

BlueSky Charter School
2051 Killebrew Drive, Suite 500
Bloomington, MN 55425
Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 25, 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

2. Roll Call

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

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

Pekarek/Kelbel

7-0 Motion passes

5. Approval of Previous Board Minutes

5.1 Action - Approve [board meeting minutes, August 28, 2024](#)

Waits/Schempp

7-0 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: 16%

YTD revenue as a percent of budget: 16%, based on estimated enrollment of 580ADM

YTD expenses as a percent of budget: 9% as compared to prior month of 3%

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 \$1,138,627 of holdback payments.

Johnson/Waits

7-0 Motion passes

7. Reports

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

We are 16% of the fiscal year complete with 16% of our revenue received and 9% of our expenses paid. We have no cash flow concerns at this time.

Brown noted that our Salaries and Benefits category is not tracking with the budget at 16% because we have 3 payrolls related to last year. It is currently showing 8%. This will increase in September financials when summer payouts will be added back in.

Another area to note on the balance sheet is “Due from MDE”. This number will continue to decrease in September and October as we will be receiving our holdback payments from FY24. This number will then start to increase again from October through June 2025 as they hold back FY25 funds.

7.2 Information- [Curriculum Committee](#) – Kelbel

Talked a lot of changing standards of MDE and mental health standards MDE does not have any standards written yet. Curriculum rewrites due to standards. Social Studies will start being revised to meet those standards. Math is currently going through a rewrite. Discussed policies 6.9 and 6.10 that we reviewed last board meeting. We reviewed as a committee to make sure we are following those policies. Discussed holiday instruction for Indigenous Peoples day, Veterans Day and MLK Jr Day.

7.3 Information- HR Committee – Egner

This school year we are meeting quarterly. First meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 26, 2024. We'll be reviewing the incentive program and employee recognition.

Special Ed Teacher went on Maternity leave earlier than anticipated last Monday, September 16. Long term sub has filled in as of this week.

Our Student Information Specialist's Erin Reusing's last day will be October 11, 2024. We will be filling this position as quickly as possible.

7.4 Information- Director's Report – Larsen

We are sitting really well enrollment wise. Our supplemental program is also going very well. Initially worried our supplemental program was not going to be as strong this year but they are exceeding expectations.

Supplemental processed approx. 100 enrollment applications in 2 weeks. We currently have 9

students in 6th grade, 10 potential. Last year we had about the same number of students but ended the school year with 21. We are no longer running spotify ads. Hoping to get students involved to help create relatable videos that appeal to students using social media trends. Ordering a ton to get that COVID money used up before Monday. Purchased eSports items to help our eSports team out with streaming etc. might have gaming computers for students to check out. Purchased LiveSchool store gifts for middle school students to reinforce good behavior and purchased many other items for our student activity/field trip days. School law conference coming up. Amy Larsen will email all board members the information to sign up, virtually or in person.

Amy, Mandy and Dan met to go over the mission and vision at BlueSky. Bring a draft to the diversity committee to tweak it and then share with other committees, as well. This will be a lengthy process, at least a year. Need to be formalized 2027 for our next contract revision. We can amend our contract to implement it sooner.

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

1st field trip to Wildlife Center in Stacy, MN. We had great attendance for our first field trip of the year! Student clubs have been decided for Semester 1. Participation has been very good. We will have different clubs come S2 to keep things interesting.

Middle School meet up on October 15. Theme is The Great Candy Debate. Fun day planned out by middle school team. On site Halloween party date TBD. November Do Rad thing event. A local MN artist who makes skateboard decks. He'll come in and share his story and students will create their own skateboard decks. December Sea Life trip to MOA, which is usually a great turnout. Chris Peterson will be looking into this to use Perkins funds with possible behind the scenes tours.

eSports is back! Fully manned Valorent Team and Rocket League team. Fall is just a club season. This is basically practice season.

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

Dan and Matt discovered an error in our data and we met with IQS to get that corrected for Renaissance star scores. Biggest difference is the number of students reported.

Doing a lot of preventive services to get attendance to improve. 81% attendance only 14 days into the school year!

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

SPED = 158 Students 504 = 59 Students

Biggest update with Counselors. Trying to Tier our students with their GPA. Goal to finish by mid October. Counselors had training with MCIS on September 17th. Counselor Chronicle went out to our students and looked amazing thanks to the help of Sarah Miner!

Middle school all have to have a learning coach, typically their parents. Check in with that to make sure everything is going well. Small groups to help with grief, friendships etc.

Nurse update to come up with an onsite administering process. Nurse commented that we are very thorough.

SPED is starting monitoring and compliance - interview surveys Oct/Nov. Student File review Oct/Nov. Program review in January. Policy review will be in February. Social Work is focusing on Tier 1 interventions for staff support, family support and student groups.

Kelbel/Pekarek

7-0 Motion passes

8. Consent Items

- 8.1 Action - Approve removal of [Policy 7.1 Segregation of Duties](#) (covered in Policy 7.2.3 Procurement)
- 8.2 Action - Approve removal of [Policy 7.2.1 Board Approval of Vendor Contracts](#) (covered in Policy 7.2.3 Procurement)
- 8.3 Action - Approve removal of [Policy 7.2.2 Bidding for Services from Authorizer](#) (covered in Policy 7.2.3 Procurement)
- 8.4 Action - Approve removal of [Policy 7.6 Prompt Payment of Bills](#) (covered in Policy 7.2.3 Procurement and overseen/required through audit processes)

Pekarek/Kelbel
7-0 Motion passes

9. Unfinished Business

9.1 Action - none

10. New Business

- 10.1 Action - Approve waiving the requirement of the [Pledge of Allegiance](#)
Schempp/Kelbel
7-0 motion passes
- 10.2 Action - Approve revised [Policy 7.3.1 Budget](#)
Waits/Johnson
7-0 motion passes

10.3 Action - Approve reviewed [Policy 7.3.3 Fundraising](#)
Schempp/Pekarek
7-0 motion passes

10.4 Action - Approve revised [Policy 7.3.4 Student Fee](#)
Waits/Kelbel
7-0 motion passes

10.5 Action - Approve revised [Policy 7.3.5 Electronic Funds Transfer](#)
Kelbel/Johnson
7-0 motion passes

10.6 Action - Approve reviewed [Policy 7.7 Sale or Purchase of State Property](#)
Pekarek/Johnson
7-0 motion passes

10.7 Action - Approve reviewed [Policy 7.12 Fund Balance](#)
Schempp/Waits
7-0 Motion passes

11. Public Input

none

12. Adjourn @ 3:21pm

Kelbel/Waits
7-0 Motion passes

Future Meetings/Events Below:

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: