

BlueSky Charter School
Annual Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 25, 2023
2:00pm

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

2. Roll Call

Allen Charles, *Seat A: Community Member 2023-2025 - present*

Matthew Schempp, *Seat B: Vice Chair, Teacher Member 2023-2025 - present*

Sandra Meinerts, *Seat C: Required Parent Member 2022-2024 - present*

Heidi Kelbel, *Seat D: Teacher Member 2022-2024 - present*

Judy Pekarek, *Treasurer, Seat E: Community member 2023-2025 - present*

Julie Johnson, *Secretary, Seat F: Required Teacher member 2022-2024 - present*

Jim Stocco, *Chair Seat G: Required Community Member 2022-2024 - present*

3. Notice of Any Conflict of Interest

none

4. Approval of Agenda

Pekarek/Meinerts

7-0 motion passes

5. Approval of Previous Board Minutes

5.1 Action - Approve [board meeting minutes, September 27, 2023](#)

Kelbel/Meinerts

7-0 Motion passes

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

September financials - we are a quarter into the year. Budget increased about 9%. Cash balance 3.8 million. State owes us just over a million dollars.

Pekarek/Johnson

7-0 motion passes

7. Reports

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

September Financial Statement

Brown reported we are 25% of the budget year complete with 23% of revenue received and 21% of expenditures spent. Our cash balance is 3.8 million. The income statement summary shows nothing out of balance or over 100% in the working column. The Expense sheet shows some items slightly over budget (i.e. SpEd travel and conferences), but it is a small dollar amount and is reimbursable.

Brown noted that the Detailed Payment Register shows two red dollar amounts (Madden's and Research Institute) which indicates these items were re-coded to a different finance code.

There is approximately \$170,000 of hold back payment coming to us in October and a small amount more through the end of year (about \$50,000).

Look for the remainder of the online learning aid payment in October or November financials.

We are currently at our student cap of 615. All students are on a waitlist except for 6th and 7th grade.

We anticipate increasing these grade levels at the same rate of decrease (drops/transfers) to grades 11 and 12. Our plan moving forward is to lower the 6th grade cap to account for one 6th grade teacher serving Creekstone Montessori tuition students.

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

Exploring options to have a school band. Five instrument focus. Health care credit requires students to talk to John Mizeur to earn credits. The EL program is being revised.

7.3 Information- HR Committee – Egner

We are going through the health insurance bidding process. Meeting was rescheduled for this Friday, Oct. 27 to discuss. We are currently trying to decide if we need a meeting every month.

7.4 Information- Director's Report – Larsen

Enrollment update: we are at capacity of 615. Wait list for all grades except for 6 and 7. 57 students currently on the waitlist for all grades. Still working with the Montessori school for 6th grade math. Supplemental numbers are doing well. We are at cap for 200 supplemental students. We will take semester two student enrollments. Leadership meeting for IQS is on November 7th. MACS updates: on Thursday, December 14th at 9:30-11:30 the public policy forum hosted at BlueSky. A couple legislative representatives will be here. If a few board members can attend that would be great to represent BlueSky. There is a link to register, you can join virtually or in person. Staff development update, sub committee worked on coming up with more specific questions related to staff development fund requests to help the committee have guidelines when approving requests. Employee mentor program - discussed how to handle specific scenarios like when an employee you've been mentoring leaves.

7.5 Information- Student Activity/Updates – Miner

All club contacts will be posted in Moodle & sent out in the November newsletter under the student activities section

- i. Gaming Club- 1 meeting 10/05- 7 students attended
- ii. Fiber Arts - 1 meeting 10/11 - 11 students attended
- iii. Nature Club - 1 meeting 9/29 - 3 students attended
- iv. Watercolor Club - 1 meeting 10/03 - 7 students attended
- v. No data was yet recorded for Book Club, Scary Movie Club, PRISM

Esports matches are posted in Moodle and on the Student Calendar.

Halloween Party is this Friday, October 27 we will have goodie bags and light snacks.

Field Trip opportunities

- a. Feed My Starving Children - Meal Packing Events, there are 3 locations to choose from. Eagan, Chanhassen and Coon Rapids.
- b. Glensheen Mansion Nov. 10th. \$6 self guided tours. Need a Chaperone in the Duluth area.
- c. December Field Trip TBD most likely Sea Life Aquarium

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

IQS update FY23 On Track 89.4% grad rate FY23 Not on Track 15.4% grade rate with Summer School numbers. Consistent attendance 2023-24 is 72.2% that's a 3% improvement from last year. Retention has been really strong this fall. We have not approved higher grade levels in 2-3 weeks. Positive trends and changes from past years.

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

172 Students with IEPs =26.88%. 74 Students have 504 = 11.7%. 25 students joined our onsite activity. There was an online option, middle school students had to attend one or the other. HealthCare elective credits. Reviewed student Maternity/Paternity process. Had not been reviewed in a few years. Exempt 3 weeks of work over a 6 week period = about 10-15 assignments. Continuing compassionate school with the new employees. We have 3 education assistants to maximize the resources for student support. Some are even attending live classes. Mentor quarter 1 survey is going out next week and we will review the next board meeting.

Meinerts/Johnson

7-0

Motion passes

8. Consent Items

- 8.1 Action - Approve Advisor Resignation - [Kristin Frank](#)
- 8.2 Action - Approve [Michelle Wilkinson Employee Change](#) (0.5 Special Education, 0.5 ASL)
- 8.3 Action - Approve [Abby Henderson Employee Change](#) (0.5 Advisor, 0.5 Art)
- 8.4 Action - Approve [Chester Johnson Employee Change](#) (0.5 Social Studies, 0.25 Advisor)
- 8.5 Action - Approve [Julie Endersbe Employee Change](#) (0.75 Advisor)

Pekarek/Kelbel

7-0

Motion Passes

9. Unfinished Business

- 9.1 Action - none

10. New Business

- 10.1 Action - Approve [FY24 Revised Budget](#) & [Payroll Protection Plan Stipend Guidelines](#)

Covid PPP Stipend to include all employees who worked 2020-2023 and included 3 retirees. We have to align benefits with the stipend. The payment will be in a separate October 30 payment.

Revised Budget: the biggest change is increasing our expenses.

- General education funding, on a per pupil basis is increased 4.0% as discussed previously
- Enrollment estimate based on projected end of year average daily membership (ADM) of 580 equivalent to 590 pupil units
- Staffing brought to actual
- Addition of COVID Pay of \$413k
- Addition of Library/Student Support Aid \$39,200

Schempp/Kelbel

7-0

Motion passes

10.2 Action - Approve revised [Policy 5.4.2 Bullying Prevention and Response](#)

We need to review this policy yearly. Made the legislative changes regarding malicious and sadistic conduct. We have the policy in the handbook but we have not sent out an email to parents/students. Families are required to electronically sign the handbook every year.

Johnson/Schempp

7-0

Motion passes

10.3 Action - Approve reviewed Policy 5.4.7 [Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure & Process](#)

This is just a review; it has not been revised. No changes to the policy.

Kelbel/Meinerts

7-0

Motion passes

10.4 Action - Approve revised [Policy 5.6.2 Restrictive Procedures and Removal of Students With IEP's](#)

This is current law.

Pekarek/Kelbel

7-0

Motion passes

10.5 Action - Approve Investment Authorization to Scott Brown, Amy Larsen, Judy Pekarek

Meinerts/Schempp

7-0

Motion passes

11. Public Input

Bonnie Jorgensen compliments that we have very organized board meetings.

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:10pm

Schempp/Kelbel

7-0

Motion passes

Future Meetings/Events Below:

November 29, 2023

December 18, 2023

January 29, 2024

February 26, 2024

March 26, 2024

April 30, 2024

May 28, 2024

June 25, 2024 - Annual Meeting

Other: Next Board Election: May 2024