

**Beacon Academy Charter District 4124**  
 Board Meeting Minutes, September 18, 2025, 5:30PM.  
 3415 Louisiana Ave N, Crystal, MN 55427  
*Beacon Academy is authorized by Innovative Quality Schools*  
 P.O Box 580, Hutchinson, MN 55350

**I. Call to Order: Matheu Weidenbach called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.**

Roll Call: present at time of meeting unless otherwise noted

Name	Role	Present	Absent
Matheu Weidenbach	Board Member - President	x	
Melanie Spall	Board Member – Vice President	x	
Patty Blake	Board Member- Secretary	X	
Stacey Ray	Board Member- Treasurer	X	
Norah Antil	Board Member	x	
Matthew Goodman	Board Member	x	
Rasheda Jenkins	Board Member	X- arrival at 5:48	
Bob Forman	Board Member	X	
Mike Reeder	Ex-Officio	X	
Bridget Peterson	Ex-Officio	x	
Kris Gapinski	Board Recorder	x	

Miscellaneous Attendees:  
 Emily Daniels- PTO president  
 Krystal Brasted 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
 Kate Wessel 5<sup>th</sup> grade

- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Choral Reading of Beacon Academy Vision Statement**
- IV. Approve the Agenda**

<b>Motion:</b>	To approve the agenda							
<b>Made by:</b>	Matthew Goodman				<b>Seconded by:</b>	Melanie Spall		
<b>Discussion:</b>								
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>abstain</b>
	Rasheda Jenkins			x-absent	Matthew Goodman	x		
	Patty Blake	X			Melanie Spall	x		
	Bob Forman	x			Norah Antil	x		
	Stacey Ray	X						
	Matheu Weidenbach	x						
<b>Decision:</b>	Motion passed							

**Notes:**

- N/A

**v. Public Comment:** *In order to allow the Board to conduct the business of the school, members of the public are recognized only during this portion of the meeting. Anyone indicating a desire to speak during Public Comment will be acknowledged by the Board Chair. When called upon to speak, please state your name, connection to the school, and the topic you wish to address. All remarks should be addressed to the Board as a whole, not to any specific member(s) or to any person who is not a member of the Board. The Board Chair reserves the right to limit the time of Public Comment.*

**Notes:**

- Kristl 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom parent, concerns of level of disrespect from students to adults. How are teachers mentored at Beacon Academy? Possible to have more outdoor time for the classroom. What support and mentorship is happening, what strategies are being done with students not following the rules?
- Kate 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom parent, grateful for what Beacon Academy staff has been to their child. Unknown targeting of student was addressed last year, the bullying had started again in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. It was brought to attention to staff, and addressed right away and solved. Where is the documentation being stored from year to year? Turnover of 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers is concerning. Is MTSS being used with elementary and middle school? Why is a classroom teacher dealing with what is happening in Spanish.

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**vi. Declaration of Conflict of Interest:** Board members read the agenda and disclose if they have any real or perceived conflict of interest with any agenda items.

<b>Notes:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>

**vii. Approval of Consent Agenda:** Consent Agenda items are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a board member or meeting attendee so requests, in which event the item will be removed as a Consent Agenda item and addressed.

- a. Approval of Minutes
  - i. Regular Board Meeting- 2025.8.21
- b. Policies
  - i. 203.2 Order of the Regular School Board Meeting
  - ii. 203.5 School Board Meeting Agenda
  - iii. 203.6 Consent Agendas
  - iv. 204 School Board Meeting Minutes
  - v. 205 Open and Closed Meetings
  - vi. 206 Public Participation in School Board Meetings INDIGO Education- Autism Consultant Services
- c. Personnel Consent Agenda

<b>Motion:</b> To approve the consent agenda								
<b>Made by:</b> Matthew Goodman				<b>Seconded by:</b> Melanie Spall				
<b>Discussion:</b>								
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>abstain</b>
	Rasheda Jenkins	x			Matthew Goodman	x		
	Patty Blake	X			Melanie Spall	x		
	Bob Forman	x			Norah Antil	x		
	Stacey Ray	X						
	Matheu Weidenbach	x						
<b>Decision:</b> Motion passed								
<b>Notes:</b>								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where do policies get posted?</li> </ul>								

**viii. Board Reports**

- a. PTO President, Emily Daniels- Review/Approval
  - i. Approval of fundraisers

<b>Motion:</b> To approve of the fundraisers								
<b>Made by:</b> Rasheda Jenkins				<b>Seconded by:</b> Stacey Ray				
<b>Discussion:</b>								
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>abstain</b>
	Rasheda Jenkins	x			Matthew Goodman	x		
	Patty Blake	X			Melanie Spall	x		
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- Butter braids- Help pay for volleyball uniforms and middle school
- Give to the Max
- Flower Sales- opportunity for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to help pay for their trip to Wolf Ridge
- Beacon Dash

b. Finance Committee

i. Enrollment report (informational)

<b>Notes:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revised enrollment report</li> <li>• 504 budgeted for vs 523 students in the classrooms</li> <li>• Difference of 19 students in a positive way</li> <li>• Capacity is 580 students- difference of 57 students</li> <li>• Waitlist 11 in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 25 in 6<sup>th</sup> grade</li> </ul>

ii. Review/Approve August Financial Report

<b>Motion:</b>	To approve the August financial report							
<b>Made by:</b>	Mealnie Spall				<b>Seconded by:</b> Patty Blake			
<b>Discussion:</b>								
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>abstain</b>
	Rasheda Jenkins	x			Matthew Goodman	x		
	Patty Blake	X			Melanie Spall	x		
	Bob Forman	X			Norah Antil	x		
	Stacey Ray	X						
	Matheu Weidenbach	x						
<b>Decision:</b>	Motion passed							

<b>Notes:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$2,347,248 cash balance at end of month</li> <li>• Received a large payment from the hold back of the state</li> <li>• 17% of the fiscal year complete</li> <li>• 31% projected ending fund balance as of 5 of expense budget</li> <li>• 64 days cash on hand projected as of June 30, 2026</li> <li>• 1.31 projected debt service coverage ratios of June 30, 2026</li> <li>• 136 days cash on hand with receivables as of June 30, 2026</li> </ul>

iii. August 2025 Supplemental Report – Check Register (informational)

<b>Notes:</b>
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b. Principal, Mike Reeder

i. Authorizer Update (informational)

<b>Notes:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting on September 30<sup>th</sup> with Mr, Reeder</li> <li>• IQS will be at the October board meeting</li> </ul>

ii. Staffing Report (informational)

<b>Notes:</b>
• Assistant kitchen help- parent has started

iii. Emergency Drills (informational)

<b>Notes:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 lockdowns scheduled</li> <li>• 5 fire drills- 1 full evacuation</li> <li>• 1 tornado drill</li> <li>• Reminders to parents when drills are happening</li> </ul>

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- Debriefs happen after drills

c. Employee Retention Compensation Committee

**Notes:**

- first meeting in early October
- Waited for enrollment

d. Marketing Committee

**Notes:**

- fresh pictures on website
- Website has some pages that need to be worked on
- Board checking on the pages and giving feedback to Mr. Reeder to send to Digital Fruit
- Request from board Ethan's take on the success of enrollment campaign, and recommendations for what to do for next year's enrollment
- Chat option- what was the success of that? Inconsistence of response from it

e. Curriculum Development

**Notes:**

- Met last Wednesday
- ELA curriculum for grades 6-8
- Intervention materials

f. Governance Committee

**Notes:**

- Scheduled policies to look at each month

g. Executive Committee

**Notes:**

- Admin goals

h. Action items

**Notes:**

- Success of campaign
- Complaint policy going back to governance
- Workflow for Chat option on website
- Strategic planning next Thursday

ix. **Adjournment**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 7:16 pm forwarded by seconded by. Approved unanimously.  
 Meeting adjourned

<b>Motion:</b>		To adjourn meeting						
<b>Made by:</b>		Melanie Spall		<b>Seconded by:</b> Stacey Ray				
<b>Discussion:</b>								
<b>Vote:</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>abstain</b>
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	Patty Blake	X			Melanie Spall	x		
	Bob Forman	X			Norah Antil	x		
	Stacey Ray	X						
	Matheu Weidenbach	x						
<b>Decision:</b>	Motion passed							
<b>Notes:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>							

**Next Regular Meeting: October 9, 2025 at 5:30 pm**  
**Next Board Retreat: September 25, 2025 at 5:00 pm**

**Approved on**  
**Patty Blake, Secretary**  
**Beacon Academy School Board**