

BlueSky Charter School

Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 24, 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: 2:01pm

2. Roll Call

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

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. Notice of Any Conflict of Interest

Schempp- no conflict

Kelbel- no conflict

Pekarek- no conflict

Johnson- no conflict

Stocco- no conflict

4. Approval of Agenda

Kelbel/Schempp motion to approve

Schempp- yes

Kelbel- yes

Pekarek- yes

Johnson- yes

Stocco- yes

5-0 motion passes

5. Approval of Previous Board Minutes

5.1 Action - Approve [board meeting minutes, April 26, 2023](#)

Pekarek/Schempp motion to approve

Schempp- yes

Kelbel- yes

Pekarek- yes

Johnson- yes

Stocco- yes

5-0 motion passes

6. Filing of [Finance Claims April](#) - EdFin, Scott Brown - We are 83% of the budget year complete with 82% of our revenue received and 82% of our budgeted expenses paid. Our cash balance is \$3,718,728 and we have no cash flow concerns. Our bank has been sending collateralized reports which have been reviewed and determined they have fixed the issue we had in our previous audit. The detail expense report shows some items are over budget, but there are other areas under budget which evens out the overall budget. Will be updating the SPED expense numbers in SEDRA so that we are able to get reimbursed for all actual expenses.

Bradley wolfe joined the meeting

Pekarek/Johnson motion to approve

Wolfe- yes

Schempp- yes

Kelbel- yes

Pekarek- yes

Johnson- yes

Stocco- yes

6-0 motion passes

7. Reports

7.1 Information- [22-23 Q-Comp Annual Review and 22-23 Staff Development Report](#) - Schempp - Met school wide goal. SGP (student growth percentile) on Star in math increased from 35.25% to 37.5%. As of Thursday 128 out of 306 students met or exceeded 50 SGP which is 41.8%. Licensed staff met in the PLC's to work towards goals, collaborate & maintain their PLC focus for the year. PLC focus areas Advisors - utilized compassionate schools techniques and SEL to maximize student success. Counselors - revise & improve required career portfolios. Social Workers - completing social work survey assessment as a tool for PGP and work with students. SpEd - implementing SEL competencies & working with students to increase their self-awareness skills.

7.2 Information- [Finance Committee](#) – Pekarek - Nothing new to report that was not covered in finance claims.

7.3 Information- [Curriculum Committee](#) – Schempp - Discussed special program days, Social studies department will take the lead on MLK & Veteran's day. Possible new course requirements for graduation: ethnic studies & personal finance. Update academic integrity to account for AI.

7.4 Information- [HR Committee](#) – Egner - Lots of staffing updates: ASL teacher, Admin Assistant level 1, HS advisor, MS counselor, HS english teacher, 2 SpEd teachers, part-time math teacher, 2 EA positions. Followed up about staff benefits satisfaction survey: Health Insurance - lower premiums/more affordable costs for family plan. Time Off - more personal/discretionary days for licensed staff & more time off into one bucket. Health Insurance - going to bid in August and working with our Benefit Admin from Kraus-Anderson Insurance Agency. Time Off - further conversation this summer on possible time off plan adjustments.

7.5 Information- Director's Report – Larsen - Budgeted ADM is 570 but currently have 598 ADM.

Numbers for enrollment are looking really good for next year. Possibly have a waiting list started this summer for 11th & 12th grade if enrollment predictions prove accurate. Marketing this summer is focused on middle school with the main focus on 6th grade. In this week's weekly update there will be a link to our final Cognia Review Report. Improvement areas noted are all areas we are already actively working to improve. 2 of our social workers are attending MACS crisis response team training this summer.

7.6 Information- Student Activity/Updates – Miner - Really successful beginning of the month activities including Middle School Get Together & prom. Pre-grad pizza party is this Friday May 26th and then the final event of the school year is our live graduation ceremony at St Paul College on Saturday, June 10th. 45 students signed up to attend the live ceremony with a total of 212 guests (family & friends) in attendance. We have decided to send out 8th grade students "certificates of completion" this year as a way to commemorate middle school graduation. There are already several students signed up for our summer field trips. We are going to visit SkyZone, SeaQuest, Fort Snelling, & Valleyfair. Transportation from the BlueSky office & lunch is included for the day. Majority of the outings will be funded by leftover summer activities grant. We are charging a small activity fee for each event to hopefully ensure attendance if a student RSVP's. Super proud of our Esports team that went to the state tournament.

7.7 Information- [Assessment Updates/ IQS Goal Progress](#) - Ondich - Renaissance star math: 55.3% (131/237 fall to spring) Renaissance star reading: 56.7% (132/233) Consistent attendance 22-23 74.6% (440/615) Overall attendance 88.3%

7.8 Information - [Student Services Report](#) - Parker/Kasowicz - IEP's: 156 (25.7%) 504's: 70 (11.5%) 200 students this year total supported with IEP's. SpEd has lots of summer curriculum writing with a full implementation of service delivery in the fall. Counselors started enrolling students for next year. 8th grade transition meeting tomorrow during the advisory for students to meet with their advisor/counselor. 9th grade committee looking to do orientation on 08/31 at 7:00pm to go over expectations and what high school at BlueSky looks like. MS learning coach night 08/31 at 6:00pm

Kelbel/Pekarek 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 - Approve [Elected School Board Member](#); Allen Charles, Seat A Community Member

Bradley Wolfe left meeting

Schempp/Kelbel motion to approve

5-0 motion passes

10.2 Action - Approve Elected School Board Member; Matthew Schempp, Seat B Teacher Member

Kelbel/Johnson motion to approve

Schempp- abstain

4-0 motion passes

10.3 Action - Approve Elected School Board Member; Judy Pekarek, Seat E Community Member

Schempp/Kelbel motion to approve

Pekarek- abstain

4-0 motion passes

10.4 Action - Approve [2023-2024 Organizational Chart](#)

Pekarek/Schempp motion to approve

5-0 motion passes

10.5 Action - Approve [Designation of IOWA](#) - Amy Larsen, Superintendent

Pekarek/Kelbel motion to approve

5-0 motion passes

10.6 Action - Approve [IQS Contract Amendment](#)

Johnson/Schempp motion to approve

5-0 motion passes

10.7 Action - Approve revised [Policy 5.1.1 Admissions Policy with Lottery](#)

Kelbel/Schempp motion to approve

5-0 motion passes

10.8 Action - Approve revised [Policy 6.8 Parent Involvement](#)

Pekarek/Kelbel motion to approve

5-0 motion passes

10.9 Action - Approve revised [Policy 6.10 Curriculum Development](#)

Schempp/Johnson motion to approve

5-0 motion passes

10.10 Action - Appoint Evaluation Committee (to conduct Ex Dir [annual evaluation](#))

Evaluation committee - Jim Stocco, Judy Pekarek, & Matthew Schempp

Kelbel/Johnson motion to approve

5-0 motion passes

10.11 Action - Approve Strategic Planning (WBWF) Meeting Date

Following board meeting on 06/28, moving board meeting to 10:00am

/ motion to approve

5-0 motion passes

10.12 Action - Board Member Recognition - Bradley Wolfe

11. Public Input

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 3:36pm

Schempp/Kelbel motion to approve

5-0 motion passes

Future Meetings/Events Below:

June 28, 2023 - Annual Meeting

Other: Next Board Election: May 2024