

BlueSky Charter School Board Meeting Minutes

BlueSky Charter School
2051 Killebrew Drive, Suite 500
Bloomington, MN 55425
Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 26, 2025
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 @ 2:00pm

2. Roll Call

Allen Charles, *Seat A: Community Member 2023-2025 - present @2:02pm*

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

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

Heidi Kelbel, *Seat D: Teacher Member 2024-2026 - absent*

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

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

Jim Stocco, *Chair Seat G: Required Community Member 2024-2026 (attending virtually) present*

3. Notice of Any Conflict of Interest

None

4. Approval of Agenda

Pekarek/Schempp motion to approve

Allen Charles -aye

Matthew Schempp -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, January 29, 2025](#)

Charles/Schempp motion to approve

Allen Charles -aye

Matthew Schempp -aye

Judy Pekarek -aye

Julie Johnson -aye

Jim Stocco -aye

5-0 motion passes

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

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: 58%

YTD revenue as a percent of budget: 59%, based on estimated enrollment of 580ADM

YTD expenses as a percent of budget: 54% as compared to prior month of 47%

Pekarek/Johnson motion to approve

Allen Charles -aye

Matthew Schempp -aye

Judy Pekarek -aye

Julie Johnson -aye

Jim Stocco -aye

5-0 motion passes

7. Reports

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

We are 58% of fiscal year complete with 59% of revenue received and 54% of our budgeted expenses.

Receipt listing is a new report in the monthly financials that our authorizer is asking we include. This will show prior fiscal year payments, it will show special education draws (revenue), it will show online learning payments from the state and investment interest.

Legislative updates for ADM will come out at the end of February 28 and State budget forecast.

Special Education reimbursement - State allocated a certain dollar amount for Special Education and projections show that the State spent more than what is available. Therefore, districts will not receive all of the state funds that were anticipated. Legislation can still be added that increases the amount of funds. BlueSky will have an approximate \$30,000 deficit if the state doesn't increase.

Compensatory aid - if it stays the way it is listed in statute, BlueSky will lose about \$186K (based only on direct certifications). If the Governor's budget proposal passes, BlueSky would gain about \$12K (direct certifications and paper applications).

The Governor's budget proposal also includes cutting the Q comp program.

ADSIS grant up for renewal and was submitted on February 7th.

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

Personal finance update -

- Guidance from the state on content and “benchmarks” is driving our planning
- NGPF (Next Gen Personal Finance) provides a curriculum we can adapt
- Brenda is adapting content into local standards. We get to choose our standards but MDE does have a standard we will roughly follow.
- Brenda and Dan will meet to look at creating/importing new standards in Moodle

Coding MS Update (Coding for Comets)

- Coding MS is a course where students bring coding to life through music, art, and sports. Students will use a block-coding platform to produce unique music beats, design creative digital art collages, and program their own sports video games and simulations, blending technology with hands-on projects.
- Using the [CodeHS](#) curriculum (free) or <https://csfirst.withgoogle.com/s/en/home>, Chris will design a quarter-length course focusing on 3 areas that change every 3 weeks.

Social Studies Development Update

- Savvas curriculum will be used

June meeting will be canceled and we will wrap up in May

Agricultural Science will be forging ahead but some stuff to figure out regarding who will teach this course.

Goals to improve some technical issues that students have including links out outside of the course not working etc.

Budget discussion

- Renew Peardeck
- IXL renewal - SPED team

7.3 Information- [HR Committee](#) – Egner

Time off tracker has been rolled out to all employees through Smarter. Substitute request form had to be changed up a bit since it can't be linked to Smarter. Links are in HR share drive, moodle and Smarter. Benefits feedback will be solicited from staff since we did have a few major changes. Dental insurance was a bit frustrating to find an in network dentist. This will be discussed during all staff meeting next week. Spring Benefit satisfaction survey to figure out what to do moving forward.

7.4 Information- [Director's Report](#) – Larsen

Enrollment is at 619 target is 580. Retention has been wonderful. Supplemental enrollment is strong. Budgeted supplemental goal was 200 and we are way over that with S1 at 232 and S2 at 265.

Still working on 25th anniversary marketing.

Jaclyn Weber emailed a form for the board to fill out. Please check your emails and fill out the form.

We selected the 4th floor office space for the new building. Same layout as current space but we're going to switch it up to better serve us. Should be moved in by July 1.

Cognia mid cycle report and documentation is due November 2026.

IQS Dan met with Joe (cadre lead for performance and mission) and gave him a tour of the office space. Board training options - virtual options and Amy can send the links if you're interested. IQS meeting is April 10th if you'd like to attend.

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

No meeting in February since we are planned out for the year. Esports was a concern since we spent so much money on equipment but we will likely have a spring season. Marvel rivals is a new game that we have 11 students interested in. Potential to do two teams and enough students to a Valorant and Rocket League team

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

Consistent Attendance: We went up mid year for the first time! Typically it dips this time of year. Confident we can beat the state average!
Overall attendance went up as well.

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

SPED numbers holding strong.

PSEO information meeting was Feb. 6th. Shared on website, only few attended.

Counselor intern's last day was 2.25. She had a positive experience and felt really supported! She learned a lot!

Summer school information meeting was Feb. 25 and all classes and electives for this summer! New english class geared towards students who took the Plato english class and failed it and a new Reading for success class.

7.8 Information - [American Indian Education Program Plan Annual Compliance](#) - Larsen on behalf of AIPAC

Required goals for our American Indian Education Plan were developed in the fall. The compliance document gives a summary of those goals along with data related to our progress in obtaining those goals. We are on track to meet all of the goals outlined in our plan.

Pekarek/Schempp motion to approve

Allen Charles -aye
Matthew Schempp -aye
Judy Pekarek -aye
Julie Johnson -aye
Jim Stocco -aye

5-0 motion passes

8. Consent Items

8.1 Action - Approve liability insurance renewal (extended 16 months to change renewal to July 1, 2026)

Schempp/Charles motion to approve

Allen Charles -aye
Matthew Schempp -aye
Judy Pekarek -aye
Julie Johnson -aye
Jim Stocco -aye

5-0 motion passes

9. Unfinished Business

9.1 Action -

10. New Business

10.1 Information - Review [Policy 5.4.7 Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure & Process](#)

Johnson/Pekarek motion to approve

Allen Charles -aye
Matthew Schempp -aye
Judy Pekarek -aye
Julie Johnson -aye
Jim Stocco -aye

5-0 motion passes

10.2 Action - Approve revised [Policy 5.3.1 Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records](#)

Schempp/Johnson motion to approve

Allen Charles -aye
Matthew Schempp -aye
Judy Pekarek -aye
Julie Johnson -aye
Jim Stocco -aye

5-0 motion passes

10.3 Action - Approve revised [Policy 8.1 Dissolution and Closure](#)

Pekarek/Charles motion to approve

Allen Charles -aye
Matthew Schempp -aye
Judy Pekarek -aye
Julie Johnson -aye
Jim Stocco -aye

5-0 motion passes

11. Public Input

none

12. Adjourn @ 3:18pm

Schempp/Charles motion to adjourn

Allen Charles -aye
Matthew Schempp -aye
Judy Pekarek -aye
Julie Johnson -aye
Jim Stocco -aye

5-0 motion passes

Future Meetings/Events Below:

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:

24400 Perdido Beach, Orange Beach, AL

Lake Pleasant Regional Park, 41835 N. Castle Hot Springs Rd., Morristown, AZ 85342