriculum doesn't come to the board when there is not a cost to it.
- Discussion ensued about how to get this information out to families so that they are well informed about the curriculum.
- There was consensus among the board to delay a decision until next month.

The board took a recess at 8:34pm  
The board reconvened at 8:45pm

#### **D. Board Chair – Wendy Terry**

##### **1. Board Level Committee Members**

- The by-laws are vague in regards to board committees and the committee members.

Board Committees are:

Finance Committee

Curriculum Committee

Employee Retention and Compensation Committee

Governance Committee

Fund Development Task Force

##### **3. Board Training – MN Open Meeting Law and 2019 Legislative Update**

- There was a handout given to board members regarding the open meeting law. Revisor.org has all the legalese regarding this statute.

#### **E. Executive Director, Sean Koster**

##### **1. State of the School**

- We have two sections left to expand into. Once we do that our total could be 744. We currently have 670 students in enrollment. We have 104 staff this year. Our free and reduced has gone up to 42%. Our EL population is at 5%. Our special ed population is 13%. We have 14 contracted companies for special education.

##### **2. Enrollment Report**

- We have 670 on the report. In reality we are probably at 655. We have most of our new students coming from the Robbinsdale School District. Long range if we continue to be 97% enrolled we may look at capping enrollment on at a certain date and that would be a board decision.

##### **3. FOB and Capital Improvements**

- With our bonding we have \$55k a year that goes into our capital improvement fund for building improvements. We have to have a \$500k fund or work toward it.

- Things we can get reimbursed for is parking lot, sidewalk, etc.
- FOB revenues in FY19 \$14,975 for the cash in the bank account. FOB gets \$833 a month deposited into their bank account for incidental costs.
- FOB’s board is going to create a policy for managing the capital improvement fund.

**4. Insurance Claim for 8/20 Lightning Strike**

- On August 20<sup>th</sup> there was a mid – day storm that hit roof top units 15 and 16. It fried our head control on our server rack plus knocked out 7 cameras. \$140k worth of damage.

**5. Defendant Interveners**

- There is a request from a group of charter schools to put money into a fund to defend charters against possible litigation for supposed segregation. They are asking for \$3 a student for a total of \$2,010.00. The joint action fund is supported by MACS.

**6. Review/Approve Board Signers**

- According to the by-laws we need to have signers on file for the chair and vice chair at both banks; Associated and Choice Banks.

<b>Motion:</b>	To approve Wendy Terry, Kris Gapinski, and Sean Koster as signers on the Associated Bank and Choice Bank accounts:							
<b>Made by:</b>	*Aaron Price			<b>Seconded by:</b>				*Elizabeth Brobeck
<b>Discussion:</b>								
<b>Vote:</b>	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain
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	Wendy Terry	x			Elizabeth Brobeck	x		
	Roxana Bruins			x-absent	Heather Greibrok			x-absent
	Cameron Ward			x-absent	Joe Sears	x		
	Kris Gapinski	x						
<b>Decision:</b>	Passes							

**7. Wolf Ridge**

- Each September our 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes go to Wolf Ridge. Students just got back last week and had a great time.
- We are also resurrecting our middle school trip to Concordia Language Villages.

**8. Safety Week**

- We have 5 lockdowns and 5 fire drills each year. We’ve done 3 of each already.
- One of the evacuation drills we do is to move to our evacuation zones where busses would be waiting to take everyone to Cornerstone Church that could house all our students and staff. We would use that location as a reunification site.
- Today we have bus safety drills. There were 4 busses here and ran the entire school through the drills.

**9. Character Education this Month**

- Sean hits hard on character ed in his letters. Third grade has Self-Regulation this month. There was a yoga challenge to the families this month as an activity. Our goal is to raise emotional intelligence.

## **8. Adjournment**

**Board Workshop-** None

**Old Business-** None

**Action Items-**

**NEXT MEETING IS October 24, 2019**

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 9:45pm forwarded by Wendy Terry seconded by Kris Gapinski Approved unanimously.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm

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

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**Secretary**  
**Beacon Academy School Board**