

BlueSky Charter School
Annual Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 29, 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

Call to order at: 2:00pm

2. Roll Call

Allen Charles, Seat A: Community Member 2023-2025 (joined at 2:04 p.m.)

Matthew Schempp, Seat B: Vice Chair, Teacher Member 2023-2025 (Present)

Sandra Meinerts, Seat C: Required Parent Member 2022-2024 (Absent)

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 (Absent)

3. Notice of Any Conflict of Interest

None

4. Approval of Agenda

Pekarek/Kelbel

4-0

Motion passes

5. Approval of Previous Board Minutes

5.1 Action - Approve [board meeting minutes, October 25, 2023](#)

Kelbel/Johnson

4-0

Motion passes

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

We are 33% of fiscal year complete with 31% of revenues received and 36% of expenses paid. The large increase from September to October financials in expenses is due to the payout of the staff Payroll Protection Stipend. We have received the final hold back payment from the state which increased our revenues.

The income statement summary shows all budgeted areas are on track.

Our lease aid application has been approved and we should start receiving payment in December.

Pekarek/Johnson

5-0

Motion passes

7. Reports

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

Pekarek inquired about how we are doing with student laptop returns; Miner reported that we are doing well receiving laptops as the required deposit has helped encourage return.back. Also talked about 5th and 6th enrollment, Dan or Amy will report on this later.

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

Science lab experience talked about having an option for the lab version of certain courses since not all students completed the lab.

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

No November meeting due to annual open benefits enrollment. Recommendation to move health carrier insurance to BCBS as the committee felt this was a better option. Also BlueSky changed dental insurance to Mutual of Omaha and changed flexible Benefits from Extra to Further

Next meeting will be focusing on steps and lanes.

De, educational assistant, resigned and there were interviews to hire a new EA.

Amy Larsen talked about additional needs for paras and are hoping to increase our FTEs for paras. Once Amy has more data she will bring this to the finance committee.

7.4 Information- Director's Report – Larsen

Budgeted 580 cap is 613. We are currently at our cap. Every grade is on a waitlist except for 6th grade. We added Creekstone for tuition agreement to offset 6th grade enrollment. Have about 93 students on the waitlist. BlueSky will open the application for 2024-2025 in January but will not schedule new students until March when the lottery is also open. Supplemental students' goal is 200 course enrollments and we met that for the school year. BlueSky has to do accountability for our supplemental program, which consists of 3-4 meetings with a cohort and discussing goals. Based on the changes that are happening at state level we may need to make some changes in the future with the supplemental program.

Marketing-plan to do a website update since it has been about 6 years since our last update. Working on how much we will do inhouse vs how much Arcstone will do. Hope to have this done sometime this year. Just want to update the platform but keep the current content.

MACS Public Forum has changed to virtual and will not be onsite at BlueSky.

Leadership met and developed a schoolwide project list based on strategic planning meetings. The leadership team will continue to update this project list throughout the school year.

5th and 6th grade topic-We have been approved to expand 5th grade currently we have been focused on developing 6th grade. Currently we have been deficit spending in 6th grade so looking for options to increase this area.

Dan presented a looping option-BlueSky could have one combined 5th/6th grade class and would rotate curriculum every other year. This works well for math, LA, electives, half of the science curriculum. One challenge is the landscape of online learning has been changing. Local districts are holding on to their younger students. The looping option would also allow BlueSky to keep up with curriculum since it would be looped every other year. We want to maintain a model with two teachers to balance workload. With the looping option we can draw from a wider range of students to get the number of students we need. We will want to make a decision about this by the end of February.

Judy commented that we have been asked if we have a 5th grade class and also our younger students bring up our scores with attendance and other areas.

Heidi Kelbel added that 5th and 6th grade need a solid homebase learning coach to make sure the student is doing what they are supposed to. Heidi added could Kelly Johnson be added as an intervention math teacher for the MS students. Amy Larsen responded that this can be hard since Kelly's flexibility is a lot less since she has live session classes to teach.

7.5 Information- Student Activity/Updates – Miner

Sealife field trip next week at MOA with about 30 students signed up to attend. Sarah is looking at booking a traveling planetarium from Bell Museum to come in February. Started planning graduation and prom. Honor roll magnets will be awarded to those making the honor roll. BlueSky is also looking at getting stickers for the quarterly honor roll.

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

Renaissance Star internal test 28.5% on track 6th-8th in Math
40.7% Renaissance on track in Reading predicting MCA tests
Students are performing well and growing at a high rate.
Higher performing students tend to opt out of testing.

Attendance-Number of students with 90% attendance or better is more than 59.1% each year. This month there was a dip in the 10th grade attendance dropped down to 89.7%. Overall we need to focus on 12th grade attendance which is at 82.6%

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

170-IEPS 78-504s

Social Work-offering new support groups-Anxiety, Teen Parenting and Coping Crew (MS)

EA-Billie Jo is lead EA this year trying to expand EA position

SPecial Ed-December 1 child count data submission

Mentor Program-Matthew and Mandy will share a report in January with more information.

Pekarek/Johnson

5-0 Motion passes

8. Consent Items

8.1 Action - None

9. Unfinished Business

9.1 Action - None

10. New Business

10.1 Action - Approve FY23 [WBWF Summary](#) and [Annual Report](#)
Added Cognia information this year to the annual report.

Kelbel/Johnson

5-0

Motion passes

10.2 Action - Approve revised [Policy 5.8.2 Internet Acceptable Use and Safety](#)

Johnson/Pekarek

5-0

Motion passes

10.3 Action - Approve revised [Policy 7.8 Investments \(MSBA version\)](#)

With this policy no ONE person at Bluesky will be able to move money. BlueSkys investment team will be able to move money to invest. The investment officer, Superintendent and Treasurer shall have the authority to move funds from the checking account and the investment account.

Kelbel/Pekarek

5-0

Motion passes

11. Public Input

None

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Johnson/Pekarek

5-0 Motion

Future Meetings/Events Below:

December 20, 2023

January 31, 2024

February 28, 2024

March 20, 2024

April 24, 2024

May 29, 2024

June 26, 2024 - Annual Meeting

Other: Next Board Election: May 2024