

**BlueSky Charter School
Board of Directors-Minutes
October 17, 2007**

Board Members In Attendance

Jlayne Torma	Chair
Josh Ashton	Vice-Chair
Renee Parcheta	Treasurer
Kathy Taylor	Director
Jennifer Knutson	Secretary

Staff

Tom Ellis	Director
Mary Swingle	Assistant Director
Jerry Stalberger	Finance Officer
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

Motion by Josh Ashton, second by Kathy Taylor to approve the agenda 5/0

2. Public Input

No Public Input

3. Approval of September 2007 Board Meeting Minutes

Kathy Taylor asked to have a label as a Board Member-Director

Motion by Kathy Taylor, second by Jennifer Knutson to approve September Minutes with correction. 5/0

4. Financial Report- Jerry Stalberger

Jerry Stalberger went over September Financial Sheets, and answered questions that were asked.

Motion by Renee Parcheta to approve September 2007 bills in the amount of \$486,389.54, second by Josh Ashton. 5/0

Tom Ellis handed out a sheet showing years 05-06, 06-07, and 07-08 so far for student numbers, and touched briefly on 950 ADM for the current year, discussed moving the reported ADMs to 700. Mary Swingle spoke on retention which is 72% and how a data base is being set up for us to track students more closely and how each student when they start with BlueSky has a learning plan in action.

5. Open House-Mary Swingle

November 8, 3-7 pm will be an open house and parent teacher conferences. The staff meeting will be held earlier that day. Invitations have been sent to invite Community members, Legislative Members, etc to come and see what BlueSky Charter School is all

about. Kathy Taylor will be available at the open house to speak to parents to see what interest they have in a parent group and to answer questions that they may have. Mary Swingle touched on testing and also Student Services.

6. Annual Report-Sarah McFarland

Sarah McFarland is sick and will present at next meeting. The Annual Report has been e-mailed to all members and if you have questions e-mail them to Sarah McFarland or Tom Ellis.

7. Relicensure-Andrea Swanson

Andrea Swanson unable to attend-Renee Parcheta presented. The school is required to have all teachers trained on mental health issues. BlueSky will provide this training and the Social Workers are working on getting this on line to all of them.

Motion by Renee Parcheta to adopt a program for identifying mental health issues for all staff, second by Kathy Taylor 5/0

8. Legislation and On-line Learning concerning Charter Schools-Tom Ellis

BlueSky belongs to both MNOLA and MACS. Changes were made last year to make registering for on-line education more difficult. A handout was given out with suggestions for the Legislation to consider, with a brief discussion.

9. Directors Report-Tom Ellis

There are 6-8 students that have not been paid by their district 05-06 year and this has been appealed with the state and Tom Ellis is continuing to follow up on this. Health Insurance renewal has started, and a meeting with RJ Ahmann discussed that the present plan would have a 19% increase. A suggestion was made to contain costs by examining deductibles. The Board supports families and wants to continue to offer family insurance, wants to wait for more information and will discuss more at the next meeting.

10. Board Evaluation of Meeting

Members of the board thought that there were some very good discussions at the meeting and that the time frame was very good from some of the past meetings, finishing in 2 hours.

11. Adjournment

Next Meeting is Thursday, November 15, 10 a.m.

Motion by Renee Parcheta, second by Kathy Taylor to adjourn. 5/0

11.50 a.m.