

BlueSky Charter School

2051 Killebrew Drive, Suite 500

Bloomington, MN 55425

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 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 at 2:00pm

2. Roll Call

Allen Charles, *Seat A: Community Member 2023-2025 - present at 2:11pm*

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 (attending virtually) - 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 (attending virtually) - present*

3. Notice of Any Conflict of Interest

None

4. Approval of Agenda

Kelbel/Pekarek motion to approve

Matthew Schempp - 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, February 26, 2025](#)

Johnson/Schempp motion to approve

Matthew Schempp - 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: 67%

YTD revenue as a percent of budget: 68%, based on estimated enrollment of 580ADM

YTD expenses as a percent of budget: 63% as compared to prior month of 54%

Schempp/Johnson motion to approve

Matthew Schempp - aye
Heidi Kelbel - aye
Judy Pekarek - aye
Julie Johnson - aye
Jim Stocco - aye

5-0 motion passes

7. Reports

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

We are at 67% of the fiscal year complete with 63% of expenses paid and 68% of revenue received. We are tracking better on the expense side than our budgeted deficit of \$223K and better on the revenue side because of increased enrollment. There is a potential that 5% of SPED expenses could go unreimbursed depending on legislative changes.

Check register questions:

Swank Motion Pictures - licensing for videos in courses

FedChex - This was a payment to our collection agency vendor for student laptops

Assured Partners policy extension - this was payment for liability insurance carrier to extend our policy 4 months (to July 1, 2025) so we can transition our renewal date to July 1 (fiscal year)

Our FY25 budgeted ADM is 580

Supplemental budget 400 course enrollments (200 per semester)

We continue to remain at cap and still have a waitlist. We did not need to conduct a lottery for next school year (this takes place first week in March) because we did not have enough enrollments to meet our cap, yet. Enrollment for this school year for 12th grade has been closed. Middle school enrollment will close on April 7th and 9-11 grade will end on May 5th.

Supplemental students - we only get paid by those who passed and it was about 92%, which is amazing.

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

- Courses that are no longer approved CTE courses will be changed to EL (electives)
- Apprenticeship Update - We are expecting approval for expanding our apprenticeship program which is similar to WBL (Work Based Learning) but doesn't need the oversight of WBL
- Students will need to take Career Success, Work Experience Seminar, and one Career Academy course (must align with a MDE framework - TBD) from the field area they will be an apprentice in. Students must meet the 3.0 Career Academy requirement. Can take up to ½ of their day (1.5 credits per semester)
- Math Curriculum advisory update - Working to finalize a new program for next year. My Math Lab is similar to Math XL (which may be phased out) The first wave of courses will be created next year and FY27 will be the first year the new curriculum will be used. Our selected curriculum could affect the math sequence; most are Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II
- Personal Finance Brenda has reviewed the guidance from the state as well as different curriculum options provided by Chris
 - Her recommendation is that we use the NGPF Trimester course as the foundation for writing personal finance
 - There will be a few components added and some taken away from the course as it is written to better align to the MN course content recommendations found on the MDE website
 - The course is also aligned to the National Standards for Personal Financial Education
 - There are 206 high school benchmarks in those standards, the course aligns to just over 100 of them

7.3 Information- HR Committee – Egner

No meeting in March. Currently no updates.

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

Enrollment is at cap. We enrolled new students this week above our capacity to get them in and level out our ADM because we know we'll lose some 4th quarter and will not be enrolling any

more seniors. Middle school enrollment stops April 7th and all other grades May 5.

Our new 25 year anniversary logo is live! We wanted something with a little new and old technology. Will use logo for social and blog posts related to our anniversary.

No new updates of the new office space. Still working on an amendment and terms for the lease. We are still negotiating how much of our technology upgrade we can get. Still July 1 is the move date.

Cognia - Mid-cycle report and documentation due in November

Here are the Governor's charter school focused proposed cuts :

Out of an additional 100 million reductions in education announced:

- Nearly **\$20 million in cuts** to long-term facilities maintenance revenue for charter schools in just the next biennium FY26-27. (Permanently cutting charter access to LTFMR funding moving forward)
 - *Charter schools currently receive \$132 per pupil since FY2016-17 which is a general fund revenue and can be used for "any purpose related to the general operations of the school." usually used towards utilities*
- Over **\$21 million in cuts to special education tuition aid in the next biennium FY26-27**—and growing to \$25 million the following biennium FY28-29.
 - *In essence the state will be canceling state aid funding which is currently covering 10% of the charter school's unreimbursed special education costs.*
- Here is a link to the updated [MDE budget book](#). (p.88 and p.90 – focus on the two charter school cuts)

After spring break we'll be piloting GoGuardian for 8th grade to take over for Blocks i Help Desk software was updated this year and has been going well.

We have surveyed parents to find out their communication preferences. We are looking for a replacement to BrightArrow for our mass communication technology.

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

Club discussion because the two of the most requested clubs are the two least attended. We need to reevaluate how we do clubs next school year.

We do have an Esport team - Marvel Rivals! That will start on April 8th. 8-12 graders participating.

No field trips in April due to testing.

May will Prom and Middle School Meet up

Graduation is June 14th and Jim Stocco will be there!

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

Consecutive attendance is great! We went up on our overall! Potential for 71% overall

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

Numbers are staying the same for SPED and 504.

Counselors finished registration for students for next school year.

For Advisors - Laura led a support plan session at retreat and they'll be creating a more friendly SP document. Support Plan 2.0 planned for Fall Retreat

Activity Day - small group 9th graders to talk to MS students about transition to HS.

Summer school is ramping up. Counselors will help current students register starting in May

SPED - waiting on the final report for monitoring & compliance.

Social workers made Welcome and Support videos during retreat.

Working on collaborating w/Student Services on Comprehensive MS Program

Finalizing budget and procurement for FY26

Schempp/Kelbel motion to approve

Allen Charles - aye

Matthew Schempp - aye

Heidi Kelbel - aye

Judy Pekarek - aye

Julie Johnson - aye

Jim Stocco - aye

6-0 motion passes

8. Consent Items

8.1 Action - Approve review of [Policy 8.8 Distribution of Noncurricular Materials by Employees and Students](#)-

Schempp/Kelbel motion to approve

Allen Charles - aye

Matthew Schempp - aye

Heidi Kelbel - aye

Judy Pekarek - aye

Julie Johnson - aye

Jim Stocco - aye

6-0 motion passes

9. Unfinished Business

10. New Business

10.1 Action - Approve [Board Development Committee](#)
Julie Johnson and Jim Stocco will be on the committee

Allen Charles left the meeting at 2:50pm

Kelbel/Schempp motion to approve

Matthew Schempp - aye
Heidi Kelbel - aye
Judy Pekarek - aye
Julie Johnson - aye
Jim Stocco - aye

5-0 motion passes

10.2 Action - Approve Board Evaluation Committee per [Policy 2.7](#)

Jim Stocco, Judy Pekarek and Heidi Kelbel will be on the committee. Jim will reach out regarding the date in May or June

Schempp/Johnson motion to approve

Matthew Schempp - aye
Heidi Kelbel - aye
Judy Pekarek - aye
Julie Johnson - aye
Jim Stocco - aye

5-0 motion passes

10.3 Action - Approve revised [Policy 8.2 Complaint Process](#)

Pekarek/Kelbel motion to approve

Matthew Schempp - aye
Heidi Kelbel - aye
Judy Pekarek - aye
Julie Johnson - aye
Jim Stocco - aye

5-0 motion passes

10.4 Action - Approve revised [Policy 8.3 Crisis Management](#) (added reference)

Schempp/Johnson motion to approve

Matthew Schempp - aye

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

5-0 motion passes

11. Public Input

none

12. Adjourn @ 2:59pm on March 26th, 2025

Kelbel/Johnson motion to approve

Matthew Schempp - aye
Heidi Kelbel - aye
Judy Pekarek - aye
Julie Johnson - aye
Jim Stocco - aye

5-0 motion passes

Future Meetings/Events Below:

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

1525 W Park Creek Road, Fall Creek, WI