

MINUTES
Ball Charter Schools (Dobson) Governing Board Meeting
Monday, August 13, 2018

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Mike Dyer at 6:13 p.m. on August 13, 2018 in Room 23 at Dobson Academy, 2207 N. Dobson Rd., Chandler, AZ 85224.

2. **Roll Call**

Present:

Mike Dyer, Governing Board Vice-President
John Huppenthal, Governing Board Member
Michael Sobieski, Dobson Governing Board Secretary
Michael Larrabee, Governing Board President (arrived at 6:45 p.m.)

Others Present:

Annie Gilbert, BCS Director of Finance
Cheryl Parker, BCS Director of Student Services (joined by phone)
Dawne Winn, Dobson Principal
Gaye Leo, Hearn Principal
Deb Baca, Val Vista Principal
Connie Johnston, Board Coordinator
Natalie McKenney, Board Candidate (Dobson)
Tara Yesenski, Board Candidate (Dobson)
Karah Gagnon, Board Candidate (Val Vista)

Absent:

Marcus Harrison, Hearn Governing Board Secretary
Jason Stasiak, Val Vista Governing Board Secretary (Term ended 6/30/18. Jason submitted intent to resign letter prior to beginning of meeting and did not remain.)

3. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Led by Mike Dyer, the group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Mike Dyer to approve the agenda. Second by John Huppenthal. All in favor (M. Dyer, J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski). Motion carried.

5. **School Recognition/Mission Moment**

Dawne Winn escorted Board meeting attendees on a short tour of remodeling projects completed prior to school opening (removal of bark, turf installation, restroom upgrades, and more secure/remodeled front entrance). Teachers and families are most appreciative. Approximately \$25,000 under budget which will be used later for new LED lighting.

6. **Call to the Public** - There were no members of the public present who wished to speak.

7. **Dobson Consent Agenda Items:**

7.1 Previous Meeting Minutes – Telephonic Governing Board Meeting, June 25, 2018, Regular Board Meeting of June 11, 2018; Executive Committee Meetings of August 8, and June 6, 2018

7.2 Enrollment/Attendance Update – Dobson 418 (442)

7.3 Personnel Items – Presented on Page 13 of packet

Motion by Mike Dyer to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by John Huppenthal. All in favor (M. Dyer, J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski). Motion carried.

8. **Dobson Principal Monthly Report**

8.1 Opening of School and Faculty Update

- Dawne Winn reported the Ball Charter kick off went well. Teachers were excited and valued time with other school's colleagues.
- SMART Board training is going well. Team is at levels 2 and 3, which is a growth from last year.
- Curriculum review enabled school to be right sized. Still openings in 4th grade.
- Engaging New York curriculum, saved @\$80,000 in K through 5th.

8.2 Dobson 5-Year Interval Review

Dawne called attention to Dobson 5-year upcoming audit review.

- 9. BCS Director of Student Support Services Monthly Report** – Parker Galope was pleased to report she is starting the year fully staffed with great teachers and urged attendees to check out her report in the packet. (Numbers represent currently identified students and may include students who do not show.) She attended a conference sponsored by NAU and picked up useful information and free resources to help students, including curriculum. She will be a presenter at the SW Charter convention, addressing administrators to become aligned in educating high-needs children.
- 10. BCS Director of Finance Monthly Report** – Annie Gilbert
 - 10.1 Updated FY19 Projections** – Annie reported we met (and even exceeded) projections. Feel confident these are real numbers. Val Vista is working on increasing Pre-K numbers. Extremely positive.
 - 10.2 Action Item: Revised FY19 Budgets Approval** –John Huppenthal moved the revised budget be approved. Second by Mike Sobieski. All in favor. (M. Dyer, J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski). Revised budgets approved, Board members signed and will be uploaded.
 - 10.3 FY19 Stipends** – Included in packet
 - 10.4 Evidence of Electronic Upload of Proposed and Adopted Budget to ADE**
 - 10.5 Evidence of Transmittal of Affidavit of Publication for Adopted and Proposed Budget to ADE**
 - 10.6 Evidence of Electronic Submission of LEA Calendar to ADE**
 - 10.7 Possible Action Item: Update on Flood Insurance** – Gallagher provided flood insurance quotes for all three schools, \$13,400 - \$23,119 with a \$50,000 deductible. Board reviewed. No action taken.
 - 10.8 Safety Walkthrough** – some small things were pointed out to avoid claims, such as extension cords hanging and unsecured fire extinguishers.
- 11. Planning and Development Committee Report**
 - 11.1 Director of Finance Job Search Update** – In summary, tabling through audit period. Mike Sobieski commented the process went smoothly. All interviewed candidates have been notified.
 - 11.2 Board Membership** – Mike Sobieski and Mike Dyer will contact the candidates by phone to answer any follow up questions, etc. Intent is to be official at the next meeting.
Mike Dyer announced a poll will be taken to select a new Fall Retreat Date to discuss curriculum.
- 12. Digital Learning Committee Report** – Parker Galope mentioned the resources and information picked up at July's NAU conference in her Director of Student Support Services Monthly Report.

- 13. Discussion: FY18 AZ Merit Data** – John Huppenthal presented FY19 Merit Data. He cautioned that although Ball Charter Schools showed gains, trend data can contain massive fluctuation. The teacher’s joy in the classroom and pleased parents are a signal as to how things are really working.
- 14. Discussion and possible action item:** Director of Finance job description and Senior Director of Finance and Operations job description
Mike Dyer moved to table this item. John Huppenthal seconded. All in favor. (M. Dyer, J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski). None opposed. Motion carried.
- 15. Executive Session**
Motion made by Michael Larrabee to table the Executive Session to the conclusion of the Val Vista meeting. John Huppenthal seconded. All in favor (M. Larrabee, M. Dyer, J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski). Motion carried.
- 16. Reconvene Regular Board Meeting** – Session reconvened at 8:39 p.m.
- 17. Future Agenda Items** – None
- 18. Adjournment**
Mike Dyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. Michael Larrabee seconded. All in favor. (M. Larrabee, M. Dyer, J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski). Motion carried.

The next BCS (Dobson) Board Meeting is September 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Val Vista Academy.

Approved by Ball Charter Schools (Dobson) Governing Board

Board President

Date