

BlueSky Charter School  
Board Meeting  
DRAFT  
Wednesday, September 26, 2018  
10:00 AM

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the board of director meeting of the BlueSky Charter School, 4082, was held on September 26th, 2018 at 10:00 AM. Roll call was taken with these members present: Schempp, Kelbel, Johnson, Prekarek, Murphy, Stocco

Others present were: Amy Larsen, Renee Parcheta, Dan Ondich, Ben Haensel, Sara Neu, Matt Schoenthaler, Scott Brown

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**Pekarek/Schempp motion to approve**

**6-0 motion passes**

**4. Approval of Previous Board Minutes**

Approve board meeting minutes, August 29, 2018

**Kelbel/Johnson**

**6-0 motion passes**

**5. Filing of Finance Claims - TAG, Scott Brown**

August financials were reviewed with Scott Brown. We are 17% through the year Revenues at 25% of budget with expenditures at 9% of budget. Brown notes budget is based on 485 ADM. We were less profitable last month than we would have liked due to increase in expenditures. We currently have almost 1,900,000 in the bank. The state owes us about \$390,000. Our state aid payment will be known on Friday, our second hold back payment of the year with the other in October. Our hold back rate is 10%. Brown notes our tech. equipment budget is tracking 100% due to some purchases rolling over from last year. Staffing budget was reviewed by Brown, Ondich and Larsen and budget matched within .3%.

**Schempp/ Kelbel motion to approve**

**6-0 motion passes**

**6. Reports**

6.1 Information- Finance Committee – Pekarek

Pekarek states the lease aid payment was submitted by Larsen.

6.2 Information- Curriculum Committee – Schempp

Schempp state the STAR test is being used to screen for reading and math and is being used to develop a baseline, and being looked at for interventions. Schempp states a digital photography course was approved over the summer. Some math curriculum development is in final stages. SPED continues to develop English Concepts class.

6.3 Information- HR Committee – Forbes

Neu states that committee met twice. Once to develop time off allotment for licensed staff. Licensed staff currently get two personal days and we are finding that is not enough. Larsen states that a committee was created and met last year to develop framework for staff bonuses, performance pay, stipends, etc. for the years to come and will continue to meet. Pekarek states that it is of importance to make sure we are not committing to a long term plan with bonuses due to possible changes to the budget in the future. Neu states MN PEIP renewal rate has increased by 2.5% for the pool. All plans had minimal increase.

6.4 Information- Director's Report – Larsen

Larsen states our enrollment is up to 483. We have 40 applications that are working to be finished and assigned to

a team. Larsen feels comfortable with where we are at with enrollment at this time of the year. Enrollment for supplemental is 43 students taking 75 courses. Budget was for 40 supplemental courses per semester so we are exceeding that. Centurylink has assigned a new sales engineer to the project. Larsen states an October 3rd meeting with CenturyLink will provide more detailed logistics. Social worker Casie Hammel is piloting a positive post program on Facebook for students which will be developed into a blog post by our marketing team at Arcstone. Arcstone will also work to promote our recent award from AdvancED on social media. Administrators met with regional centers for excellence. Meeting included information regarding ESSA. We will be submitting a school improvement plan to IQS. We will also submit a needs assessment summary as well. Our Online Learning review is this year as well and is due in July. Our annual report is due December 15th. 6th grade expansion will be submitted by October 1st by IQS for approval by MDE. 6th grade team met and are at the beginning stages of developing a mission statement based on goal and focus. Larsen is very impressed by the work this far by the middle school team. Larsen states it may be a good idea to start a policy review committee. Johnson inquired the extra workload for teachers with so many supplemental courses taking. Larsen states a cap of 100 courses is our maximum to not take away from full time student enrollment. There are no updates on a second facility at this time.

#### 6.5 Information- Student Activity/Updates – Schoenthaler

Schoenthaler states we have a field trip coming up on November 8th to the Anoka County Jail and 911 Center. Saint Paul College has been secured for graduation. Parent/ Teacher Conferences will be coming up on October 4th. We will have photos, a tech table, and a CPR training.

#### 6.6 Information- Assessment Updates/ IQS Goal Progress - Ondich

Ondich states we are utilizing STAR assessment upon intake with success through our orientation. Staff are working to interpret and using the data for those assessments. We are also using it for progress monitoring with students in the intervention program. STAR may replace NWEA MAP replacement in the future. Our IQS scorecard results were altered to include MCA results. We are currently working on our IQS goals for next year. We are working to ensure we are ESSA compliant. Our attendance rate is currently at 87%. Last year we ended at 79%. Ondich says we are off to a strong start and he feels confident about. Schempp states STAR has been used on intake and teachers that and using other information to help place students properly. The importance of communicating with staff the students who are on free and reduced lunch program. Larsen states Angelique Moore, our Student Information Specialist has been working hard on getting students to submit the free and reduced form from our students.

#### 6.7 Information - Student Services Report - Parcheta

Parcheta reports that the social workers went to a compassionate care training in Eau Claire, WI. We have a new psychology consultant for our SPED department. Things so far this year are going well.

### **Kelbel/ Johnson motion to approve**

#### **6-0 motion passes**

## **7. Consent Items**

## **8. Unfinished Business**

## **9. New Business**

### 9.1 Action - Approve Health Insurance Renewal with PEIP (2.5% increase)

Neu reports the pool renewal is 2.5% combined average increase this year. Every three years we are required to get at least three proposals, MN PEIP continues to be the best option with over 32,000 member.

### **Schempp/ Kelbel Motion to approve**

#### **6-0 motion passes**

## **10. Board Training and/or Evaluation**

## **11. Closed Session**

### 11.1 Discuss personnel matters related to Jane Craig

The board is going into closed session pursuant to MN Statute 13D.05 Subd. 3. The board returned to open session at 11:34 AM. During this session the board reviewed the performance of Jane Craig. The board affirms the executive director's decision to terminate her employment as of September 14th, 2018.

**12. Public Input**

No public input.

**13. Adjourn**

**Board adjourns at 11:40am**

**Johnson/ Pekarek motion to adjourn**

**6-0 motion passes**

**Future Meetings/Events Below:**

**Other:** Next Board Election: May 2019