

MINUTES
Ball Charter Schools (Val Vista, Dobson, and Hearn) Governing Boards Meeting
Monday, September 14, 2020

- 1. Call to Order:** The virtual meeting for was called to order by John Huppenthal, President, at 6:10 p.m. on September 14. The meeting was held in the Science Room at Val Vista Academy, with a Zoom option. <https://zoom.us/j/2089401501?pwd=bHdWR3B2Ym5Xb0svRHdhYVlBTFlwQT09>, Passcode: BCS3

- 2. Roll Call**

Val Vista Governing Board

John Huppenthal, Governing Boards President
Mike Sobieski, Governing Boards Vice-President
Karah Gagnon, Val Vista Governing Board Secretary
Devin Grigg, Val Vista Governing Board

Dobson Governing Board

John Huppenthal, Governing Boards President
Mike Sobieski, Governing Boards Vice-President
Tara Yesenski, Dobson Governing Board Secretary - Remote
Natalie McKenney, Dobson Governing Board - Remote
Todd Piluga, Dobson Governing Board - Remote

Hearn Governing Board

John Huppenthal, Governing Boards President
Mike Sobieski, Governing Boards Vice-President
Kyle Malcomson, Hearn Governing Board Secretary - Remote

Others Present:

Dawne Winn, Dobson Principal
Ted Traud, Interim Hearn Principal
Debra Baca, Val Vista Principal
Parker Galope, Director of Student Support Services
Annie Gilbert, Sr. Director of Finance and Operations

Absent:

Marcus Harrison, Hearn Governing Board
Amy Gurtler, Hearn Governing Board
Rhonda Donnelly, Val Vista Governing Board – Submitted resignation, September 12, 2020

- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**

John Huppenthal led the meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 4. Approval of Agenda**

Val Vista - Devin Grigg made motion to approve the agenda of the Ball Charter Schools (Val Vista) Regular Board meeting. Mike Sobieski Second. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, K. Gagnon, D. Grigg). Motion carried.

Dobson – Natalie McKenney made motion to approve the agenda of the Ball Charter Schools (Dobson) Regular Board meeting. Tara Yesenski Second. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal. M. Sobieski, T. Yesenski, N. McKenney, T. Piluga). Motion carried.

Hearn - Kyle Malcomson made motion to approve the agenda of the Ball Charter Schools (Hearn) Regular Board meeting. Mike Sobieski Second. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, K. Malcomson). Motion carried.

5. School Recognition/Mission Moment

Debra Baca reported on the reopening of the school year. Val Vista is celebrating being recognized as a Top 20 School for Athletics. Judges were impressed with the co-ed programs and evidenced program strengths. A "Shout Out" to Michelle Petrey, Athletic Director, the Booster Club, and all folks involved!

6. Call to the Public: There were no comments.

7. Consent Agenda Items:

Val Vista

7.1 Previous Meeting Minutes – Special Board minutes, August 12, 2020, Regular Board minutes, August 10, 2020, and Executive Committee minutes of September 9.

7.2 Enrollment/Attendance Update – Val Vista 357 (387)

7.3 Personnel Items – New Hires: Charley Dillard, Health Assistance, Replacement

Motion by Devin Grigg to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Karah Gagnon Second. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, K. Gagnon, D. Grigg). Consent Agenda approved.

Dobson

7.2 Previous Meeting Minutes – Special Board minutes, August 12, 2020, Regular Board minutes, August 10, 2020, and Executive Committee minutes of September 9.

7.2 Enrollment/Attendance Update – Dobson 471 (494)

7.3 Personnel Items – New Hires: Juliet Marchena, Lead Teacher Child Care, Replacement; Monica Polanco, Lead Teacher Child Care, Replacement; Separations: Tricia Bankert, Teacher, 8/17/20

Motion by Natalie McKenney to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Tara Yesenski Second. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, T. Yesenski, N. McKenney, T. Piluga). Consent Agenda approved.

Hearn

7.1 Previous Meeting Minutes – Special Board minutes, August 12, 2020, Regular Board minutes, August 10, 2020, and Executive Committee minutes of September 9.

7.2 Enrollment/Attendance Update – Hearn 603 (625)

7.3 Personnel Items – New Hires: Kelly Lowe, Para Professional, Replacement; Separations: Michael Megrew, Teacher, 8/19/20; Mary Gaye Leo, Principal, 8/21/20; Justin Carlson, Teacher, 8/24/20; Lora Halling, Para Professional, 8/19/20

Motion by Kyle Malcomson to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Mike Sobieski Second. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, K. Malcomson). Consent Agenda approved.

8 Principals Monthly Reports – Debra Baca, Dawne Winn, Ted Traud

Val Vista – Debra Baca reported Val Vista is excited to have 377 students and a waiting list! Approximately 141 students are taking part in remote learning. Chrome Books arrived. Focus is on determining baseline for students' strengths and where they need help.

Dobson – Dawne Winn indicated Dobson is conducting @5 tours a week. Planning is underway for next quarter and all testing (with 2 exceptions) has been completed. Parent/teacher conference will be held via Zoom. In response to question from a Dobson Board member, Dawne indicated there are no known Covid-19 cases reported from students or staff.

Hearn – Interim Principal, Ted Traud reported of the 603 Hearn students, approximately half are remote learners. Chrome Books have been deployed. Students have begun Galileo testing. Over 150 parents participated in a recent Zoom meeting, where their concerns were addressed and they know they can reach out.

Mike Sobieski suggested we proactively collect and report out information regarding any major trend differences between remote learning and in-person.

9 Director of Student Support Services Monthly Report – Parker Galope

Parker referenced numbers in her packet report which broke out in person and remote learners. She has sent out a survey to SPED teachers to point out unique challenges facing them, i.e. holding pencils, using manipulatives, micro clues that are harder to detect on line.

10. Senior Director of Finance and Operations Monthly Report – Annie Gilbert

10.1 YTD Financials

10.2 FY20 Balance Sheet at 8.31.2020

10.3 FY20 IS at 7.2020

10.4 Updated FY21 Projections

10.5 Energy Audit Yearly Review

Annie called attention to the Enrollment Report on pg. 26 of the packet. A more accurate projection will occur when the first 100 days are met. Annie went over the Energy graph on pg. 28, noting that Dobson was way down in usage due to LED retrofit.

11. Planning and Development Committee Report – Karah Gagnon

Karah reported the Committee reviewed Organizational Leadership recommendations and was recommending to the Board a part time BCS Executive Director position be established. The Executive Director and Finance Leader positions would have a co-reporting model and create an accountability model of checks and balances. The topic was opened for questions.

12. Digital Learning Committee Report – Parker Galope

Parker reported a tool kit site has been created for teachers to use. Teachers for each campus can submit their best practices and use as a resource to see resources others use. It will be divided by type, and should be up and running by December.

13. Curriculum and Systems Committee Report – Mike Sobieski

Mike Sobieski stated the meeting was deferred to October due to school reopening.

14. Academic Excellence Report: Professional Development Goals/Schedule and School-wide Goals

Each principal reported out for their campus:

Val Vista – Deb reported they just finished testing last week and will, as a team, be setting goals on the September early release day.

Dobson – Dawne indicated Dobson was using pre-assessments as markers. Will also conduct a self-assessment and meet to discuss.

Hearn – Ted reported Hearn had been using past data and were looking for Galileo September test results to hone down the goals.

Annie suggested since Academic Excellence is the core of what we do, we make it a key pillar for each Board meeting.

15. Discussion and Possible Action Item: BCS Executive Director Position.

Karah Gagnon moved the Boards establish a part time BCS Executive Director position to be added to the organization. Upon discussion the motion was ratified to approve the development of a position (either full or part time) based on established need.

Val Vista – Karah Gagnon motioned that the Board move to approve the development of a BCS Executive Director position. Mike Sobieski Second. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, K. Gagnon, D. Grigg). Motion carried.

Dobson – Tara Yesenski motioned to approve the development of a BCS Executive Director position. Natalie McKenney Second. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, T. Yesenski, N. McKenney, T. Piluga). Motion carried.

Hearn – Kyle Malcomson motioned to approve the development of a BCS Executive Director position. Mike Sobieski Second. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, K. Malcomson). Motion carried.

16. Discussion and Possible Action Item: Assistant Principal Job Description

Annie reviewed the two edits which were incorporated into the Assistant Principal Job Description.

Val Vista – Devin Grigg motioned to approve the Assistant Principal Job Description as provided in the packet. Karah Gagnon Second. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, K. Gagnon, D. Grigg). Motion carried.

Dobson – Todd Piluga motioned to approve the Assistant Principal Job description. Mike Sobieski Second. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, T. Yesenski, N. McKenney, T. Piluga). Motion carried.

Hearn – Kyle Malcomson motioned to approve the Assistant Principal Job description. Mike Sobieski Second. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, K. Malcomson). Motion carried.

17. Discussion and Possible Action Item: Arizona School Boards Association (AZSBA) New Policy Updates

Val Vista – Karah Gagnon moved to approve the AZSBA New Policy Updates as presented in the Governing Boards packet. Devin Grigg Second. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, K. Gagnon, D. Grigg). Motion carried.

Dobson – Natalie McKenney moved to approve the AZSBA New Policy Updates as presented in the Governing Boards packet. Mike Sobieski Second. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, T. Yesenski, N. McKenney, T. Piluga). Motion carried.

Hearn – Kyle Malcomson moved to approve the AZSBA New Policy Updates as presented in the Governing Boards packet. Mike Sobieski Second. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, K. Malcomson). Motion carried.

18. Discussion and Possible Action Item: Process for Replacement of Hearn Principal

Val Vista – Karah Gagnon moved to approve the internal posting process for the Hearn Principal position. Devin Grigg Second. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, K. Gagnon, D. Grigg). Motion carried.

Dobson – Natalie McKenney moved to approve the internal posting process for the Hearn Principal position. Mike Sobieski Second. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, T. Yesenski, N. McKenney, T. Piluga). Motion carried.

Hearn – Kyle Malcomson moved to approve the internal posting process for the Hearn Principal position. Mike Sobieski Second. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, K. Malcomson). Motion carried.

19. Future Agenda Items

None

20. Adjournment

Motion by Karah Gagnon to adjourn the Val Vista meeting. Devin Grigg Second. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, K. Gagnon, D. Grigg). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Motion by Tara Yesenski to adjourn the Dobson meeting. Todd Piluga Second. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, T. Yesenski, N. McKenney, T. Piluga). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Motion by Kyle Malcomson to adjourn the Hearn meeting. Mike Sobieski Second. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, K. Malcomson). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The next BCS Governing Boards Meeting is scheduled for October 12, 6:00 p.m., at Dobson Academy.

Approved by Ball Charter Schools (Dobson, Hearn, and Val Vista) Governing Boards

Board President

Date