

**BlueSky Charter School
Board of Directors-Minutes
September 20, 2007**

Board Members In Attendance

Jayne Torma	Chair
Josh Ashton	Vice-Chair
Renee Parcheta	Treasurer
Kathy Taylor	
Jennifer Knutson	Sec. arrived late

Guests

Tom Ellis	Director
Mary Swingle	Assistant Director
Jerry Stalberger	Finance Officer
Andrea Swanson	Social Worker
Amanda Furth	Curriculum Coordinator and Staff Development
Eleanor Groby	Office Assistant Taking Minutes

Meeting called to order at 10:10 a.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

Tom Ellis asked that agenda order items be changed being that Mary Swingle and Amanda Furth needed to leave for another meeting. The changes are to move items 4,8,9,7,and 11 be moved between item number 2 and 3 and to add 11A Parent Involvement, 11B Work and Volunteer Policy, 11C Sarah McFarland-Texas Workshop, 11D MNOLA Meeting

Motioned by Renee Parcheta, second by Kathy Taylor to approve the agenda 4/0

2. Approval of August 2007 Board Meeting Minutes

Spelling Correction on page 2 Hires

Motioned by Josh Ashton, seconded by Renee Parcheta to approve August Minutes with correction. 4/0

4. Enrollment updates-Mary Swingle

665 Currently Enrolled

641 full time

24 OLL

Additional Pending 59

ADM target is 950 for the year, presently right on target to meet 950 for year.

The counselors and office staff doing a great job enrolling students, had 200 enroll in a two week period.

Tom Ellis added that the concerns with new hires and having the money to pay all the new help. Gave the history of the last couple of years with enrollment and how board passed 150 students per social worker and counselors and 25 students per Special Ed Teacher, and predicting 1000 students by holiday time. Also reminded that we budgeted for 300 ADM's for this past year and actually had 380 so the State owes us for 80 more students. Things are right on track and the school emphasis is to build a good successful program which we are doing and that BlueSky is not advertising.

Amanda Furth handed out a teacher list and talked briefly about teacher student ratio. This will be handed out twice a year to update the board.

Mary Swingle and Amanda Furth left the meeting

8. Testing Update-Mary Swingle

Sharon VanDenbos is the Testing Coordinator, and Math Testing is planned for the first part of October.

Tom Ellis briefly touched on the on-line testing that the State talked about and now being possibly being done at the State Universities. State reporting BlueSky did not pass the AYP testing portion on participation; Sharon Vandebos is appealing as the State did not use the correct data for the results.

9. Re-Certification of Online Learner Update

Tom Ellis discussed OLL or part-time students and we are in the process of being recertified as an On-Line Learner.

7. Student Services Report

Andrea Swanson- Handed out a proposal from Sommer Oslund and Lynn Riebe for reimbursement for supervision of LGSWs.

Social Workers can not have as many students as teachers. They support the families and teachers as well as the students and some that they are dealing with are long term and not quick fixes. Many times working with referrals or setting up referrals from counties, working with programs that are available such as chemical, support groups, IEP meetings, mental health issues, consulting with other staff, etc. Much team work is involved with Social Working. Presently the Social Worker Department is working toward provide an in house Mental Health Practitioners. The school has many students with mental health diagnosis but does not fit into the Special Ed category.

Renee Parcheta- Handed out a Counseling report for the last 6 weeks and a break down of how their time is spent. Approximately 3 hours is spent with each student and family before the student starts classes.

11. Upcoming Events

Jayne Torma reported for Mary Swingle that Parent Teacher Conferences will be November 8th. Staff Meetings will be Wednesday, October 10, 10-2 pm., Wednesday, October 24, 10-2 pm. And Wednesday October 17, **no staff meeting but the Board Meeting will be held starting a 10 a.m., changed from original scheduled meeting time.**

3. Financial Report and Audit Progress- Jerry Stalberger

Jerry went over July and August Financial Sheets. The checking account is set up to receive interest at 4.4%. In the past BlueSky has had CD's which we will not do since receiving interest on checking account balance. SBS is not helping with Audit, St Cloud helping and to hoping to finish within the next couple weeks so that the Audit can be completed.

Tom touched briefly on 950 ADM for the current year and roughly receiving \$7,000 per ADM. Tom handed out a salary sheet for all employees and with benefits presently spending \$4,250,000.

Motioned by Renee Parcheta to approve July 2007 bills in the amount of \$159,463.95, seconded by Kathy Taylor. 4/0

Motioned by Kathy Taylor to approve August 2007 bills in the amount of \$186,364.44, seconded by Renee Parcheta. 4/0

5. Staffing Updates and Approval of Contracts- Tom Ellis

Correction on Agenda Sheet for Staff Updates Jake Smothers is Social Studies and Karen Kraco is Science and Lynn Riebe Salary should be \$37,000. Tom briefly talked about new hires.

Motioned by Josh Ashton to hire Vince Carlson, Science Teacher at \$42,000, Jina Baartman, Social Studies Teacher at \$35,000, Jake Smothers, Social Studies Teacher at \$42,000, Lynn Riebe, Social Worker, at \$37,500, Karen Kraco, Science Teacher at \$52,000, and Brian Handley, Technician at \$35,000, seconded by Renee Parcheta. 4/0

6. New Space- Tom Ellis

Will walk over and look at new space end of meeting.

10. Workers Compensation and General Liability Insurance-Tom Ellis

Walton Foundation has given money for Charter Schools nation wide. MACS has checked into Insurance for Charter Schools and BlueSky will be insured with this program instead of our current carriers.

11.A Parent Involvement

Handout given out and a brief discussion about how to get parents more involved, Kathy Taylor will be working on this.

11.B Work and Volunteer Policy

Work Experience and Volunteer Experience sheets handed out. Students can earn up to 3 credits through this program.

Motioned by Josh Ashton, seconded by Kathy Taylor to approve the Work Experience and Volunteer Experience program. 4/0

11.C Texas Workshop-Sarah McFarland

Sarah handed out a copy of the Share Point HP K-12 Technology Conference that she attended in Houston, Texas. Talked about Hardware, Services, Technology, Software, Etc. A very good experience, given lots of ideas to think about and possibly discussed at staff meetings.

11.D MNOLA-Tom Ellis

Hand out given out for Legislative Issues for Online Learning. Short Discussion on this.

12. Public Input

None

1:20 p.m. Jennifer Knutson joined the meeting, thought the meeting was at 2 p.m.

13. Adjourn

Next Meeting is Wednesday, October 17, 10 a.m.

Motioned by Josh Ashton, seconded by Jennifer Knutson to adjourn. 5/0 1:30 p.m.