

BlueSky Charter School

Board Meeting

Friday, February 24, 2023

12:00pm

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: 12:01pm

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* (present)

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* (absent)

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

Meinerts- yes

Kelbel- yes

Pekarek- yes

Stocco- yes

6-0 motion passes

5. Approval of Previous Board Minutes

5.1 Action - Approve board meeting minutes, [January 25, 2023](#)

Meinerts/Schempp motion to approve

Wolfe - yes

Schempp- yes

Meinerts- yes

Kelbel- yes

Pekarek- abstain

Stocco- yes

5-0 motion passes

6. Filing of [Finance Claims January](#) - EdFin, Scott Brown We are 58% of the budget year complete with 57% of our revenue received. Our expenses are at 55% so we are on track with our budget. Our cash balance is at \$3,780,688 with no cash flow concerns. Brown added a revised budget line to include higher than predicted state revenue which was adjusted to 575 ADM. There are many grants that we are coding professional development, instructional software, translation services, and staff salaries to which need to be monitored to be sure they are getting the correct code.

Schempp/Meinerts motion to approve

Wolfe - yes

Schempp- yes

Meinerts- yes

Kelbel- yes

Pekarek- yes

Stocco- yes

6-0 motion passes

7. Reports

7.1 Information- [Finance Committee](#) – Pekarek Miner informed the committee that she followed up on the two Sam's Club charges for annual membership. They have reimbursed us for one of the charges as they invoiced us and also took an automatic payment out of our account. Pekarek inquired about the PayPal expense of \$30. Miner investigated the charges and they were a refund from a canceled field trip. She also inquired about the payment to South Dakota Department of Labor which is for compliance with unemployment and tax information for our employees that reside in that state. Pekarek also wondered about the Yale University expense which is SEL instructional software for our 9th grade advisory class.

7.2 Information- [Curriculum Committee](#) – Schempp Discussed math standards: Discussed some changes to include more inquiry and conceptual understanding of topics will be reviewed in more detail once we begin the curriculum review process. 50 additional IXL seats purchased to support middle school students through tier 1 supports as part of weekly lesson plans; this should help address learning gaps identified as a result of the Covid pandemic. Policy 5.5.3 and 5.5.5 were reviewed and we are covering applicable curriculum and instructional elements. Identified 3 areas that need clarification: transfers in, transfers out, and completed scheduled enrollment but didn't complete the class.

7.3 Information- [HR Committee](#) – Egner went over staffing changes, hired a tech admin assistant. Conducted interviews for admin assistant level 1 hoping to make an offer before the end of the week. Discussed paid time off for FY24, compensation & budget. Looking to restructure paid time off balance. Comparing charter schools and school districts and how they do things. Committee thinks it would be nice to have a PTO plan where you can accumulate time off that is not divided into sick days/vacation days/etc. Sick & Safe time bill passed by house, may go into effect by 2025. Next meeting looking to talk about longevity options.

7.4 Information- Director's Report – Larsen Enrollment 598 ADM with PSEO numbers included. Trending higher than our budgeted ADM of 570. Still approving students off the waitlist based on grade capacity. Supplemental is closed for enrollment for 2nd semester. Dan Onich working on criteria for participation in Esports and clubs for students. Sarah Miner working on a clearer process for field trips

and on site events. We have spent a lot of time and money on staff development this year in several different departments (English, Social Workers, Counselors, IT, Math, 5 staff went to DLAC) John Spencer is coming back to do 2nd part of staff training, and BlueSky staff have also done cyber security training. Brenda Ritter has tracked who has been approved for PD funds in the past to see so we can have guidelines as to who or what departments get approved by PD committee going forward. Danielle Sanders has taken over the testing coordination. Looking to lease some laptops for testing and seeing how that goes and if the process is smoother. Started working on FY24 budget. Big issue is that student computers are going out but having a hard time recovering them. IQS mid year evaluation came out and everything looked good. Second student activity day is coming up in March and its all online ending with a talent show.

7.5 Information- [Student Activity/Updates](#) – Miner Sustainable Safari trip is today from 1pm-4pm and there are 19 kids that have signed up. Student clubs are still doing very well this year with the most consistent participation we have seen so far. Esports spring season is about to start on March 6th. We have 2 Valorant teams, a Rocket league team, a Fortnite duo, and a 1v1 super smash bros player. Student activities committee decided that all student activities/events/trips should come through the committee even if we are not the ones planning the events just so we are aware of what's going on and what activities students have done. In the process of planning some summer field trips but the grant we had to fund the trips must be used after June 30th so considering doing 2 field trips before the end of June with the funds. The 9th grade comet connection event was canceled due to lack of student interest. The remainder of FY23 student activities have been planned and the wheels are in motion.

7.6 Information- [Assessment Updates/ IQS Goal Progress](#) - Ondich FY23 Semester 1 passing rates are 84.5% which exceeded our goal of 80%. 21st century skills FY23 S1 is at 66.7% but haven't quite hit our goal of 70%. We are on our way to meeting this goal if second semester numbers increase. Consistent attendance at 73.5% which is much greater than the percentage last year but the state would like to be 90% or more.

7.7 Information - [Student Services Report](#) - Parker/Kasowicz Counselors: 50-60% done with registration, going into 9th grade advisory to work with 9th graders on registration for next year. Meeting with 10th graders individually. PSEO information session was held Feb 2nd. Advisors: 9th grade continuing to use RULER. The increased time with social workers has been helpful. 9th grade advisors have started study hall the 2nd semester. Advisors & counselors focused on giving special attention to eligible graduates. Middle School: great participation in Friday study halls, Dawn Mensing held 7th & 8th grade registration meeting. Megan A hosting MS lunch bunch. Introduced a "back on track" program where students that are struggling have to meet with an EA to check in and make sure they are where they need to be. Summer School: 15 students already on the list to enroll. Enrollment for summer school will begin March 1st.

Kelbel/Meinerts motion to approve

Wolfe - yes

Schempp- yes

Meinerts- yes

Kelbel- yes

Pekarek- yes

Stocco- yes

6-0 motion passes

8. Consent Items

8.1 Action - Approve hire of 1.0 Special Education teacher - [Alex Schulz](#)

8.2 Action - Approve hire of 0.5 Technology Admin. Asst. - [Benoit Kabwar](#)

Schempp/Kelbel motion to approve

Wolfe - yes

Schempp- yes

Meinerts- yes

Kelbel- yes

Pekarek- yes

Stocco- yes

6-0 motion passes

9. Unfinished Business

19.1 Action -

10. New Business

10.1 Action - Approve revised [Policy 5.6.1 Education of Students with Disabilities Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act](#)

Pekarek/Kelbel motion to approve

Wolfe - yes

Schempp- yes

Meinerts- yes

Kelbel- yes

Pekarek- yes

Stocco- yes

6-0 motion passes

10.2 Action - Approve reviewed [Policy 5.7.3 Students' Free Speech Rights](#)

Schempp/Kelbel motion to approve

Wolfe - yes

Schempp- yes

Meinerts- yes

Kelbel- yes

Pekarek- yes

Stocco- yes

6-0 motion passes

11. Public Input

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 1:23pm

Schempp/Kelbel motion to approve

Wolfe - yes

Schempp- yes

Meinerts- yes

Kelbel- yes

Pekarek- yes

Stocco- yes

6-0 motion passes

13. Board Training - Cyber Security (Kim Pike & Ben Haensel)

Future Meetings/Events Below:

March 22, 2023

April 26, 2023

May 24, 2023

June 28, 2023

Other: Next Board Election: May 2023