

BlueSky Charter School
Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 30, 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/present after roll call)

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. Notice of Any Conflict of Interest

4. Approval of Agenda

Pekarek/Kelbel motion to approve

Wolfe - yes

Schempp- yes

Kelbel- yes

Pekarek- yes

Johnson- yes

Stocco- yes

6-0 motion passes

5. Approval of Previous Board Minutes

5.1 Action - Approve [board meeting minutes, October 26, 2022](#)

Kelbel/Schempp motion to approve

Wolfe - yes
Schempp- yes
Kelbel- yes
Pekarek- yes
Johnson- yes
Stocco- yes

6-0 motion passes

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

Sandra Meinerts joined

Brown reported we are 33% of the fiscal year complete with 31% of revenue received and 27% of budget on expenses. Salary and benefits payable (what we expect to pay teachers in the summer) is at \$62,806 and will continue to grow. Our federal aid working budget is at 0% but will catch up once we are able to draw on those funds next month now that the grant applications are approved. Some areas that are over budget in the financials can be reconciled by moving funds from one area to an area that is over budget. Not sure if there will be audit reports for the December board meeting but for sure during January board meeting.

Schempp/Kelbel motion to approve

Wolfe - yes
Schempp- yes
Meinerts- yes
Kelbel- yes
Pekarek- yes
Johnson- yes
Stocco- yes
7-0 motion passes

7. Reports

7.1 Information- [Finance Committee](#) – Pekarek: Budget overview and forecast was great and Scott will present his slide show next meeting.

7.2 Information- [Curriculum Committee](#) – Schempp: Discussed new course addition proposals and adding ASL at the middle school level. Updated the curriculum committee vision to: Through high quality curriculum and instructional practices BlueSky will do the following:

- i. Continue to implement and maintain standards-based and data-driven practices
- ii. Ensure MTSS resources are available to all staff and students
- iii. Foster academic and social emotional skills among students
- iv. Provide college and career readiness resources to support student learning and prepare students for post-high school opportunities
- v. Empower teachers to tailor instruction that equitably meets the needs of a diverse student population that is inclusive of all students
- vi. Develop consistent course design and format that ensures content accessibility for all students; and
- vii. Offer both flexible and structured curricular options for students

7.3 Information- [HR Committee](#) – Egner: Open enrollment for benefits currently. We are in a 2 year agreement with PEIP and cannot go to bid until fall 2023 with benefits beginning 2024. Benefit premium increase went up 30%. Had an open forum for staff to go over questions regarding benefits and enrollment. Looking at hiring another SPED teacher as our current caseload is getting overwhelming for

current staff. Looking to hire an additional EA as well. Working on updating the time off hours in the SMARTer system hopefully getting it all sorted out by the new year.

7.4 Information- Director's Report – Larsen: 570 ADM and reporting 577 so we are looking good budget wise and maintaining enrollment. Lots of students coming in have IEP's and 504's. Supplemental program is also maintaining enrollments and has twice as many enrollments as anticipated. New session for MDE starts in January and the current MDE commissioner is not staying on. Believe that the governor is going to keep the same education budget as the prior budget year. Two new education committee chairs in house and senate. American Indian education aid application has not been approved yet but can't see why it wouldn't be approved. Going to add native authors to the Sora library, culturally relevant American Indian speaker for students & staff, and field trips with those funds. Propio is the company for our translation services hopefully make things more on demand for translation needs. Signed a contract with Pandadoc to make it easier for parents/students to sign forms and documents electronically. Sending Ben H and Kim P to the future of education tech conference in January.

7.5 Information- Student Activity/Updates – Miner: 12/09 SEALIFE at MoA trip, have nearly 30 students signed up. January onsite activity "Care for self Care for others" with anxiety activities/coping techniques and stuffing bags for "helping Hands" charity Esports team is currently 4-1 with the final regular season match today. Divisional playoffs Saturday 12/10 and if BSO places 1st or 2nd will earn a spot in the state tournament at MoA. Graduation is going to be held at St Paul College again this year and the planning for junior/senior prom is well under way.

7.6 Information- [Assessment Updates/ IQS Goal Progress](#) - Ondich: MCA scores have been low because of low participation. Looking at passing rates for FRL students and since we are providing more computers for FRL students its trending up which means that the biggest issue for passing rate was lack of access to technology. MCA scores have been low because of low participation Math-22.8% on track reading 44.7% on track. Looking at passing rates for FRL students and since we are providing more computers for FRL students it's trending up which means that the biggest issue for passing rate was lack of access to technology. the number of 9th grade students enrolled by Oct. 1 who score 70% or higher on the 6+1 Traits of Writing rubric will increase by 1.5% or more from the previous year or exceed 85%. FY22: 68.4%. Consistent attendance had a big drop but sitting at 66.3% but would like to be at 95% consistent attendance.

7.7 Information - [Student Services Report](#) - Parker/Kasowicz: 143 students currently have IEP's and 24.6% of our students are on some kind of special education plan which is well above the state average which is at about 17%. Would like to keep staffing at 16:1 but may have to flex 20:1 during high periods of enrollment. We are moving special education paperwork to electronic delivery and signatures with Pandadocs. Special education formed an internal committee to review needs and support. Social work department moved to a tiered model to build capacity and students served.

Pekarek/Kelbel motion to approve

Wolfe - yes

Schempp- yes

Meinerts- yes

Kelbel- yes

Pekarek- yes

Johnson- yes

Stocco- yes

7-0 motion passes

8. Consent Items

8.1 Action - Approve hire of Educational Assistant - [De Xiong](#)

Kelbel/Schempp motion to approve

Wolfe - yes

Schempp- yes

Meinerts- yes

Kelbel- yes

Pekarek- yes

Johnson- yes

Stocco- yes

7-0 motion passes

9. Unfinished Business

9.1 Action -

10. New Business

10.1 Action - Approve [World's Best Workforce Summary](#) and [Annual Report](#)

Kelbel/Johnson motion to approve

Wolfe - yes

Schempp- yes

Meinerts- yes

Kelbel- yes

Pekarek- yes

Johnson- yes

Stocco- yes

7-0 motion passes

10.2 Action - Approve [2023-2024 and 2024-2025 BlueSky School Calendars](#)

Pekarek/Meinerts motion to approve

Wolfe - yes

Schempp- yes

Meinerts- yes

Kelbel- yes

Pekarek- yes

Johnson- yes

Stocco- yes

7-0 motion passes

10.3 Action - Approve Review of [Policy 5.3.5 Surveys to Collect Student Information; Parent Notice of Opportunity for Opting Out](#)

Meinerts/Johnson motion to approve

Wolfe - yes

Schempp- yes

Meinerts- yes

Kelbel- yes

Pekarek- yes

Johnson- yes

Stocco- yes

7-0 motion passes

10.4 Action - Approve Revised [Policy 5.4.3 Anti-Hazing](#) (old version [Policy 5.4.3](#))

Moving forward, the board would like to use gender neutral language in policies. Larsen is going to check with MSBA to see where they are at and what they suggest as far as changing the language to be more inclusive.

Pekarek/Kelbel motion to approve

Wolfe - yes

Schempp- yes

Meinerts- yes

Kelbel- yes

Pekarek- yes

Johnson- yes

Stocco- yes

7-0 motion passes

10.5 Action - Approve Revised [Policy 5.4.5 Pupil Fair Dismissal Process](#)

Meinerts/Kelbel motion to approve

Wolfe - yes

Schempp- yes

Meinerts- yes

Kelbel- yes

Pekarek- yes

Johnson- yes

Stocco- yes

7-0 motion passes

10.6 Action - Approve Revised [Policy 5.4.6 Dress Code-Religious Neutral](#)

Pekarek/Kelbel motion to approve

Wolfe - yes

Schempp- yes

Meinerts- yes

Kelbel- yes

Pekarek- yes

Johnson- yes

Stocco- yes

7-0 motion passes

10.7 Action - Approve Revised [Policy 6.6 Pledge of Allegiance](#)

Pekarek/Meinerts motion to approve

Wolfe - yes

Schempp- yes

Meinerts- yes

Kelbel- yes

Pekarek- yes

Johnson- yes

Stocco- yes

7-0 motion passes

10.8 Action - Approve Waiving the Requirement to Cite the Pledge of Allegiance

Schempp/Kelbel motion to approve

Wolfe - yes

Schempp- yes

Meinerts- yes

Kelbel- yes

Pekarek- yes

Johnson- yes

Stocco- yes

7-0 motion passes

11. Public Input

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 3:20pm
Kelbel/Schempp motion to approve
Wolfe - yes
Schempp- yes
Meinerts- yes
Kelbel- yes
Pekarek- yes
Johnson- yes
Stocco- yes
7-0 motion passes

Future Meetings/Events Below:

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