

Board Meeting Minutes

BlueSky Charter School

2051 Killebrew Drive, Suite 500

Bloomington, MN 55425

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 30, 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 @ 2:01

2. Roll Call

Allen Charles, Seat A: Community Member 2023-2025 - present at 2:09pm

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 - 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

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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, March 26, 2025](#)

Schempp/Kelbel 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: 75%

YTD revenue as a percent of budget: 76%, based on estimated enrollment of 580ADM

YTD expenses as a percent of budget: 72% as compared to prior month of 63%

Other Items: Salary/Benefit Payable is for current year, remember this will get paid out through the summer for the majority of staff. Many of the expenses paid through the accounts payable system are paid as received, at June 30th there will be additional invoices accrued back into this fiscal year and thus increasing the current year expenses. It is good that the current expenses are under the percentage of year complete- gives the admin team flexibility in purchases and flexibility for unanticipated items.

Special Ed: Prorated at 95% impacting cashflow and revenue. If legislature does not "increase the size of the pie," will decrease the revenue assumption of 92-95% reimbursement of special education expenditures. Enrollment: Budgeted at 580ADM for adopted and revised.

Pekarek/Johnson 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

7. Reports

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

March financials are trending on track in all areas. We are at 75% of the fiscal year completed with 76% of revenue received and 72% of expenses paid.

Check register questions:

Pekarek asked about the EdinAlarm vendor as it wasn't familiar. The name changed from Westco as the companies merged. This is payment for hosting our security software. The credit card statement was reviewed by committee members. Pekarek inquired about what HEVO Data payment was for. HEVO Data is an integration software that gets our SMS (short message service) communications transferred to PowerSchool where they are stored. The \$1000 is an annual fee for this service.

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

Math CAC - reviewed revisions and objectives. Sample lessons with the enVision and Amplify curriculum. Top options are Amplify, Savvas enVision, and MyLab Math. MS will be going forward with Amplify and HS is undecided.

Social Studies - looking into different curriculums. Savvas has issues with navigations/processes

OpenStax - current contender for HS

This year's goals:

- MnMTSS Implementation
- Academic engagement through evidence-based curriculum design and instructional practices
 - ▢ Focus on the whole student experience (support student services)
- Using AI and technology in the classroom
- Use of data to drive instruction and support with the support of AI
 - ▢ Analyze and use data to drive instructional decisions and outcomes
- Training staff to proactively address accessibility needs

Course Revision

Creating a MS social work elective credit

- Would be written as part of the work day during semester 1, then be offered to students Q3 and Q4
- The course will include supports to help students enhance their learning environments, manage stress, and navigate relationships

Violence prevention unit

- May be required as part of Policy 8.3

AI Use Guidelines

[Schempp -- Finding "The Wisdom to Know the Difference" about AI](#)

- Big takeaways: *There should always be some human involvement*, cite when you are using it in classes, always double check before you put it in classes, feedback should be personal, make sure we are building relationships, protect PII

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7.3 Information- HR Committee – Egner

No current update from a committee. We will be looking to hire a new EA for next school year. 2 Special Ed teachers on Maternity leave that will need long term subs.

We have been selected as a Top Workplace with the StarTribune for 2025. This is a survey that is sent out to staff and then the StarTribune tallies those results to determine Top Workplaces.

We've been selected every year since 2016.

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

Current enrollment 603 Budget ADM 580

Last week for accepting new enrollments will be May 5

Marketing - 6th grade focus - videos and student interviews.

Office Space/Move - lease amendment has been reviewed with minor updates to floor plan. Will be getting \$100,000 in tech updates and they will be moving us. New projected move date will be Dec. 1st

Cognia - Mid cycle report and documentation is due November

IQS - Joe (Cadre lead for performance & mission) met with Dan onsite - spring meetings scheduled.

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

Murder Mystery Club disbanded due to low attendance.

Esports - Marvel Rivals Spring Club season is 6 weeks long. Practices are on Monday, matches are Tuesday @ 5pm. Matches are streamed as long as the opposing team allows. Club finals will be May 20th.

Student Activities - NHS Tie Blanket Activity was April 11th. Supplies and lunch were covered by BHS Budget

May - Spring MS meetup is May 9th - National Sleep Over Day theme.

Prom is Friday May 16th from 5-9pm. My Chemical Slow Dance - Emo Prom Photo Booth and DJ Secured.

Senior Cap & Gown Pick up will be Tuesday May 20 - Thursday May 22. 67 attending graduates at this time.

Summer Field trips - \$3000 budget looking into booking two trips without transportation. One trip in July & August.

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

MCA Testing is complete for the 24-25 school year. 394 total students to test, 170 opted out, 75 no show and 149 attended. 6-8, 10 & 11 grades tested. Legislation is currently in progress to have opt outs not count against schools but they currently show a fail for anyone who does not test.

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

Counselors are working on enrolling students for next school year. They will not be working in July this year. They'll be working with 8th graders on the transition to 9th grade on May 14 and 15th in MS advisory. They're also working on enrolling BS students in summer school.

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Summer School has 18 tuition based complete enrollments with another 8 incomplete. Health Plans will be updated over the summer. Emily Torvik (Student Success Coordinator) is working on an orientation for returning students

SPED is finishing Due Process review. Social Work team is up for the Innovation Award from MACS which will be on May 8th.

ADSIS budget was given the green light, now waiting on final approval.

Kelbel/Charles 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 -

9. Unfinished Business

9.1 Action -

10. New Business

10.1 Action - Approve Board Member Candidates for Election Ballot

Seat A and Seat E, Community Member; [Judy Pekarek](#), [Allen Charles](#)

Seat B, Teacher Member; [Matthew Schempp](#), [Sam Engel](#)

Kelbel/Johnson motion to approve

Allen Charles - abstain for Seat A, aye for Seat E and Seat B

Matthew Schempp - abstain for Seat B, aye for Seat A and Seat E

Heidi Kelbel - aye

Judy Pekarek - abstain for Seat E, aye for Seat A and Seat B

Julie Johnson - aye

Jim Stocco - aye

6-0 motion passes

10.2 Action - Approve [FY26 Budget](#)

Increasing ADM for full time enrollment to 590 and increasing supplemental to 220 course enrollments per semester. Increase expenditures because of curriculum and technology vendors, staff salaries, TRA contributions and health insurance. Teacher caps will remain the same. Decrease to fund balance is projected, -\$125,822.

Schempp inquired about discrepancy in fund balance between FY26 draft budget and FY25 March financials. Brown will update budget to reflect the higher beginning fund balance amount (\$3,971,307 vs. \$3,172,223).

Schempp/Pekarek motion to approve with edit to accurate fund balance amount

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

6-0 motion passes

*Heidi Kelbel left meeting at 3:30pm

10.3 Action - Approve revised [Policy 5.7.3 Students' Free Speech](#)

Pekarek/Charles motion to approve

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

5-0 motion passes

10.4 Action - Approve revised [Policy 1.2 Equal Educational Opportunity](#)

Schempp/Charles motion to approve

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

5-0 motion passes

10.5 Action - Approve revised [Policy 4.6.4 Drug Free Workplace Drug Free School](#)

Schempp/Johnson motion to approve

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

5-0 motion passes

10.6 Action - Approve revised [Policy 8.10 Facilities Use](#)

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Pekarek/Schempp motion to approve

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

5-0 motion passes

10.7 Action - Approve [Policy 8.11 Equal Access to School Facilities](#)

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 @ 3:42pm

Schempp/Charles motion to approve

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

5-0 motion passes

Future Meetings/Events Below:

May 28, 2025

June 18, 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:

13150 1st St., Becker, MN 55308

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1525 W Park Creek Road, Fall Creek, WI 54742