

BlueSky Charter School
2051 Killebrew Drive, Suite 500
Bloomington, MN 55425
Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 28, 2024
2:00 pm

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 at 2:00

2. Roll Call

Allen Charles, Seat A: Community Member 2023-2025 - absent

Matthew Schempp, Seat B: Vice Chair, Teacher Member 2023-2025 - present

Kelsey Waits, Seat C: Required Parent Member 2024-2026 - present

Heidi Kelbel, Seat D: Teacher Member 2024-2026 - present

Judy Pekarek, Treasurer, Seat E: Community member 2023-2025 - present

Julie Johnson, Secretary, Seat F: Required Teacher member 2024-2026 - present

Jim Stocco, Chair Seat G: Required Community Member 2024-2026 - present

3. Notice of Any Conflict of Interest

none

4. Approval of Agenda

Kelbel/Pekarek motion to approve

Matthew Schempp -aye

Kelsey Waits - aye

Heidi Kelbel - aye

Judy Pekarek - aye

Julie Johnson - aye

Jim Stocco - aye

6-0 Motion passes

5. Approval of Previous Board Minutes

5.1 Action - Approve [board meeting minutes, July 31, 2024](#)

Waits/Kelbel motion to approve

Matthew Schempp -aye

Kelsey Waits - aye

Heidi Kelbel - aye

Judy Pekarek - abstained

Julie Johnson - aye

Jim Stocco - aye

5-0-1 Motion passes

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

Income Statement: The focus of the School's income statement is to monitor the ongoing revenues and expenses of the various programs. Monthly review of the actual spent vs. budget as well as taking into consideration the percentage of the fiscal year completed is imperative.

The highlights from the income statement are:

Percent of fiscal year completed: 8%

YTD revenue as a percent of budget: 8%, based on estimated enrollment of 580ADM

YTD expenses as a percent of budget: 3% as compared to prior month of NA%

Other Items: The remaining Salary/Benefit Payable is for the current year. Will begin accruing after September for next June 30, 2025. Holdback to be paid at the end of August, September and October. Current MDE estimates are \$905k of holdback payments. Payments to be received over the next 3 months at the end of the month.

Enrollment: Budgeted at 580ADM for adopted and revised. Monitor enrollment through the Fall for FY2025.

Motion to approve Schempp/Johnson

Matthew Schempp -aye

Kelsey Waits - aye

Heidi Kelbel - aye

Judy Pekarek - aye

Julie Johnson - aye

Jim Stocco - aye

6-0 Motion passes

7. Reports

7.1 Information- [Finance Committee](#) – Pekarek

One month into the new budget year. We have received 8% of revenue and 3% of expenses have been paid. The remaining Salary/Benefit Payable is for the current year and will begin accruing again after September for next June 30, 2025. State holdback funds will be paid at the end of August, September and October. Current MDE estimates are \$905k of holdback payments.

Many large expenses have been made (for large annual subscriptions) and we haven't received all state funding yet, so the budget looks slightly skewed.

Pekarek inquired about the "Instruction" Purchased Software being at 114% of budget and if that was normal. Brown clarified that we still have budget remaining in Purchased Software in the other areas of the budget (District Support, Admin and Operations, Special Education) and so this is not a concern at this time. Also, most of the items coded in this bucket are annual one time subscriptions and some of those expenses will be coded to FIN 343 Library Aid.

Weiberg inquired about the staff retreat expenses compared to previous years. We budget for the retreat in a separate line item each year and in the past few years had funds available through COVID funds. The expenses are typically split between budget years as a portion of the expenses are paid prior to June 30 and some after the retreat in August. For FY25 we budgeted the retreat expense for about \$42,000. This year we were not able to use COVID funds and hosted the event at our office location because of the excessive quotes from resorts. We don't have the exact total for the FY25 retreat but will likely be about half of the cost of going to a resort quoted to be around \$64,000

7.2 Information- Curriculum Committee – Schempp

Matt is stepping down as chair and Heidi Kelbel is the new Chair. No meeting was held in August.

7.3 Information- HR Committee – Egner

We are fully staffed for the upcoming school year!

7.4 Information- Director's Report – Larsen

Enrollment *drum roll* we are on a waitlist for 9-12 grade. Still need 6th graders but close to cap for 7th and 8th graders. Continuing with Google Ads. IQS School Improvement Plan meeting went great. We scored great! Annual report has begun, that is due December 1 and that will be brought to the board in November. Working with Regional Center of Excellence (which has now moved to Service Cooperatives) on our graduation rates and we are in the 3rd year of our 3 year plan. MDE will review data this summer and identify schools again for FY26-FY29.

7.5 Information- [Student Activity](#)/Updates – Miner

Only field trip for August was the Valley Fair and the trip went well. Our most attended field trip. Looking forward to our first meeting of the year next week. Sarah plans to blow the students out of the water with her awesome student activities.

7.6 Information- Assessment Updates/ [IQS Goal Progress](#) - Ondich

No updates

7.7 Information - [Student Services Report](#) - Parker/Kasowicz

Stats are trending on average for us with Special Education and 504 needs.

Summer School: We had 105 bluesky student enrollments 74 classes passed. Students failed the most in Plato English. 61 Tuition based enrollments, that was down slightly from last year. We had a deadline for enrollment for everyone's well being.

6 New Summer Graduates! YAY!

Question if any tuition summer students enrolled for the school year - need to look that up!

9th grade orientation last night 8/27. Great turn out! Back to School night for Middle School is tonight 8/28.

Motion to approve Waits/Kelbel

Matthew Schempp -aye

Kelsey Waits - aye

Heidi Kelbel - aye

Judy Pekarek - aye

Julie Johnson - aye

Jim Stocco - aye

6-0 Motion passes

8. Consent Items

8.1 Action - Approve reviewed [Policy 4.7.1 Maltreatment of Minors - Mandatory Reporting](#)

8.2 Action - Approve reviewed [Policy 8.3 Crisis Management Policy](#)

8.3 Action - Approve reviewed [Policy 6.6 Pledge of Allegiance](#)

8.4 Action - Approve reviewed [Policy 4.4.1 Family & Medical Leave](#) *change revised date

Motion to approve Pekarek/Waits with edit to date from revised to reviewed

Matthew Schempp -aye

Kelsey Waits - aye

Heidi Kelbel - aye

Judy Pekarek - aye

Julie Johnson - aye

Jim Stocco - aye

6-0 motion passes

9. Unfinished Business

9.1 Action -

10. New Business

10.1 Action - Approve revised [Policy 2.4.2 Harassment and Violence](#)

Motion to approve Kelbel/Waits

Matthew Schempp -aye

Kelsey Waits - aye

Heidi Kelbel - aye

Judy Pekarek - aye

Julie Johnson - aye

Jim Stocco - aye

6-0 motion passes

11. Public Input

No public input

12. Adjourn @ 2:45pm

Motion to approve Pekarek/Schempp

Matthew Schempp -aye

Kelsey Waits - aye

Heidi Kelbel - aye

Judy Pekarek - aye

Julie Johnson - aye

Jim Stocco - aye

6-0 motion passes

Future Meetings/Events Below:

September 25, 2024

October 30, 2024

November 20, 2024

December 18, 2024

January 29, 2025

February 26, 2025

March 26, 2025

April 30, 2025

May 28, 2025

June 25, 2025

Other: Next Board Election: May 2025

Alternate Meeting Locations:

In addition to 2051 Killebrew Drive, Suite 500, Board members may be joining virtually from the following locations:

944 Ottawa Ave, West Saint Paul, MN 55118