

MINUTES
Ball Charter Schools (Dobson) Governing Board Meeting
Monday, July 13, 2020

- 1. Call to Order:** The virtual meeting was called to order by John Huppenthal at 6:01 p.m. on July 13, 2020.
URL: <https://zoom.us/j/2089401501>

2. Roll Call

Present:

John Huppenthal, Governing Board President
Mike Sobieski, Governing Board Vice President
Tara Yesenski, Dobson Governing Board Secretary (Joined at 6:20 p.m.)
Natalie McKenney, Dobson Governing Board
Todd Piluga, Dobson Governing Board

Others Present:

Kyle Malcomson, Hearn Governing Board
Amy Gurtler, Hearn Governing Board
Karah Gagnon, Val Vista Governing Board Secretary
Devin Grigg, Val Vista Governing Board
Rhonda Donnelly, 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:

Marcus Harrison, Hearn Governing Board Secretary

- 3. Pledge of Allegiance** – John Huppenthal led the members present in The Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. School Recognition/Mission Moment

Dawne Winn celebrated outstanding items from last month: the Distance Learning Committee, who put together a strategic plan to support students and parents. Also a shout out to the ADMIN Team who selected the right individuals to comprise the team. Loved the work, dedication, and passion shown by all! John Huppenthal indicated the Board wholeheartedly supports the work done by this fine team.

Another collaborative effort on behalf of all BCS schools was the input from maintenance officials on each campus, plus Kathy Griner, to solidify areas of strength and regulations for the upcoming school year. Your collaborative effort and hard work have really been appreciated!

6. Call to the Public:

Present were Becky Posta and Ted Traud, Hearn Academy, representing the Distance Learning Committee, and Paul Hawkins, Dobson Academy, presented the BCS Maintenance HVAC collaboration.

7. Dobson Consent Agenda Items:

- 7.1** Previous Meeting Minutes – Special Board minutes, June 18, 2020, Regular Board minutes, June 8, 2020, and Executive Committee minutes.

7.2 Enrollment/Attendance Update – Dobson 492 (520)

7.3 Personnel Items – No Report

Annie Gilbert was asked by John to provide a quick update on what we have re: attendance at this time. Annie reported on paper we have higher than budgeted. Will see on day one who materializes. All campuses are above regarding enrollment.

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

8. Dobson Principal Monthly Report – *Dawne Winn*

Dawne shared updates from Dobson. Students will be receiving meals through month of July. With beneficial partnership, served over 19,800 meals. Estimated counts have been submitted. Parent letters were provided in the packet. Parents have been asked to commit re: enrollment by July 29. Enrollment is increasing and we continue to provide tours.

The BCS Preservice will be remote, with Dobson as host. Dawne is keeping families informed on a two week basis, due to rapid changes. Dobson is also kicking off the Safety Application.

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

Parker reviewed the Student Support Services Report in packet. Numbers are remaining pretty steady. The Board report also indicates the SPED Census by Primary Eligibility. SPED will have a Distance Learning model geared specific to SPED educators.

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

10.1 FY21 Projection – Education Stabilization Assumption

10.2 Consolidated Balance Sheet at 6-30-2020

10.3 FY21 Dobson Adopted Budget

10.4 FY21 Hearn Adopted Budget

10.5 FY21 Val Vista Adopted Budget

Annie directed members to page 48 in the packet. She does not anticipate BCS dropping below the prior year. However, she has shown the funding we will be receiving and observed we have adequate surplus. The approved upgrades are within our ability to spend and worst case scenario is addressed. The decision was made to pay all staff members through June 30 and full wages paid based on average hours. Funds were used for the teachers participating on the Distance Learning Committee. John thanked Annie for maximizing revenues.

Projected budgets were approved in June. The adopted budgets are exactly the same. We can revise if needed as we do not yet know extent of change.

11. Planning and Development Committee Report – *Karah Gagnon*

11.1 Spring Work Session – August 28

11.2 BCS Educator 2020 Kickoff – July 28

Karah reported the Committee did not meet during June. Work continues on the retreat. The combined preservice has been developed and will be digital utilizing some high-powered videos and outside speakers.

12. Digital Learning Committee Report – *Parker Galope*

12.1 Distance Learning Committee Report: Becky Posta, Ted Traud reporting

John requested moving this item up on the agenda, prior to the Principal Report. Becky and Ted shared a PowerPoint to the Board. Questions were asked and answered. Gaye asked question if any parents present were using SWIVL. Before moving forward, she asked Annie to address and wrap around the vision statement for the Distance Learning Committee. The overall vision was to have an extremely robust learning plan, so students would have just as vigorous experience as students in the classroom. Also wanted it to be comprehensive over all three campuses. The synchronization portion was added

midway into this plan to add an even richer component. The group was convened in May. The plan needs to be approved by ASBCS and they will also observe.

13. Curriculum and Systems Committee Report – Mike Sobieski

Mike Sobieski reported and opened for questions.

14. Academic Excellence Report: No report for month of July

15. Action Item: Approval of FY21 Adopted Dobson Academy Budget

Mike Sobieski moved to approve the adopted Dobson Academy Budget. T. Yesenski Second. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, T. Yesenski, N. McKenney, T. Piluga). Motion carried.

16. Discussion and Possible Action Item: Approval of Technology and Safety Items Exceeding \$25,000.

This item was moved up on the agenda and Annie introduced five-year Dobson employee Paul Hawkins, "maintenance man extraordinaire." Paul had been tasked to collaborate with Kathy Grainer, Hearn and Val Vista maintenance researching air filtration systems. Paul presented and recommended a system with an ionization component to protect our children. Reference page 52 of the packet.

Mike Sobieski motioned to approve the FY21 safety and technology upgrades for all three schools. Natalie McKenney Second. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, T. Yesenski, N. McKenney, T. Piluga). Motion carried.

17. Discussion and Possible Action Item: Approval of Annie Gilbert to be appointed as an Arizona State Board for Charter Schools (ASBCS) Charter Representative for Dobson Academy.

Mike Sobieski motioned for approval of Annie Gilbert as Dobson Academy Charter Representative. Natalie McKenney Second. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, T. Yesenski, N. McKenney, T. Piluga). Motion carried.

18. Future Agenda Items

Discussion: Evolving School/Educational Market

John indicated he would like to rotate the chairmanship of the Board meetings among the Board Members. He suggested three meetings in a row so folks become comfortable. John and Mike will ride shotgun and are happy to assist.

John is dedicated to moving Ball Charter Schools into the future where we are the highest rated school system, and the richest in curriculum. John will be talking about this huge opportunity in a short (three minutes) Presidents Report.

19. Adjournment

Motion by Mike Sobieski to adjourn. Natalie McKenney Second. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, T. Yesenski, N. McKenney, T. Piluga). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

The next BCS (Dobson) Board Meeting is scheduled for August 10, 7:00 p.m., Hearn Academy is host.

Approved by Ball Charter Schools (Dobson) Governing Board

Board President

Date