

BlueSky Charter School  
Board Meeting  
Wednesday, September 28, 2022  
2:00pm

*BlueSky School Board commits to Student Centered Decision making and improving the culture of the district by focusing on the following goals; finance, strategic planning, internal Board operations, and district planning.*

**BlueSky Vision:** *BlueSky is defining education for the 21st century by creating an individualized, dynamic education for all students. We are committed to empowering our community by facilitating relevant learning, skills, hopes and relationships.*

**BlueSky Mission:** *Bringing quality online education and diverse learners together.*

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**1. Call to Order**

Call to order at: 2:01pm

**2. Roll Call**

Bradley Wolfe, *Seat A: Community Member 2021-2023* (present)

Matthew Schempp, *Seat B: Vice Chair, Teacher Member 2021-2023* (present)

Sandra Meinerts, *Seat C: Required Parent Member 2022-2024* (absent)

Heidi Kelbel, *Seat D: Teacher Member 2022-2024* (present)

Judy Pekarek, *Treasurer, Seat E: Community member 2021-2023* (present)

Julie Johnson, *Secretary, Seat F: Required Teacher member 2022-2024* (present)

Jim Stocco, *Chair Seat G: Required Community Member 2022-2024* (present)

**3. Approval of Agenda and Notice of Any Conflict of Interest**

**Pekarek/Kelbel motion to approve**

**Wolfe - yes**

**Schempp- yes**

**Kelbel- yes**

**Pekarek- yes**

**Johnson- yes**

**Stocco- yes**

**6-0 motion passes**

**4. Approval of Previous Board Minutes**

4.1 Action - Approve [board meeting minutes, August 31, 2022](#)

**Kelbel/Schempp motion to approve**

**Wolfe - yes**

Schempp- yes

Kelbel- yes

Pekarek- **abstain**

Johnson- yes

Stocco- yes

**5-0 motion passes**

**5. [Filing of Finance Claims](#)** - EdFin, Scott Brown

We are 8% of the budget year complete with 7.8% of revenue received. We have spent 3.7% of our budget. Salary and Benefits total drops in July and August and then the Summer Payable category starts to grow again throughout the school year. We haven't started buying much yet this fiscal year so many of our budgeted line items are at 0%. Many of the items we have purchased are one time costs for curriculum subscriptions, tech, etc. and are non-recurring. Check register is reviewed in more detail in the finance committee. Invoices for the landlord should now start coming as what we had prepaid has been used. Hold back payments should be reflected in finance claims for next month.

**Kelbel/Johnson motion to approve**

**Wolfe - yes**

**Schempp- yes**

**Kelbel- yes**

**Pekarek- yes**

**Johnson- yes**

**Stocco- yes**

**6-0 motion passes**

**6. Reports**

6.1 Information- [Finance Committee](#) – Pekarek - Scott covered the basics but the finance committee talked in length about 5th grade expansion and will be discussing with the board during this meeting.

6.2 Information- [Curriculum Committee](#) – Schempp - Discussed number of assignments per course and seeing if there are best practices or guidelines to see how many assignments a course should have. Doing an audit on where things stand now and what research can be used. Have a pilot program for doing quarters instead of semesters for 9th grade group paced courses. Quarters increase deadlines which decrease the chance for students to fall behind. Also discussed 5th grade expansion but passed it on to the financial committee.

6.3 Information- [HR Committee](#) – Egner - Chatted about steps and lanes, realized didn't have step zero. Years of experience go by completed years. Pay chart will be evaluated every 3 years and add additional education lanes for credits. Next evaluation is Fall 2023. Pay cap is currently at 23+ years but exploring increasing next time the chart is evaluated. Stocco asked Egner to explore the steps and lanes more during the next HR committee meeting and bring back more findings to the October board meeting. Met with USI insurance rep waiting to follow up for possible options. Hired SIS (Erin) starting 10/03 & EA (Aly) started 09/26. Nearly fully staffed. Karen Kraco & Emma Boyum returned to sub, also have 4 additional teachers on call subs and 5 additional subs getting trained in asynchronous classes. Eliminated longevity payment this year. Discussed PTO balance and accrual for 23-24 school year.

6.4 Information- Director's Report – Larsen - Making sure MARSS errors have been corrected especially without SIS but we have been pretty accurate. Basically at an enrollment cap at a waitlist for 10-12th grade. 576 ADM with a budget of 570. First 15 day drops of the year will be in the numbers for next week. Making transition where middle school enrollment are coming up and HS enrollments are going down. We don't typically hit the student cap until October but we hit it early. Supplemental is capped for 1st semester but taking enrollments 2nd semester except for electives which is pretty full. Thinking about expanded ASL as it was a really popular elective. Backing off on ads budget as we are at

our cap but still working on a design for the school mascot. First Esports event coming up on October 19th looking for ways to live stream that. Leadership team met and went over priorities and projects and developed a project list based on strategic plan goals and decided who can actually oversee the projects. We have, again, been identified for not meeting the State graduation rate target under the ESSA plan. We have improved in every category, however, and continue to show growth. We met with our regional centers of excellence team and they will continue to provide support as we stay on track with our School Improvement Plan as it relates to SEL standards and improved graduation rates.

6.5 Information- Student Activity/Updates – Miner - Middle School get together on October 6th and currently have 21 students signed up to attend. In the planning process for finding something for older students for the end of October. Have an onsite musical performance scheduled for November that can also be broadcast via zoom for students that cannot attend in person. Activities committee would like to plan student activities two months in advance if possible. For the FY23 school year we are offering several student clubs as we had a ton of responses to the student club interest survey (more responses than we have ever had). Art club was the biggest demanded club followed only by Gaming club & GSA Hoping to get most of those up and running in October. Esports team is capped out for student participation with 10/10 spots filled and they have started practicing. Have a team captain & Co-captain with preseason starting on October 5th and 1st even is later in the month.

6.6 Information- [Assessment Updates/ IQS Goal Progress](#) - Ondich - Updated Score Card with IQS to reflect new goals and benchmarks as well as two additional goals; 1) SEL goal, and 2) 21st Century Learning goal. FY22 graduation rates for on track students 79.2% and not on track students 41.5% would like to see that number increase. Currently consistent attendance at 72.8% which is an improvement from FY22 at 65.1% but would like to get around 90%. New goal is social emotional learning, FY22 SEL assessment was at 61.4%. Have room for improvement but out performed what we expected.

6.7 Information - Student Services Report - Parker/Kasowicz - 142 students as of Monday are on IEP's which is 23.5% of the student body population. Service 10/13 disability categories at BlueSky. Service delivery model has been updated, created a master schedule, and divided into teams. Moving paperwork to electronic delivery and piloting a program currently. Building a system that ebbs and flows with enrollment.

**Pekarek/Johnson motion to approve**

**Wolfe - yes**

**Schempp- yes**

**Kelbel- yes**

**Pekarek- yes**

**Johnson- yes**

**Stocco- yes**

**6-0 motion passes**

## **7. Consent Items**

7.1 Action - Approve hire of Educational Assistant - [Allison Sickmann](#)

7.2 Action - Approve hire of Student Information Specialist - [Erin Reusing](#)

**Schempp/Pekarek motion to approve**

**Wolfe - yes**

**Schempp- yes**

**Kelbel- yes**

**Pekarek- yes**

**Johnson- yes**

**Stocco- yes**

**6-0 motion passes**

## **8. Unfinished Business**

8.1 Action -

## **9. New Business**

9.1 Action - Approve Revised [Policy 5.3.1 Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records](#)

**Kelbel/Pekarek motion to approve**

**Wolfe - yes**

**Schempp- yes**

**Kelbel- yes**

**Pekarek- yes**

**Johnson- yes**

**Stocco- yes**

**6-0 motion passes**

9.2 Action - Approve Revised [Policy 5.6.2 Restrictive Procedures and Removal of Students with IEP's](#)

**Schempp/Johnson motion to approve**

**Wolfe - yes**

**Schempp- yes**

**Kelbel- yes**

**Pekarek- yes**

**Johnson- yes**

**Stocco- yes**

**6-0 motion passes**

9.3 Action - Approve [Expansion to 5th Grade](#)

**Pekarek/no second volunteer for motion to be approved**

Board decides there needs to be more discussion and communication with staff directly impacted and then will revisit the topic at a future board meeting.

**Motion fails**

9.4 Action - Approve [22-23 Employee Handbook](#)

**Pekarek/Kelbel motion to approve**

**Wolfe - yes**

**Schempp- yes**

**Kelbel- yes**

**Pekarek- yes**

**Johnson- yes**

**Stocco- yes**

**6-0 motion passes**

## **10. Public Input**

## **11. Adjourn**

**Schempp/Johnson motion to approve**

**Wolfe - yes**

**Schempp- yes**

**Kelbel- yes**

**Pekarek- yes**

**Johnson- yes**

**Stocco- yes**

**6-0 motion passes**

Meeting Adjourn at: 3:59pm

**Future Meetings/Events Below:**

October 26, 2022

November 22, 2022

December 14, 2022

January 25, 2023

February 22, 2023

March 22, 2023

April 26, 2023

May 24, 2023

June 28, 2023

**Other:** Next Board Election: May 2023