

BlueSky Charter School
2051 Killebrew Drive, Suite 500
Bloomington, MN 55425
Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 28, 2026
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 2:03pm*

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 virtually*

Jim Stocco, *Chair Seat G: Required Community Member 2024-2026 absent*

3. Notice of Any Conflict of Interest

none

4. Approval of Agenda

Pekarek/Kelbel motion to approve

Matthew Schempp - aye

Heidi Kelbel - aye

Judy Pekarek -aye

Julie Johnson - aye

4-0 motion passes

5. Approval of Previous Board Minutes

5.1 Action - Approve [board meeting minutes, December 17, 2025](#)

Kelbel/Pekarek motion to approve

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

4-0 motion passes

Allen Charles joined meeting

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

Scott Brown presented the December financial update, noting that the organization is tracking well with expenses at 48% of the budget, which includes an estimate for summer payables. He highlighted that cash is at \$1.6 million and investments are just under \$2.7 million, with a monthly interest return of approximately \$6,000. Scott also mentioned that capital expenditures and supplies have slowed down significantly, with only \$5,500 spent compared to the original budget of \$450,000. The board was encouraged to review the check register and cash receipts for any questions, with Scott and others available for clarification.

Kelbel/Johnson motion to approve

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

5-0 motion passes

7. Reports

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

Check register items

Ascensus Holdings - third party administrator for our 403b account
IXL learning - SPED had to add student licenses
National Art Teacher - conference that one art teacher attended
Elm Creek Park - do we get fees back if we don't use it all (19 students signed up and \$14/student fee)
Feist Law - payment for work on our employee H1B application
Interest payment from bank deposit - this is for small amount of interest earned on our regular checking account
USAC deposit - this is eRate funds

Credit card Statement items:

Wiris - annual fee for Moodle plug in for math and scientific notations

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iPads - these were purchased for use with the new security system that is being installed in the new office location.

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

The curriculum committee reported on changes to 9th grade advisory meetings, which will now be held once a week on Thursdays for all 9th grade students. This change will happen beginning next school year if there is enough staff time available for curriculum re-development.

7.3 Information- HR Committee – Egner

Nothing to report. No meeting this month

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

Enrollment was reported to be above budget at 626 students, with 30 graduates so far this year. The office move is progressing ahead of the "revised" end of January schedule, with new board furniture to be installed in the new space. The board also heard updates on MTSS work and accountability reporting.

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

Sarah reported on student activities, including an upcoming snow tubing trip and Valentine's party plans. She mentioned a meeting with Sarah Hansen to discuss student participation in the Mobile Metal Lab and the need for one more chaperone for a student activity day.

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

The board received an update on assessment goals and progress, with consistent attendance at 75.9%, above the state average. The team is working on interventions for students falling behind in assignments, with a 16.9% chance of failure for those 3-6 assignments behind and a 32% chance for those 7 or more assignments behind.

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

The board discussed academic intervention strategies, noting that students with 35+ weekly assignments have a 60% chance of failing one or more classes, leading to a new intervention system with tiered support levels. They reviewed student services updates, including consistent enrollment numbers in special education and 504 programs, ongoing hiring efforts, and plans to pilot co-teaching opportunities for the next school year.

Pekarek/Charles motion to approve

Allen Charles - aye

Matthew Schempp - aye

Heidi Kelbel - aye

Judy Pekarek -aye

Julie Johnson - aye

5-0 motion passes

8. Consent Items

8.1 Action - Approve hire of 1.0 SPED Teacher - [Paul DesCombaz](#)

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Kelbel/Pekarek motion to approve

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

5-0 motion passes

9. Unfinished Business

None

10. New Business

10.1 Action - Approve revised [Policy 5.1.1 Admissions Policy with Lottery](#)

Kelbel/Johnson motion to approve

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

5-0 motion passes

10.2 Action - Approve [2026 Meal & Mileage Reimbursement Rates](#)

Pakarek/Charles motion to approve

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

5-0 motion passes

11. Public Input

none

12. Adjourn @ 2:43pm

Pakarek/Kelbel motion to adjourn

Allen Charles - aye
Matthew Schempp - aye
Heidi Kelbel - aye
Judy Pekarek -aye

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Julie Johnson - aye

5-0 motion passes

Future Meetings/Events Below:

February 25, 2026

March 25, 2026

April 29, 2026

May 27, 2026

June 24, 2026

Other: Next Board Election: May 2026