

BlueSky Charter School

2001 Killebrew Drive, Suite 460

Bloomington, MN 55425

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 29, 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 2:04pm*

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*

3. Notice of Any Conflict of Interest

none

4. Approval of Agenda

Kelbel/Johnson motion to approve

5-0 motion passes

5. Approval of Previous Board Minutes

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5.1 Action - Approve [board meeting minutes, March 25, 2026](#)

Schempp/Kelbel motion to approve
6-0 motion passes

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

Scott Brown presented the March financials, reporting that expenses were tracking at 74% of budget and revenue at 76%, with an expected surplus of \$83,000 if no additional expenses occurred. The board approved the financial report, and Judy provided an update on the Financial Committee, noting they were waiting on reimbursement payments from the building and that money market earnings had decreased. The conversation ended with a discussion about ADM (Average Daily Membership) and pupil units, with Judy asking about the WADM formula.

Pekarek/Schempp motion to approve
6-0 motion passes

7. Reports

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

The Finance Committee discussed and approved a draft budget with 600 ADM, which will increase revenue without requiring staffing or grade level changes. They also addressed the PTO benefit payout, recommending additional information be provided before making a decision.

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

The Curriculum Committee reviewed several initiatives including hiring a .5 instructional designer, implementing a co-teaching pilot program, and discussing Ojibwe course requirements. They approved an AI usage scale for English classes and are working on developing geometry standards using Amplify. The committee also discussed plans for AI education and implementation across subjects. Work with Ameer Wittbrodt to implement the approved AI usage scale in ELA classes as appropriate.

7.3 Information- [HR Committee](#) – Egner

Leslie presented the results of a staff survey on transitioning to a unified PTO structure, which received mostly positive feedback despite some concerns about accrual rates and cap limits. The HR committee formed a subcommittee of six members to further develop detailed guidelines and specifics for the new PTO plan, including caps, payout options, and blackout days. The group will present their findings to the HR committee in May, with additional plans to clarify Minnesota paid leave benefits and present information about disability leave at the August retreat.

7.4 Information - [Board Development Committee](#) - Larsen/Pekarek/Charles/Schempp

Board development progress was noted, with all open board positions filled with candidates, including a new parent member.

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

Enrollment remains strong at 620 students, trending above the 590 ADM target, with potential waitlists expected for fall, particularly in grades 9-12. The school is working toward an Innovation Award decision next week and continues partnership efforts with Nasha Shkola, though this partnership may not be needed next year. Additional updates included plans for marketing videos with parents and students, updates to the PSEO webpage, and ongoing work with IQS

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renewal and vision/mission updates planned for June. The school is also addressing multi-tiered systems of support requirements and may receive school safety aid funding, though this is still pending legislative approval.

All board members: Complete board training requirements before June 30th..

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

Sarah provided updates on student activities, including the spring esports season where 10 students are participating across three games, which is considered strong participation. She reported that the middle school carnival event has 35 students attending in person, while the prom was canceled due to low interest with only 8 students expressing interest, a significant drop from the typical 50 students. The team discussed potential reasons for the low prom attendance and agreed to investigate further before making decisions about changing the event to a bi-annual format. Sarah reported on survey results showing lower consistent attendance at 70.2% and discussed potential reasons for decreased participation in school events.

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

Covered several key topics including student survey feedback and attendance updates.

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

The mentor program received positive feedback with 100% of mentors and mentees reporting positive relationships, though the small sample size was noted as a limitation.

Schempp/Pekarek motion to approve

6-0 motion passes

8. Consent Items

8.1 Action - Remove [Policy 4.3.1 Employee Benefits](#)

8.2 Action - Remove [Policy 4.3.2 Salary and Wage Compensation System](#)

Pekarek/Johnson motion to approve

6-0 motion passes

9. Unfinished Business

None

10. New Business

10.1 Action - Confirm Board Member Candidates for Election Ballot

Seat C, Parent Member; [Amy Herman-Roloff](#)

Pekarek/Kelbel motion to approve

6-0 motion passes

Seat D & F, Teacher Member; [Julie Johnson](#), [Heidi Kelbel](#)

Pekarek/Schempp to approve,

4-0 motion passes, Julie & Heidi abstain

Seat G, Community Member; [Jim Stocco](#), [Darya Gemmel](#)

Pekarek/Kelbel to approve

5-0 motion passes, Jim abstained

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10.2 Action - Approve [FY27 Budget](#)

Scott presented the FY27 budget, highlighting a projected \$144,000 increase in state aid and discussing various revenue assumptions and expense changes, including new technology investments and building lease updates.

Kelbel/Johnson motion to approve
6-0 motion passes

10.3 Action - Approve revised [Policy 4.3.3 Group Health Insurance Coverage](#)

Schempp/Charles motion to approve
6-0 motion passes

10.4 Action - Approve revised [Policy 4.4.1 Family and Medical Leave](#)

Pekarek/Johnson motion to approve
6-0 motion passes

11. Public Input

none

12. Adjourn @ 3:36pm

Kelbel/Schempp

6-0 motion passes

Future Meetings/Events Below:

May 27, 2026

June 24, 2026

Other: Next Board Election: May 2026

Alternate Meeting Locations:

In addition to 2001 Killebrew Drive, Suite 460, Board members may be joining virtually.