

MINUTES
Ball Charter Schools (Val Vista) Governing Board Meeting
Monday, September 10, 2018

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Mike Dyer at 6:20 p.m. on September 10, 2018 in Room Numbers 223/224 at Val Vista Academy, 4120 S. Val Vista Dr., Gilbert, AZ 85297.

2. **Roll Call**

Present:

Michael Larrabee, Governing Board President (arrived at 6:20 p.m.)

Mike Dyer, Governing Board Vice-President

Others Present:

Michael Sobieski, Dobson Governing Board Secretary

Marcus Harrison, Hearn Governing Board Secretary

Connie Johnston, Board Coordinator

Annie Gilbert, BCS Director of Finance

Parker Galope, BCS Director of Student Services

Gaye Leo, Hearn Principal

Deb Baca, Val Vista Principal

Natalie McKenney, Board Candidate (Dobson)

Tara Yesenski, Board Candidate (Dobson)

Karah Gagnon, Board Candidate (Val Vista)

Absent:

John Huppenthal, Governing Board Member-at-Large

Dawne Winn, Dobson Principal

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

4. **Approval of Agenda**

Michael Larrabee made a motion to move Item 20 of the Agenda to Executive Session. Second by Mike Dyer. All in favor. (M. M. Larrabee, M. Dyer). Motion carried.

5. **School Recognition/Mission Moment**

Deb Baca introduced Val Vista teacher and Student Council advisor, Tom Pasinski. His newly-elected Council officers spoke to us about plans, activities, and fund raisers at Val Vista for the coming year.

6. **Call to the Public** – There were members of the public present (Jordan Bassham, Dobson and Michelle Petrey, Val Vista) who chose not to speak. Val Vista teacher and Student Council advisor, Tom Pasinski, was present and four of his Student Council officers provided the Mission Moment.

7. **Val Vista Consent Agenda Items:**

5.1 Previous Meeting Minutes – Regular Board Meeting of August 13, 2018, Executive Committee Meeting of September 6, 2018

5.2 Enrollment/Attendance Update – Val Vista: 290 (308)

5.3 Personnel Items – Separations: Kevin Udovich, Teacher, AUG

Motion by Mike Dyer to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Michael Larrabee. All in favor. (M Larrabee, M. Dyer). Motion carried. Consent Agenda approved.

8. **Val Vista Principal Monthly Report**

Deb Baca reported Val Vista is excited about AZ Merit relating to growth and Growing Every Child's Potential. Kudos to last year's 4th grade team. Val Vista is securing funding to provide flexible seating in the Science classroom, and looking at campus security—requesting quotes.

New Social Media exposure and key search words are bringing more students on campus and out of state families.

9. BCS Director of Student Support Services Monthly Report – Parker Galope

Parker reported stable numbers for all three schools. Thank you to the Principals and the people working as Coordinators on each Campus, things are running smoothly. Parker reviewed the process for Private Placement of students.

10. BCS Director of Finance Monthly Report – Annie Gilbert

10.1 Monthly Dashboards & Year-to-Date Financials

Annie reported she is showing last year's figures. This year, with input from the public, metrics being used for the financial Dashboard are changing. Re: Energy Audit, showing Dobson has trended down.

10.2 Energy Audit Yearly Review

Energy Audit: showing Dobson has trended down.

Annie reported the audit is going well and we should have reports by end of October. She will not be at next month's meeting.

11. Planning and Development Committee Report – Mike Dyer

9.1 Fall Board and Administrative Team Work Retreat – October 20, 2018

9.2 Board Structure and Bringing Candidates on Board

Mike encouraged folks to attend the Work Retreat.

There had been good discussion and suggestions related to structuring the Board, including staggering terms. Karah Gagnon will be new Val Vista Secretary. Natalie McKenney and Tara Yesenski will represent Dobson as school representatives. We welcome you!

12. Digital Learning Committee Report – Parker Galope

Parker handed out a flyer with information about the Digital Learning Committee. She is seeking a Committee Chair and new members.

13. Discussion and Possible Action Item: Annie Gilbert to be designated as Authorized Signer on bond issues for Ball Charter Schools.

Mike Dyer presented motion to authorize Annie in her position as Director of Finance, and the future Senior Director of Finance, as well as the appropriate school Principal to be designated as Authorized Signer on bond issues. Mike Dyer seconded. All in favor. (M. Larrabee, M. Dyer). Motion carried.

14. Discussion and Possible Action Item: ASBA Policy Advisories, Volume 18, Number 3 dated August 2018 – Deb Baca highlighted the changes re: student bullying and harassment.

Motion by Michael Larrabee to approve (w/comparison review of Ball Charter policy). Second by Mike Dyer. All in favor. (M. Dyer, M. Larrabee). Motion passed.

15. Discussion and Possible Action Item: Proposition 301 Revision

Motion by Mike Dyer to accept as revised (with generic replacement of Galileo terminology). Second by Michael Larrabee. All in favor. (M. Dyer, M. Larrabee). Motion carried.

16. Discussion and Possible Action Item: Accept Jason Stasiak's Resignation as Secretary from Val Vista Board

Mike Dyer moved to accept Jason's resignation. Second by Michael Larrabee. All in favor. (M. Dyer, M. Larrabee). Motion carried. Thank you, Jason, for your years of service!

17. Discussion and Possible Action Item: Remove Jason Stasiak as Representative on AZ Charter Board Website (ASBCS)

Mike Dyer moved to have Jason's name removed from ASBCS website. Michael Larrabee seconded. All in favor. (M. Dyer, M. Larrabee). Motion carried.

18. Discussion and Possible Action Item: Acceptance of New Board Members: Karah Gagnon, Natalie McKenney, and Tara Yesenski.

Mike Dyer stated we are pleased to present three Board Candidates willing to provide time, energy and attention to Ball Charter Schools. Karah Gagnon will fill Jason's vacant position on Val Vista Board as parent. Natalie McKenney and Tara Yesenski will serve on the Dobson Board.

Michael Larrabee moved we accept Karah Gagnon as new Secretary, Val Vista Board. Second by Mike Dyer. All in favor. (M. Dyer, M. Larrabee). Motion carried. Welcome, Karah!

19. Presentation: BoardOnTrack Platform (Board development tool to build, train and sustain a highly effective governing team.)

Annie showed a presentation of this Board development tool. Discussion followed to have a BoardonTrack representative on hand at the October 20 Work Session. Board requested to review additional options for digital board platforms.

20. Discussion and Possible Action Item: Val Vista and Dobson athletics.

21. Executive Session

Motion made by Mike Dyer to go into Executive Session. Second by Michael Larrabee. All in favor. (M. Dyer, M. Larrabee). Session began at 6:34 p.m. Guests and nonessential administrators dismissed.

Mike Dyer reminded all persons present that it is unlawful to disclose or otherwise divulge to any person who is not now present, other than a current member of the Board, or pursuant to a specific statutory exception, anything that has transpired or has been discussed during this executive session. Failure to comply is a violation of A.R.S. 38-431.08.

22. Reconvene Regular Board Meeting

Meeting was reconvened at 7:48 p.m.

23. Future Agenda Items – None

24. Adjournment

Motion made by Mike Dyer to adjourn. Second by Michael Larrabee. All in favor. (M. Larrabee, M. Dyer). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

The next BCS (Val Vista) Board Meeting is October 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Hearn Academy.

Approved by Ball Charter Schools (Val Vista) Governing Board

Board President

Date