

BlueSky Charter School

Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 26, 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* **(Joined late)**

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

Johnson- no conflict

Stocco- no conflict

4. Approval of Agenda

Meinerts/Kelbel motion to approve

Wolfe - yes

Schempp- yes

Meinerts- yes

Kelbel- yes

Johnson- yes

Stocco- yes

6-0 motion passes

5. Approval of Previous Board Minutes

5.1 Action - Approve [board meeting minutes, March 22, 2023](#)

Schempp/Kelbel motion to approve

Wolfe - yes

Schempp- yes

Meinerts- yes

Kelbel- yes

Johnson- yes

Stocco- yes

6-0 motion passes

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

Brown reported we are 75% of budget year complete with 74% of our revenue received and 73% of our expenses paid. Cash balance about 3.8 million. There are no concerns related to budget as we are tracking on budget. There are no cash flow concerns. Brown predicts that we will end the fiscal year slightly under budget as our revenue will be higher than budget (due to increased enrollment). The FY24 lease aid application has been released so we can begin work on submitting this.

Pekarek joined meeting.

Kelbel/Johnson 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- [21-22 Retention Report](#) - Snyder - BSO retention trends in mid 70%'s. Our focus areas are students enrolling not on track (not on track is 9-12 grade only) & consistent attendance overall. In FY22 67% students enrolled on track 33% students enrolled not on track. Course passing rates trend moving upwards FY22 89.4% course passing rate. Consistent attendance rate trending up FY22 consistent attendance is 65.3%. Upper grade levels are not as consistent as lower grade levels. Not on track students & FRL students struggle with consistent attendance at a much higher rate. SpEd students met consistent attendance during FY22 at 58%.

7.2 Information- [Finance Committee](#) – Pekarek - Talked about draft budget and that the budget will be reviewed in July with possible stipend for staff and updated ADM.

7.3 Information- [Curriculum Committee](#) – Schempp - revised ELA curriculum and discussed where teacher duties lay. Update about Perkins and withdrawal of support for their programs. Discussed preliminary plans for FY24 curriculum writing projects. SpEd is moving forward to be more focused on individual student needs.

7.4 Information- [HR Committee](#) – Egner - Staffing update: Admin Assistant Level 1 position put on hold, Lead EA, HS Advisor, HS English teacher, Due Process SpEd, & MS counselor/advisor. Will post externally after board approval. Discussed reimbursement policy & cost of living acknowledgement proposal. Benefits survey put out to staff to see how staff feel about current benefits and what changes they would like to see. Have lots of staff responses so far. Discussed time off balance and possible

redistribution to PTO.

7.5 Information- Director's Report – Larsen - Enrollment 597 ADM well above the 570 budget. MARSS reporting needs to be cleaned up a bit. We will stop accepting enrollments May 8th for this school year but have already closed enrollments for seniors. Satisfactions survey are going out May1st. Board election ballot going out next week as well. Organizational chart has a little bit of shifting but will be presented next board meeting as long as budget is approved. Put together summer task list.

7.6 Information- Student Activity/Updates – Miner - Have a ton of things going on for May. MSGT, on site staff meeting, prom & South of the River PowWow is next week. The following week we have a field trip to the children's theater company for a showing of "An America Tail". BlueSky Esports teams going to state tournament May 13th, 14th & 21st at MoA. The streams have been going really well and seems to be a ton of Graduation planning is in full swing have a meeting with St Paul college this Friday to go over tech requirements and details for the day of graduation. Ton of communications have been going out to eligible graduates regarding the live ceremony and planning a pre-grad pizza party to distribute caps & gowns. Summer field trip information has been shared with students & families and and have seen interest. Puerto Rico spring break trip went really well so planning another trip in 2025 to Spain/Italy/France.

7.7 Information- [Assessment Updates/ IQS Goal Progress](#) - Ondich - FY22 graduation rate 58.29% Consistent attendance FY23 75.3% overall attendance 88.3%

7.8 Information - [Student Services Report](#) - Parker/Kasowicz - Counselors are continue to enroll students for summer school. Have 25 tuition students for summer school. Counselors are updating the career portfolio for next school year. Advisors continue to remain busy with support plans. Middle School Get Together has over 20 students signed up to attend.

Johnson/Schempp 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 [Retirement of Barbara DeGrote](#) - 1.0 English Teacher

8.2 Action - Approve [Retirement of Kelly Hanson](#) - 1.0 Student Support Advisor

8.3 Action - Approve [Retirement of Judy McMillan](#) - 0.75 SPED EA

Johnson/Kelbel 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 [FY24 Budget](#)

Pekarek/Kelbel 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 Board Member Candidates for Election Ballot

Seat A, Community Member - [Allen Charles](#)

Seat B, Teacher Member - [Matthew Schempp](#)

Seat E, Community Member - [Judy Pekarek](#)

Kelbel/Johnson motion to approve

Wolfe - yes

Schempp- abstain

Meinerts- yes

Kelbel- yes

Pekarek - abstain

Johnson- yes

Stocco- yes

5-0 motion passes

Kelbel left meeting at 3:35pm.

10.3 Action - Approve revised [Policy 6.2 Length of School Year and School Calendar](#)

Schempp/Meinerts motion to approve

Wolfe - yes

Schempp- yes

Meinerts- yes

Pekarek - yes

Johnson- yes

Stocco- yes

6-0 motion passes

10.4 Action - Approve addition of [Policy 6.3 Student Promotion, Retention, and Program Design](#)

Johnson/Schempp motion to approve

Wolfe - yes

Schempp- yes

Meinerts- yes

Pekarek - yes

Johnson- yes

Stocco- yes

6-0 motion passes

10.5 Action - Approve revised [Policy 6.4.1 Release Time for Religious Events and Religious Accommodation](#)

Schempp/Johnson motion to approve

Wolfe - yes

Schempp- yes

Meinerts- yes

Pekarek - yes

Johnson- yes

Stocco- yes

6-0 motion passes

10.6 Action - Approve addition of [Policy 7.3.2 Expense Reimbursement](#)

Johnson/Schempp motion to approve

Wolfe - yes

Schempp- yes

Meinerts- yes

Pekarek - yes

Johnson- yes

Stocco- yes

6-0 motion passes

10.7 Action - Approve revised [Policy 6.4.2 Equal Access of Facilities](#) (current version [6.4.2](#))

Pekarek/Schempp motion to approve

Wolfe - yes

Schempp- yes

Meinerts- yes

Pekarek - yes

Johnson- yes

Stocco- yes

6-0 motion passes

11. Public Input

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 3:56pm

Johnson/Schempp motion to approve

Wolfe - yes

Schempp- yes

Meinerts- yes

Pekarek - yes

Johnson- yes

Stocco- yes

6-0 motion passes

Future Meetings/Events Below:

May 24, 2023

June 28, 2023 - Annual Meeting

Other: Next Board Election: May 2023