

Beacon Academy Charter District 4124
 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, July 23, 2020 6:30 p.m.
 3415 Louisiana Ave N, Crystal, MN 55427
 Meeting by Zoom
Beacon Academy is authorized by Innovative Quality Schools
P.O Box 580, Hutchinson, MN 55350

CALL TO ORDER Wendy Terry called the meeting to order to at 6:33p.m.

1.ROLL CALL present at time of meeting unless otherwise noted	Present	Absent
Board Member		
Wendy Terry (President)	✓	
Kris Gapinski (Vice President)	✓	
Aaron Price (Treasurer)	✓	
Paige Roth (Secretary)	✓	
Elizabeth Brobeck	✓	
Heather Greibrok		✓
Cameron Ward	✓	
Dennis Dane	✓	
Joe Sears		✓
Sean Koster(ex-officio)	✓	
Mike Reeder (ex-officio)	✓	
Mike Pocrnich (ex-officio)	✓	

MISC. ATTENDEES: ELIZABETH, DIANA JAIMES

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: finance committee should be review and approve June finance report. School board regular meeting calendar for 2020-2021							
Made by:	*Aaron price				Seconded by:	*Cameron Ward		
Discussion:								
Vote:	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain
	Aaron Price	x			Paige Roth	x		
	Wendy Terry	x			Elizabeth Brobeck	x		
	Dennis Dane	x			Heather Greibrok			x-absent
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	Kris Gapinski	x						
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5. Seating of New Board Members

- We are seating two newly elected board members. Kris Gapinski and Paige Roth are beginning their second term.
- Kris and Paige took their oath of office read by Wendy Terry.

6. Election of Officers

Motion:	There was a nomination put forth to approve Wendy Terry as board chair for the 2020-2021 school year. Wendy accepted the nomination.								
Made by:	*Kris Gapinski				Seconded by:	*Aaron Price			
Discussion:									
Vote:	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	
	Aaron Price	x			Paige Roth	x			
	Wendy Terry			x	Elizabeth Brobeck	x			
	Dennis Dane	x			Heather Greibrok			x-absent	
	Cameron Ward	x			Joe Sears			x-absent	
	Kris Gapinski	x							
Decision:	Passes								
Motion:	There was a nomination put forth to approve Kris Gapinski as vice chair for the 2020-2021 school year. Kris accepted the nomination.								
Made by:	*Paige Roth				Seconded by:	*Aaron Price			
Discussion:									
Vote:	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	
	Aaron Price	x			Paige Roth	x			
	Wendy Terry	x			Elizabeth Brobeck	x			
	Dennis Dane	x			Heather Greibrok			x-absent	
	Cameron Ward	x			Joe Sears			x-absent	
	Kris Gapinski			x					
Decision:	Passes								

Motion:	There was a nomination put forth to approve Aaron Price as treasurer for the 2020-2021 school year. Aaron accepted the nomination.								
Made by:	*Kris Gapinski				Seconded by:	*Elizabeth Brobeck			
Discussion:									
Vote:	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	
	Aaron Price			x	Paige Roth	x			
	Wendy Terry	x			Elizabeth Brobeck	x			
	Dennis Dane	x			Heather Greibrok			x-absent	
	Cameron Ward	x			Joe Sears			x-absent	
	Kris Gapinski	x							
Decision:	Passes								
Motion:	There was a nomination put forth to approve Paige Roth as secretary for the 2020-2021 school year. Paige accepted the nomination.								
Made by:	*Kris Gapinski				Seconded by:	*Aaron Price			
Discussion:									
Vote:	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	
	Aaron Price	x			Paige Roth			x	
	Wendy Terry	x			Elizabeth Brobeck	x			
	Dennis Dane	x			Heather Greibrok			x-absent	
	Cameron Ward	x			Joe Sears			x-absent	

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	Kris Gapinski	x		
Decision:	Passes			

7. Public Comment – NONE
8. Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion: To approve the consent agenda:								
Made by: * Aaron Price			Seconded by: *Paige Roth					
Discussion:								
Vote:	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain
	Aaron Price	x			Paige Roth	x		
	Wendy Terry	x			Elizabeth Brobeck	x		
	Dennis Dane	x			Heather Greibrok			x-absent
	Cameron Ward	x			Joe Sears			x-absent
	Kris Gapinski	x						
Decision: Passes								
A. Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting – June 18, 2020 B. Policy, Second Reading 1. 625 – Tele-Related Services C. SWWC Blind Visually Impaired Contract D. Lease Aid Approval Letter								

9. Board Reports

A. Finance Committee – Mike Pocrnich

1. Review/Approve June 2020 Financial Report

- The audit has started and will be finishing in late August.
- We finished the fiscal year with a little over one million dollars in cash
- We are at 2.5 million in liquid assets.
- The fund balance is a little over 1.6 million
- We have a year-end surplus of \$555K
- Days cash on hand is at 44 days. That’s a 10-15 day increase which is good.
- Overall we are looking good. Final numbers are coming in the August report.

Motion: To approve the finance report as presented

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	Aaron Price	x			Paige Roth	x			
	Wendy Terry	x			Elizabeth Brobeck	x			
	Dennis Dane	x			Heather Greibrok				x-absent
	Cameron Ward	x			Joe Sears				x-absent
	Kris Gapinski	x							
Decision:	Passes								

B. Executive Director, Sean Koster

1. Enrollment Report

- We have had 13 students drop since last month. The number enrolled is 680. That is a correction to the report in the packet. August is our largest month for new enrollees. Many are waiting to see what school will look like in the fall.

2. Approve Designations

- We need to approve the following designations for the current school year.

Motion:	To approve Sean Koster as the IoWa Coordinator for the 2020-2021 School Year:								
Made by:	*Kris Gapinski				Seconded by:	*Elizabeth Brobeck			
Discussion:									
Vote:	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	
	Aaron Price	x			Paige Roth	x			
	Wendy Terry	x			Elizabeth Brobeck	x			
	Dennis Dane	x			Heather Greibrok				x-absent
	Cameron Ward	x			Joe Sears				x-absent
	Kris Gapinski	x							
Decision:	Passes								

Motion:	To approve Sean Koster as the Site Verification Coordinator for the 2020-2021 School Year:								
Made by:	*Paige Roth				Seconded by:	*Kris Gapinski			
Discussion:									
Vote:	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	
	Aaron Price	x			Paige Roth	x			
	Wendy Terry	x			Elizabeth Brobeck	x			
	Dennis Dane	x			Heather Greibrok				x-absent
	Cameron Ward	x			Joe Sears				x-absent
	Kris Gapinski	x							
Decision:	Passes								

Motion:	To approve Myla Johnson as the DAC Coordinator for the 2020-2021 School Year:								
Made by:	*Kris Gapinski				Seconded by:	*Cameron Ward			
Discussion:									
Vote:	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	
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- Referral count by quarter or trimester: 3rd quarter felt challenging around the building in a lot of ways. If you look at the 3rd quarter for the past three years you see a trend in the positive. There is a lot of care that goes on with the staff and they do a good job in working with kids and therefore lowering the numbers.
- Our numbers are showing a gap with our black students particularly middle school males. We still need to be getting better.
- With the death of George Floyd much equity conversations have been going on. Kids come to school lacking student skills, particularly problem solving. How do we deal with our environment? We must teach everything all the way through middle school.
- Creating opportunities for voice has to be forefront of our conversations with students. We must listen to connect.
- We need to examine our own biases and recognize they are there and learn what we can do differently when dealing with students.
- We will continue to operate under the belief that unmet needs are what drives behavior in kids and adults. These kids need our help with that and some need extra help, support and love.
- Certain kids need time and we don't want to give up on them. Whether we are at a distance or hybrid we will need to keep making those connections.
- The good news is that 563 of our total kids did not earn a referral. We had 664 at the time of the report.

D. Curriculum Committee, Kris Gapinski

- No report

E. Fund Development Task Force, Wendy Terry

- No report

F. Governance Committee, Ann Marie Roder

1. Review By-Laws of Beacon Academy

- The By-Laws have been reviewed by the Executive Committee, the Governance Committee and then our legal counsel. The overall document was updated with the latest state statutes.
- Our next step would be to have our authorizer look at these as well.

G. Employee Retention and Compensation Committee, Paige Roth

- No report

H. Executive Committee, Wendy Terry

1. Review/Approve Executive Director Working Agreement

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Motion:	To approve the working agreement for the Executive Director, Sean Koster							
Made by:	*Aaron Price				Seconded by:	*Cameron Ward		
Discussion:								
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2. Committee Sign-Up

- There are 5 board level committees that board members need to sign up for.
- Curriculum, ERCC, Fund Development Task Force, Finance Committee and Governance Committee.
- Paige is going to be posting a sign up genius link for you to sign up for a committee.

3. School Board Meeting Dates

- See the dates in the board packet

Motion: To approve the school board meeting dates for the 2020-2021 school year:								
Made by: *Kris Gapinski			Seconded by: *Elizabeth Brobeck					
Discussion:								
Vote:	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain
	Aaron Price	x			Paige Roth	x		
	Wendy Terry	x			Elizabeth Brobeck	x		
	Dennis Dane	x			Heather Greibrok			x-absent
	Cameron Ward	x			Joe Sears			x-absent
	Kris Gapinski	x						
Decision: Passes								

Adjournment

Board Retreat- Thursday, August 27th

Old Business- None

Action Items-

NEXT MEETING IS August 20, 2020

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 8:32 pm forwarded by Kris Gapinski seconded by Cameron Ward. Approved unanimously.
 Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Approved on _____

Paige Roth, Secretary
Beacon Academy School Board