

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
FOR  
BEACON COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL  
November 17, 2014**

The Board of Directors for Beacon College Prep Charter School held an emergency meeting on Monday, November 17, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. at Range Funeral Home located at 5727 NW 17th Ave, Miami, FL 33142.

**Members Present**

Mr. Jeff Miller, President and Board Chair  
Mr. N. Patrick Range, II, Vice President  
Ms. Melissa Krinzman, Secretary

**Members Absent**

Mr. Octavio Verdeja, Treasurer

**Others Present**

Mr. Patrick Evans, Principal, Beacon College Prep  
Mr. John Flickinger, Director of Development, Beacon College Prep  
Mr. Richard Moreno, Building Hope  
Mr. Joseph Bruno, Building Hope

**Call to Order**

Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

**Special Board Item – Facilities Concerns**

The board discussed concerns relating to the facilities being leased to Beacon Prep from the school district. Staff reported that there appears to be mold and mildew in all the portable classrooms and this situation could possibly affect the health of our students and teachers. This issue was brought the school district's attention as soon as it was noticed. The following district staff were notified on November 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> - Ms. Tiffanie Pauline, Mr. Michael Levine, and Ms. Dana Vignale. The district is arranging for its staff to come and inspect the portables as soon as possible.

Staff noted that other health/safety issues previously reported to the district include holes in the floors of one portable, sagging floors in 2 portables, A/C problems, plumbing/flooding issues. To date the district has taken no action to correct any of these problems. Staff noted that there have been a number of ongoing facilities issues. These are documented in detail in the attached memo addressed to the school district.

Mr. Flickinger reported that there is another facility available to Beacon College Prep should the board decide to relocate the school. Florida International Academy is a charter school located at 13400 NW 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Opa-Locka, FL 33054. The elementary building is empty and available to lease. Mr. Flickinger and Mr. Evans inspected the building. It appears to be in very good condition and has enough capacity to meet the needs of our charter.

Board members emphasized that the health and safety of our students and teachers is the number one priority for the school. Given the state of the current facilities and the improbability that the district will act soon to correct the situation the board recommended the following immediate actions:

- Remove all students from the portable classrooms until they have been inspected by the school district's health and safety team and cleared for use. Staff should plan field trips for the 3 days leading up to Thanksgiving break.
- If the portables have been not been cleared for use by the district and if no other options are provided by the school district, Beacon staff should arrange daily field trips to FIA and begin conducting classes there until a solution is found.
- Schedule a meeting with all Beacon Parents to inform them of the situation and to sign a petition demonstrating their support of relocating the school.
- Move forward with the school district to amend our charter to relocate Beacon Prep facilities to the facilities at Florida International Academy.
- Make every effort to assure that any and all currently enrolled students can continue attending Beacon Prep by providing adequate transportation to all families who need it.

The board unanimously voted to approve the following resolution to amend the school charter and relocate the school.

#### **Board Resolution**

RESOLVED, that Beacon College Prep amend its current charter contract with Miami Dade County Public Schools to change the location of its school facilities from 7124 NW 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Miami, FL 33150 to 13400 NW 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Opa-Locka, FL 33054;

RESOLVED, that Beacon College Prep should seek to relocate from its current facilities to the proposed new facility as soon as possible given the documented health and safety concerns and the inadequacy of the facilities;

RESOLVED, that Beacon College Prep will do everything possible to continue serving students currently enrolled in the school, including providing adequate transportation free of charge to all families who request it;

**Approved by:**

  
Melissa Krinzman, Secretary

Date 12/15/14