

MINUTES
Ball Charter Schools (Hearn) Governing Board Meeting
Monday, April 13, 2020

1. **Call to Order:** The virtual meeting was called to order by John Huppenthal at 6:48 p.m. on April 13, 2020.

2. **Roll Call**

Present:

John Huppenthal, Governing Board President
Mike Sobieski, Governing Board Vice President
Marcus Harrison, Hearn Governing Board Secretary
Michael Larrabee, Hearn Governing Board
Amy Gurtler, Hearn Governing Board

Others Present:

Tara Yesenski, Dobson Governing Board Secretary
Mike Dyer, Dobson Governing Board
Natalie McKenney, Dobson Governing Board
Devin Grigg, Val Vista Governing Board
Dawne Winn, Dobson Principal
Gaye Leo, Hearn Principal
Debra Baca, Val Vista Principal
Parker Galope, Director of Student Support Services
Annie Gilbert, Sr. Director of Finance and Operations

Absent:

Karah Gagnon, Val Vista Governing Board Secretary
Rhonda Donnelly, Val Vista Governing Board

3. **Approval of Agenda** – John Huppenthal

Motion by Marcus Harrison to approve the agenda of the Ball Charter Schools (Hearn) Regular Board meeting. Amy Gurtler Second. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, M. Harrison, M. Larrabee, A. Gurtler). Motion carried.

4. **Call to the Public:**

There was no call to the public as the meeting was held virtually with no public in-person attendance. Reference Arizona Attorney General's Opinion dated March 13, 2020, re: Concerns Related to Arizona's Open Meeting Law and COVID-19

5. **Hearn Consent Agenda Items:**

5.1 Previous Meeting Minutes – Emergency Telephonic Meeting, March 14, Regular Board Meeting of March 2, and Executive Committees of April 8, 2020.

5.2 Enrollment/Attendance Update – Hearn 638 (669)

5.3 Personnel Items – New Hires: Tierny Ramage, Paraprofessional; Separations: Dominic Manganiello, Paraprofessional, (2/21/20); Porcha Nunez, Paraprofessional, (3/10/20)

Motion by Marcus Harrison to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Amy Gurtler Second. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, M. Harrison, M. Larrabee, A. Gurtler). Consent Agenda approved.

6. **Hearn Principal Monthly Report** – Gaye Leo

Gaye reported on accomplishments of Hearn teachers, connecting with students and families in different ways, keeping community together, using Auto Dialer, teacher phone calls, and with administrator support, have reached at least 90% of the student body. Hearn is engaging parents, one parent at a time and plan to get to the remaining 10%. She is excited about the results and especially pleased given the economic group being served. They are taking daily tallies and will continue distributing learning packets to parents who do not have digital capacity. Gaye fielded question re: letter grades, ability to improve student grades, the BCS

vision, and plans for 8th graders moving into competitive level schools and placement. Mike Sobieski emphasized collaboration among the schools for a better final product and John indicated how impressed he is with the level of engagement of all three schools.

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

Parker reported at the Dobson Governing Board meeting. There was nothing new to report.

8. No Senior Director of Finance and Operations Monthly Report – Annie Gilbert

Annie's reports were included in the Governing Board packet.

9. No Planning and Development Committee Report – Karah Gagnon

10. No Digital Learning Committee Report – Parker Galope

11. No Curriculum and Systems Committee Report – Mike Sobieski

12. Discussion and Possible Action Item: FY20-21 School Calendars

This item was discussed at the Dobson Governing Board meeting.

13. Senior Director of Finance and Operations Report to Include:

13.1 Survey results

13.2 Classified agreements

Annie reported at the Dobson Governing Board meeting. There was nothing new to report.

14. Hearn Regular Meeting recessed at 7:23 p.m.

15. Discussion and Possible Action item: Principal and Director Evaluations

Discussion occurred during the Dobson Regular Board meeting.

16. Discussion and Possible Action Item: Approval of Reading Specialist and Volunteer Coordinator for 2020-21 school year

Motion by Amy Gurtler to approve. Marcus Harrison Second. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, M. Harrison, M. Larrabee, A. Gurtler). Motion carried. Positions approved.

17. Hearn Regular Board Meeting reconvened at 7:39.

18. Executive Session -

Michael Larrabee moved to recess into Executive Session. Mike Sobieski Second. All approved. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, M. Harrison, M. Larrabee, A. Gurtler). Motion carried. Recessed at 7:39 p.m.

The Governing Board may recess to Executive Session Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-843(F)(2) for the consideration and decision upon expulsion hearing officer's recommendation.

19. Reconvene Hearn Regular Board Meeting – John Huppenthal

John Huppenthal moved to reconvene the regular session at 7:48 p.m. Marcus Harrison Second. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, M. Harrison, M. Larrabee, A. Gurtler). Motion carried.

20. Action Item: Vote Regarding Executive Session Student Issue

Michael Larrabee moved to expel the student following recommendation of the Hearing Officer and Principal. Marcus Harrison Second. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, M. Harrison, M. Larrabee, A. Gurtler). Motion carried. Hearing Officer's recommendation upheld.

21. Future Agenda Items – No additional items were noted.

22. Adjournment – John Huppenthal

Motion by Mike Sobieski to adjourn. Michael Larrabee Second. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, M. Harrison, M. Larrabee, A. Gurtler). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

The next BCS (Hearn) Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for May 11, at 6:30 p.m. at Val Vista Academy and will be held virtually.

Approved by Ball Charter Schools (Dobson) Governing Board

Board President

Date