

BlueSky Charter School

2051 Killebrew Drive, Suite 500

Bloomington, MN 55425

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 27, 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. Roll Call

Allen Charles, *Seat A: Community Member 2025-2027 - present at 2:01*

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

Kelsey Waits, *Seat C: Required Parent Member 2024-2026 - present virtually at 2:03*

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*

3. Notice of Any Conflict of Interest

Motion to approve Pekarek/Schempp

Allen Charles

Matthew Schempp

Heidi Kelbel

Judy Pekarek

Julie Johnson

Jim Stocco

6-0 Motion passes

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4. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve Kelbel/Johnson

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

6-0 Motion passes

5. Approval of Previous Board Minutes

5.1 Action - Approve [board meeting minutes, July 30, 2025](#)

Motion to approve

Allen Charles
Matthew Schempp
Kelsey Waits
Heidi Kelbel
Judy Pekarek
Julie Johnson
Jim Stocco

7-0 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 versus budget, considering the percentage of the fiscal year completed, is imperative.

Highlights from the income statement:

- Percent of fiscal year completed: 8%
- Year-to-date (YTD) revenue as a percent of budget: 8%, based on an estimated enrollment of 590 ADM
- YTD expenses as a percent of budget: 4%, compared to the prior month of na%

Highlights from the balance sheet:

- Cash and Investments: \$581k, \$2.661m; respectively
- Estimated due from MDE: \$1.030m
- Estimated fund balance: \$3.975m beginning, ending projected overstated at this point until salaries start.

Other Items:

- HoldBack MDE current projecting \$966k, excludes final enrollment and online enrollment.
- Enrollment: Budgeted at 590 ADM for adopted and revised.

We only get paid for supplemental students after they pass the course. Which results in a big chunk

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loaded in at one time. We're still waiting for the state aid to get loaded into our accounts.

Motion to approve Schempp/Charles

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

7-0 Motion passes

7. Reports

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

We are at 8% of the budget year completed with 8% of revenues received and 4% of expenses paid. We will receive the first hold back payment from MDE at the end of August. Our ADM was updated by the State in February of 2025 and another update will occur at the end of August that will include special education numbers for FY25. Our financials will show these updated numbers next month in our state aid payment report.

Check register questions:

Attorney General fee - annual reporting fee

Garnishments - these are payments back to personal accounts from employees who took out a personal loan on their Nationwide account.

Presence Learning - this is subscription for special education assessment (for student evaluations)

Liminex - a 3 year subscription for Pear Deck (instructional tool) and Go Guardian (website safety for students)

Lincoln Financial - staff benefits (life ins, short term and long term disability, etc.) which is a vendor change from Mutual of Omaha.

9.2 Information- Curriculum Committee – Kelbel

We have not met yet this year.

9.3 Information- HR Committee – Egner

Our first meeting is in September. We have a resignation letter and two new highers this school year.

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

Enrollments are doing well. We're at 616 ADM including predicted drops. We are on a 12th grade wait list. Need students for 6, 8 and 9th but other grades are well above for enrollments. Supplemental numbers are high as well at 213 the goal is 220.

We have a partnership with Nasha Shkola for Science (16 students in 7th and 8th grade)

Using innovation award video for marketing. We'll likely start cutting back on the marketing budget.

Update on Office move is the conditional use permit was approved and Contractor RFP in process Final decision and award will be on 9/5.

BlueSky Board Training needs assessment - a few still need to complete, Amy will email the link.

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

No student clubs for FY26. The clubs just didn't translate well to an online format.

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We tried several different approaches, but unfortunately, nothing we tried was effective. It was difficult to get staff facilitators. Will use the extra funds that would go towards staff stipends to fund additional student activities

The first field trip will be the Minnesota Renaissance festival on Friday, September 26th.

Sarah is planning another regional field trip.

Also, researching a new venue for Graduation due to outgrowing St. Paul College. St. Thomas is a high contender for our new location.

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

We had 1 summer graduate. It raised our not on track to on track percentage to 42%.

9.7 Information -[Special Education Monitoring and Compliance Update](#)-Kasowicz

Mandy has full comprehensive results if anyone would like a copy. Findings suggest we are compliant and have no citations or corrections.

FAPE - Free appropriate public education: **Strengths** Continuum of services in the online setting

Opportunities Additional elective and mainstream offerings for special education students

Co-teaching options (gen ed and sped teacher working together)

Motion to approve Kelbel/Schempp

Allen Charles - aye

Matthew Schempp - aye

Kelsey Waits - aye

Heidi Kelbel - aye

Judy Pekarek - aye

Julie Johnson - aye

Jim Stocco - aye

7-0 Motion passes

8. Consent Items

10.1 Action - Approve [Kyle Felder resignation](#), 1.0 PE/Health teacher

10.2 Action - Approve hire of 0.5 FTE Agriculture teacher - [Ben Wise](#)

10.3 Action - Approve hire of 1.0 FTE PE/Health teacher - [Jeremy Fisk](#)

10.4 Action - Review [Restrictive Procedures Plan](#)

10.5 Action - Review [Total Special Education System Manual](#)

No updates just review

10.6 Action - Review [Special Education Administrative Manual](#)

No updates just review

Motion to approve Pekarek/Johnson

Allen Charles - aye

Matthew Schempp - aye

Kelsey Waits - aye

Heidi Kelbel - aye

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

7-0 Motion passes

9. Unfinished Business

None

10. New Business

12.1 Action - Approve revised [Policy 7.2.3 Purchasing, Procurement, and Contracting](#)
12.2 Action -
12.3 Action -

Allen Charles left at 2:52pm

Motion to approve Pekarek/Kelbel

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

6-0 Motion passes

11. Public Input

None

12. Adjourn @ 2:55pm on August 27, 2025

Motion to adjourn Schempp/Kelbel

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

6-0 Motion passes

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Future Meetings/Events Below:

September 24, 2025

October 29, 2025

November 19, 2025

December 17, 2025

January 28, 2026

February 25, 2026

March 25, 2026

April 29, 2026

May 27, 2026

June 24, 2026

Other: Next Board Election: May 2026