

BlueSky Charter School

Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

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: 2:02pm

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* (present)

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

3. Notice of Any Conflict of Interest

Wolfe - no conflict

Schempp- no conflict

Meinerts- no conflict

Kelbel- no conflict

Pekarek- no conflict

Johnson- no conflict

Stocco- no conflict

4. Approval of Agenda

Schempp/Kelbel motion to approve

Wolfe - yes

Schempp- yes

Meinerts- yes

Kelbel- yes
Pekarek- yes
Johnson- yes
Stocco- yes

7-0 motion passes

5. Approval of Previous Board Minutes

5.1 Action - Approve board meeting minutes, [February 24, 2023](#)

Kelbel/Pekarek motion to approve

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

7-0 motion passes

6. Filing of [Finance Claims February](#) - EdFin, Scott Brown We are 67% of the budget year complete with 66% of our revenue received and 64% of our expenses purchased. Our cashflow is looking good with 3.94 million available. Finance Committee reviews the credit card each month during their meeting. Tax/Benefits/Salary are the largest payments monthly. FY24 lease aid application is coming out soon. The State will pay holdback payments to us in August, September and October.

Pekarek/Schempp motion to approve

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

6-0 motion passes

7. Reports

7.1 Information- [Finance Committee](#) – Pekarek - Nothing unusual to report. Discussed expense reimbursement for mileage.

7.2 Information- [Curriculum Committee](#) – Schempp - Went through a new technology review process. Staff have procedure when they want to add new tech for classes. Spoke about adding 5th grade but decided to focus on 6th grade. Spoke about ChatGPT in regards to cheating and making sure students are using own knowledge and not internet/AI to complete work. Discussed 9th grade pilot and there was a large improvement in passing rate for 2nd quarter but think it might be because those that failed previously dropped enrollment. Study Hall worked well for 9th grade students.

7.3 Information- [HR Committee](#) – Egner - Still looking for Admin Assistant level 1. Danielle Sanders has been doing testing/attendance while looking for coverage. Emma B (short term sub) was trained on the attendance process to help Danielle. Created a new position for a lead EA and have had a couple internal employees express interest so will be conducting interviews as the next step. Discussed expense reimbursement policy. Went over time off policy. Thinking of ways to recognize staff retiring at the end of this year. Discussed a potential one time cost of living acknowledgement for staff.

7.4 Information- Director's Report – Larsen - As of 03/15 ADM is 598 and budgeted at 570. Enrollment is on a waitlist for all grade levels and revisited weekly except seniors as they cannot make up enough credits this year. Looking at ADM of 580 next year because of enrollment trends and looking to possibly double supplemental enrollments. Moving forward with increasing 6th grade cap instead of

adding 5th grade at this point. Looking at different computer models and insurance programs for staff/student/testing equipment. We have a couple staff that are retiring at the end of this year but haven't posted for those positions as we want to have the draft budget first. There is legislation related to providing unemployment to certain employees who don't work over the summer. We aren't sure of the details or how this will impact us yet, but will likely need to increase the budget to help cover this expense if legislation is passed. Cognia review was last Wednesday 03/15. Cognia reviewers were very impressed. Will get the formal review back in about 45 days.

7.5 Information- [American Indian Parent Advisory Report](#) - Larsen - Have more than 20 American Indian Students so received funding for the program. The American Indian Parent Advisory Council developed focus areas and submitted our grant application. The application outlines goals associated with each focus area which are also attached to a budget. Larsen reviewed the focus areas and our progress for each and will be submitting the compliance documentation to the State.

7.6 Information- [Student Activity/Updates](#) – Miner - We have virtual student activity day this Friday 03/24 but no other activities planned until May as April is testing month. Started planning process for summer field trips as the grant funds were extended. Discussed adding 6th grade MNHS required field trip to the Student Activities budget for FY24 and what that might mean for the other activities but determined that it wouldn't affect our budget too greatly.

7.7 Information- [Assessment Updates/ IQS Goal Progress](#) - Ondich - Consistent attendance: 67.1% (465/693) hoping for a 2% increase from last year. Overall attendance: 88.02%. 12th grade is a challenge area at 81.6%

7.8 Information - [Student Services Report](#) - Parker/Kasowicz - The virtual calming room is done this month. Still fine tuning the process for support plans. Applied to be in a pilot program for MN induction & mentoring program. Will bring to the board if/when we are accepted with the plan. Continue to train new staff with compassionate school training but all staff will complete 3 times a year training to keep the skills fresh and at top of mind.

Sandra Meinerts left meeting at 3:00pm

Pekarek/Johnson motion to approve

Wolfe - yes

Schempp- yes

Kelbel- yes

Pekarek- yes

Johnson- yes

Stocco- yes

6-0 motion passes

8. Consent Items

8.1 Action -

9. Unfinished Business

9.1 Action -

10. New Business

10.1 Action - Appoint [Board Development Committee](#) - Board Development Committee is Jim Stocco, Amy Larsen, & Heidi Kelbel

Schempp/Pekarek motion to approve

Wolfe - yes

Schempp- yes

Kelbel- yes

Pekarek- yes

Johnson- yes

Stocco- yes

6-0 motion passes

10.2 Action - Approve [23-24 Liability Insurance Renewal](#)

Kelbel/Johnson motion to approve

Wolfe - yes

Schempp- yes

Kelbel- yes

Pekarek- yes

Johnson- yes

Stocco- yes

6-0 motion passes

10.3 Action - Approve reviewed [Policy 5.7.1 Tennessean Warning](#)

Pekarek/Kelbel motion to approve

Wolfe - yes

Schempp- yes

Kelbel- yes

Pekarek- yes

Johnson- yes

Stocco- yes

6-0 motion passes

10.4 Action - Approve revised [Policy 5.9.1 Student Extra-Curricular Participation](#)

Schempp/Kelbel motion to approve

Wolfe - yes

Schempp- yes

Kelbel- yes

Pekarek- yes

Johnson- yes

Stocco- yes

6-0 motion passes

10.5 Action - Approve reviewed [Policy 5.9.3 Retesting of District Standardized Assessments](#)

Schempp/Johnson motion to approve

Wolfe - yes

Schempp- yes

Kelbel- yes

Pekarek- yes

Johnson- yes

Stocco- yes

6-0 motion passes

10.6 Action - Approve new [Policy 5.9.4 Immunization Requirements](#)

Pekarek/Kelbel motion to approve

Wolfe - yes

Schempp- yes

Kelbel- yes

Pekarek- yes

Johnson- yes

Stocco- yes

6-0 motion passes

11. Public Input

Question: Darren Sonenstahl: "If I travel 75 miles one way to proctor MCA's can I claim 150 miles or are

we limited to 120 miles?" **Answer:** He would be able to claim total mileage for the round trip as new reimbursement parameters have not yet been approved by the board.

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 3:32pm

Pekarek/Schempp motion to approve

Wolfe - yes

Schempp- yes

Kelbel- yes

Pekarek- yes

Johnson- yes

Stocco- yes

6-0 motion passes

Future Meetings/Events Below:

April 26, 2023

May 24, 2023

June 28, 2023

Other: Next Board Election: May 2023