

BlueSky Charter School

2051 Killebrew Drive, Suite 500
Bloomington, MN 55425
Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 20, 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 @ 2pm
2. Roll Call

- Allen Charles, *Seat A: Community Member 2023-2025*
- Matthew Schempp, *Seat B: Vice Chair, Teacher Member 2023-2025 - absent*
- Kelsey Waits, *Seat C: Required Parent Member 2024-2026 - absent*
- 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 virtually*

3. Notice of Any Conflict of Interest
None

4. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve Pekarek/Johnson
Allen Charles - aye
Heidi Kelbel - aye
Judy Pekarek - aye
Julie Johnson - aye
Jim Stocco - aye

5-0 motion passes

5. Approval of Previous Board Minutes

5.1 Action - Approve [board meeting minutes, October 30, 2024](#)
Motion to approve Kelbel/Charles

- Allen Charles - aye
- Heidi Kelbel - aye
- Judy Pekarek - aye
- Julie Johnson - aye
- Jim Stocco - aye

5-0 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: 25%

YTD revenue as a percent of budget: 33%, based on estimated enrollment of 580ADM

YTD expenses as a percent of budget: 28% as compared to prior month of 17%

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.

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

Not everyone did the conflict of interest form. Those will be resent and will need to be filled out related to the FY24 financial audit.

7. Reports

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

We are 25% of the fiscal year complete with 33% of our revenue received and 28% of expenses paid. Note on the balance sheet that due from MDE will increase when we start to draw our special education funds. All of our 2024 hold back payments have been received from the State.

The income summary shows that State aids are tracking with the budget and we have begun to receive federal aid. The detailed expenses sheet shows that Admin Dues and Memberships have substantially increased, which is because of the large, annual payment made to our authorizer for fees.

The check register shows items listed in red which were expenses voided and recoded with the correct date. All other items on the first few pages are wire transfers and are related to payroll. There are multiple payments to Further which is our HSA vendor. The larger payments are staff reimbursements for claims submitted and the smaller expenses are fees for service.

The State aids payment report shows that we have begun to receive READ Act funding. We will be getting \$24,000 for literacy aid and \$22,000 for staff training.

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

Talked about the Read Act. There are 125 students identified as below grade level. Matthew has been

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working on what each 125 students need for support. Waiting for MDE to create a list of screeners and a plan on what we should be doing to help those students. Discussed the end of year course survey that was given out last spring. It needs some tweaking on what subject areas we need to work on etc.

Students are finding it easy to navigate their courses. Students feel engaged in their classes. There are a few areas for improvement. Curriculum proposals: ELA, Summer school intervention with this Read Act, specifically for the middle school students. When the students take the STARR test when they start in the fall, if they fall under the 40% they need the Read Act. If they have tested in grade level they are Tier 1, if they have never been tested at grade level they are Tiered 2.

Discussion on if yearbook should become an english/la class elective

Science - new electives the science department is interested in offering. We need to make sure we have those teachers to teach those classes and possibly survey students on what interests them.

Discussed revamping Art at the middle school level and AI machine learning.

Sign language class - would be a replacement for sign language 1 but still lead into sign language 2. This would be for sign language in children, possibly for students interested in early childhood development as possible careers or for teenage parents.

7.3 Information- HR Committee – Egner

Meeting is set for tomorrow Nov 21, 2024. Open enrollment is closed. Star reporting is in full swing and is due Dec 6, 2024. 2 staff on FMLA. Those positions were filled internally and both will be back after winter break.

7.4 Information- Director's Report – Larsen

Enrollment is doing well. Still need more 6th graders. Waitlist is moving, however slow it may be. We decreased our marketing budget but will increase for the second semester as we have an influx of students leaving at this time. IQS had a leadership meeting last week. They're working on a cumulative scorecard. Same benchmarks and goals as the current scorecard but are going to outline it differently. Working on additional training. There is a requirement for all boards to do an annual assessment. This was recommended before but now is required. We will be required to complete a group assessment and individual assessment. Amy received a phone call from our realtor and the landlord wants us to move to the 2001 building. If there are any suggestions on what we need to make our space better, please let Amy know. Moving date TBD.

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

Lots of club interest for semester two. Life skills are a big one that students are interested in. Murder mystery club and virtual pen pal club. Semester 1 club is doing well aside from the duolingo club which has been disbanded. Lunch bunch is taking a break for Semester 2 and will work on a plan to get students more excited about Lunch Bunch or create something new.

Esports is looking into different games to play for the spring club season.

Events:

The Do Rad Things event was on Nov. 8 when students got to decorate a skateboard deck. It was an awesome experience and the kids loved it.

December's field trip is Sea Life, 32 students so far. Possible grant to pay for the field trip. Participants would be refunded their fee.

January American Indian - Ojibwe shoulder bag art project

1. Via Zoom Tuesday 01/28 at 3:00 pm
 - a. Open to 60 students
 - b. Will provide the bag to all students

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- c. Will provide markers to those who do not have access to markers
- d. Currently, 4 students have signed up - as of 11.20.24

January Field trip is to CanCan Wonderland. Mini golf, arcade games and lunch will be provided.

March field trip to the Mpls. Federal Reserve

Prom theme will be My Chemical Slowdance which will be May 16th.

Student Directory is going well.

7.6 Information- Assessment Updates/ [IQS Goal Progress](#) - Ondich
Attendance is trending wonderfully.

7.7 Information - [Student Services Report](#) - Parker
Numbers are trending normal for IEP & 504 students. Looking to create a unit in moodle homeroom with all advisor lessons including a unit on Careers. Student Success Coordinator position looking to create an orientation 2.0 for returning students and a parent orientation, possibly doing asynchronous and synchronous models.

Motion to approve Pekarek/Charles

Allen Charles - aye
Heidi Kelbel - aye
Judy Pekarek - aye
Julie Johnson - aye
Jim Stocco - aye

5-0 motion passes

8. Consent Items

8.1 Action -
8.2 Action -

9. Unfinished Business

9.1 Action -

10. New Business

10.1 Action - Approve [BlueSky 23-24 Annual Report](#)

Motion to approve Kelbel/Johnson

Allen Charles - aye
Heidi Kelbel - aye
Judy Pekarek - aye
Julie Johnson - aye
Jim Stocco - aye

5-0 motion passes

10.2 Action - Approve revised [Policy 5.4.2 Bullying Prevention and Response](#)

Motion to approve Pekarek/Kelbel

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Allen Charles - aye
Heidi Kelbel - aye
Judy Pekarek - aye
Julie Johnson - aye
Jim Stocco - aye

5-0 motion passes

10.3 Action - Approve revised [Policy 6.9 Compliance with Academic Standards and Authorizer Contract](#)

Motion to approve Johnson/Kelbel

Allen Charles - aye
Heidi Kelbel - aye
Judy Pekarek - aye
Julie Johnson - aye
Jim Stocco - aye

5-0 motion passes

10.4 Action - Approve reviewed [Policy 5.8.2 Internet Acceptable Use and Safety](#)

Motion to approve Pekarek/Johnson

Allen Charles - aye
Heidi Kelbel - aye
Judy Pekarek - aye
Julie Johnson - aye
Jim Stocco - aye

5-0 motion passes

10.5 Action - Approve revised [Policy 5.4.4 Student Discipline](#)

Motion to approve Pekarek/Charles

Allen Charles - aye
Heidi Kelbel - aye
Judy Pekarek - aye
Julie Johnson - aye
Jim Stocco - aye

5-0 motion passes

11. Public Input **None**

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12. Adjourn @ 3:13 on Nov 20, 2024

Motion to adjourn Kelbel/Charles

Allen Charles - aye

Heidi Kelbel - aye

Judy Pekarek - aye

Julie Johnson - aye

Jim Stocco - aye

5-0 motion passes

Future Meetings/Events Below:

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: