

# BlueSky Charter School

2051 Killebrew Drive, Suite 500

Bloomington, MN 55425

## Annual Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 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.*

Public can watch/listen to the meeting by joining:

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/632473021>

Password: **flexible**

Meeting ID: 632 473 021

One tap mobile

+19294362866,,632473021# US (New York)

+13017158592,,632473021# US (Germantown)

### 1. Call to Order

Call to order at 2:00 PM

### 2. Roll Call

Allen Charles, *Seat A: Community Member 2025-2027 - Present* (arrived at 2:03 PM)

Matthew Schempp, *Seat B: Vice Chair, Teacher Member 2025-2027 - 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 2025-2027 - Present*

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

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

### 3. Notice of Any Conflict of Interest

None

### 4. Approval of Agenda

Pekarek/Schempp 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 - Allen Charles arrived 2:03 PM**

5.1 Action - Approve [board meeting minutes, June 18, 2025](#)

Kelbel/Pekarek 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**

**6. Seating of New/Returning Board Members**

6.1 Action - Seat Allen Charles, *Seat A: Parent Member 2025-2027*

Kelbel/Pekarek motion to approve

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

**5-0 motion passes**

6.2 Action - Seat Matthew Schempp, *Seat B: Teacher Member 2025-2027*

Kelbel/Pekarek motion to approve

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

**5-0 motion passes**

6.3 Action - Seat Judy Pekarek, *Chair Seat E: Community Member 2025-2027*

Schempp/Kelbel motion to approve

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

**5-0 motion passes**

**7. Election of Officers**

7.1 Action - Approve Chair - Jim Stocco

Schempp/Kelbel motion to approve

Allen Charles - aye  
Matthew Schempp -aye

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

**5-0 motion passes**

7.2 Action - Approve Vice Chair - Matthew Schempp

Kelbel/Pekarek motion to approve

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

**5-0 motion passes**

7.3 Action - Approve Treasurer - Judy Pekarek

Schempp/Kelbel motion to approve

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

**5-0 motion passes**

7.4 Action - Approve Secretary - Julie Johnson

Kelbel/Pekarek motion to approve

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

**5-0 motion passes**

**8. [Filing of Finance Claims](#)** - EdFin, Scott Brown- The fiscal year is now 100% complete. We are able to run SEDRA reports for special education funding and begin closing out FY25 financials using actuals. Our current cash balance is \$773,681. We expect this to increase as we start receiving holdback payments from MDE. If the year ended today, we would have a budget deficit of \$120,611. This is an improvement compared to the originally budgeted deficit of \$199,881. We anticipate the final number will balance out closer to zero once ADM figures are finalized and we receive the remaining holdback revenue from MDE, as well as supplemental learning revenue. The June credit card statement purchases must be recoded back to FY25. Prepaid expenses have increased since the last monthly statement. These will be coded to FY26

Johnson/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. Reports

9.1 Information—[Finance Committee](#)—Pekarek—MMKR auditors merged with LB Carlson, which will be what we see on finances from now on. BlueSky has a Homeless fund through Title I funding and uses it as needed. The money market interest rate is down, but we have earned over \$41,000 so far this year.

9.2 Information- Curriculum Committee – Kelbel - DID NOT MEET

9.3 Information—[HR Committee](#)—Egner—We went over the edits to the staff handbook. It was decided to end the incentive drawing next school year, as there was a lack of participation. We still want to try a different recognition initiative so that staff do not feel they are losing something. Friday staff meetings do not negatively impact student learning; most staff can make it work with their schedules. Going to take a look at compensation and benefits, as there were quite a few staff complaints.

9.4 Information—[Director's Report](#)—Larsen—FY26 current enrollment is 492. We budgeted for 590, but our cap is 627, so we have about 100 students to go before we start a waitlist. We will probably start a waitlist for some grades, like 12th grade, which is over 100%. Currently, we have about six 6th-grade students if the incomplete applications are completed. We do anticipate being close to capacity by the start of school. Semester 1 for the supplement program is currently at 116 enrollments, and the budget is 220 enrollments per semester. Arcstone has refreshed marketing materials with new videos and would also like to do some more parent interviews. The office move is on track for December. The Conditional Use permit was approved, and we are moving forward with other permits and technology upgrades. We will pay the cost up front for the technology upgrade, and the property owners will reimburse us as stated in our agreement. Cognia mid-cycle report and documentation are due in November.

9.5 Information- [Student Activity/Updates](#) – Miner - DID NOT MEET

9.6 Information- [Assessment Updates/ IQS Goal Progress](#) - Ondich - IQS Authorization means that a charter school is approved and overseen by Innovative Quality Schools. IQS's mission is to authorize charter schools that are innovative and successful in preparing students to achieve their full potential. BlueSky's IQS Annual Review score (all scores out of 4.0). Mission/Program Model = 4.0, Governance = 3.4, Student performance = 3.85, Finance = 3.94, School Operations = 3.8.

9.7 Information - [Student Services Report](#) - Parker/Kasowicz - NO UPDATES

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**

## 10. Consent Items

10.1 Action - [Amy Larsen Evaluation Summary](#) - Board Evaluation Committee

Schempp/Pekarek 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**

### **11. Unfinished Business**

None

### **12. New Business**

12.1 Action - Approve revised [strategic plan benchmarks](#)

Pekarek/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**

12.2 Action - Approve revised [25-26](#) and [26-27](#) School Calendars - graduation date change

Pekarek/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**

12.3 Action - Approve [25-26 Staff Handbook](#)

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**

12.4 Action -

### **13. Public Input**

None

### **14. Parent & Student Input**

None

### **15. Adjourn**

Adjourn at 3:15 PM

Pekarek/Schempp motion to adjourn

Allen Charles - aye

Matthew Schempp -aye

Heidi Kelbel - aye

Judy Pekarek - aye

Julie Johnson - aye

Jim Stocco - aye

**6-0 motion passes**

**16. Board Working Session - Training Needs and Performance Assessment**

[2024-2025 Charter School Board Performance Assessment](#) (Collective Evaluation)

[BlueSky Board Training Needs Assessment](#) (Individual)

[Oath of Office](#) (Sign)

**Future Meetings/Events Below:**

August 27, 2025

September 24, 2025

October 29, 2025