

Board of Trustees of the Beacon Charter High School
Minutes of May, 27, 2015

In Attendance:

Mr. Frank Tweedie
Dr. Paul McVety
Mr. Richard Brush
Dr. Ralph Jasparro
Mr. Joe Garlick
Mrs. Laura Nottie
Mrs. Amy Bergeron
Mr. Leo Fontaine
Mr. George Costa

Absent:

Ms. Eileen Tweedie
Mr. Michael Balint
Dr. Robert Billington
Mrs. Elaine Moy-Gederman

Approval of February 11, 2015 minutes:

Motion made to approve the minutes by Mrs. Nottie, and seconded by Dr. McVety. All approved.

Dr. Skeldon gave his Principal's report.

Approval of new hires for Beacon Charter:
Academic Dean, Amanda Turcotte
Science, Nicole Najecki

Motion was made by Dr. Jasparro to approve the new hires, and seconded by Mr. Fontaine, All approved.

Approval of new hires for Founders Academy:

Sarah Zawatsky, Science
Jessica Gemma, English
Alison Strumolo, Math
Michelle Walker, Social Studies

A motion was made by Dr. McVety to approve the new hires, and seconded by Mr. Brush, All approved.

The resignation of Nicole Rattay was accepted.

Dr. Skeldon was seeking permission from the Board to use the funds gained from the sale of the two Cato St properties (\$32,488) for new technology. The plan is to provide a

Chromebook for every student at Founders Academy, and purchase two new computer carts with 24 Chromebooks in each cart for Beacon Charter. This technology plan was presented to the finance committee. They asked to add a provision for maintenance to the plan. The finance committee gave a recommendation for the technology plan. Dr. Skeldon will have a usage policy in place before the beginning of the school year.

A motion was made by Mr. Fontaine to approve the use of the funds made from the sale of the Cato St properties to go to the Technology Plan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brush, and all approved.

There was discussion on a lease for the Founders Academy. A proposed lease was submitted by Mr. Roger Singh, owner of the building at 1 Social St, Woonsocket. The lease is calling for \$5250. a month in year one, and \$6500 a month in year two. This is with utilities (heat, electric, and air conditioning) included. There is no major construction anticipated. Some attention is needed for security and access issues. A signature from the Fire Protection Engineer is needed before a lease can be signed. The timeline for completion of the lease issues is June 15.

A motion was made by Mr. Fontaine to authorize Dr. Skeldon and Tom Dickinson to work on the lease arrangements with the building owner. The motion was seconded by Dr. McVety and all approved.

Finance Report:

Ms. Crotty discussed the new calculations for the health care buyout. The buyout for a single will be \$850. and a family buyout will be \$1700. Dr. McVety made a motion to approve of the new healthcare buyout as noted, and Mrs. Nottie seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all the committee.

Ms. Crotty also presented the budget for the next two years. The report was prepared using the current funding formula, and basing it on 231 students from Beacon and 45 students for Founders Academy. Mr. Tweedie would like to see a year three budget which will include the eighth grade. The custodial expenses was discussed. The board would like to see it raised to \$9500. for the coming year. Mr. Brush made a motion to accept the budget with the changes requested for the 2015/2016 school year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fontaine, and all approved.

Dr. Skeldon invited the Board to Beacon's Capstone Film awards night on Tuesday, June 2, at 6:00pm, and graduation on Wednesday, June 3 at 6:30pm.

An adoption of resolution is needed for children of employees of Beacon to be eligible to by-pass the lottery. Dr. McVety made a motion to allow employees' children to by-pass the lottery after they are full time and have been employed by Beacon for at least one year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Nottie, and all approved.

The committee reports were read to the Board. These reports are attached.

There was a discussion on building repairs that needs to be done. Ms. Crotty will prepare a capital repair and replacement plan for the next meeting in August. Two to three % of the budget is standard for emergency fixes. This is estimated to be about \$17,000 to \$20,000. Brian Rea discussed the immediate work that is needed on the building, and several bids he was able to obtain. The board requested 3 recent bids for the work needed. Don Gagnon from O'Hearne Associates, made an inspection of the building and gave Dr. Skeldon his recommendations for work that is needed. This report will be given to contractors to bid from. This will give us "apples to apples" bids. A copy of the recommendations report is attached. A motion was made by Mrs. Bergeron to allow the Finance Committee the power to make decisions for the best action to take for the building. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jasparro, and all approved.

A motion was made by Dr. McVety to go into Executive Session to discuss employee matters. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bergeron, and all approved. The meeting closed at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted by Christina Go