



## Notice of Public Meeting

### Ball Charter Schools

Dobson, Hearn, and Val Vista Academy

### Governing Boards Meeting

Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 6:00pm

# MINUTES

**Location:**

Virtual Via Microsoft Teams

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Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Governing Boards and the public that the Governing Boards of Ball Charter Schools Dobson, Hearn, & Val Vista Academies will hold a **Regularly Scheduled Board meeting open to the public on Monday August 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm** The Board reserves the right to change the order of items on the agendas with the exception of public hearings set for a specific time. Information regarding agenda items may be requested 24 hours in advance and/or reviewed at the Office of the Governing Boards. The Boards may vote to go into executive session, which will not be open to the public for certain items listed on the agenda, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03. However, all Board decisions will be made in a public meeting.

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**A. Call to order** (President Sobieski called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm).

**B. Roll call**

***Dobson Academy Governing Board***

*Mike Sobieski, Governing Boards President  
Karah Gagnon, Governing Boards Vice President  
Tara Yesenski, Board Secretary – Dobson  
Pamela Mahoney, Board Member – Dobson  
John Huppenthal, Board Member – Dobson (Not present)  
Note: 3 of the 5 Above Board members are needed for a quorum.*

***Val Vista Academy Governing Board***

*Mike Sobieski, Governing Boards President  
Karah Gagnon, Governing Boards Vice President  
Jason Ford, Board Secretary – Val Vista  
Jamie Archuleta, Board Member – Val Vista  
Note: 3 of the 4 Above Board members are needed for a quorum.*

***Hearn Academy Governing Board***

*Mike Sobieski, Governing Boards President  
Karah Gagnon, Governing Boards Vice President  
Sarah Pinger, Board Secretary – Hearn  
Dr. Jane Vert, Governing Board Member – Hearn  
Note: 3 of the 4 Above Board members are needed for a quorum.*

***Others Present***

*Dr. Gregory McFann, Senior Director of Academics and Administration  
Parker Galope, Director of Student Services  
Jamie Bradley, Principal of Dobson Academy  
Debbie Baca, Principal of Val Vista Academy  
Ted Traud, Principal of Hearn Academy  
Annie Gilbert, Director of Client Finance at Charter Impact  
Joni Long, Speech and Language Pathologist  
Justin Blackhurst, IT Manager  
Denise Cusimano, Business Specialist, Dobson Academy*

**C. Adoption of the agenda**

**D. Pledge of allegiance**

**E. Adoption of previous meeting minutes**

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**F. Call to the public**

*Any person wishing to speak on a topic may speak at this time. **Presentations are limited to three (3) minutes.** Members of the Board may NOT discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Personal attacks upon Governing Body members, staff personnel, or other persons in attendance or absent by individuals who address the Governing Body are discouraged. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H), at the conclusion of*



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*the call to the public, individual members of the Board may respond to criticism, may ask staff to review a matter, or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda.*

**G. Information items** (*Items to be heard; the Governing Body will not propose or take legal action during the meeting unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action. Please reserve discussion for later in the agenda.*)

**1. Summary of current events and Reports**

**a.** Report; Senior Director of Academics & Administration - *Dr. Gregory McFann*

- *School spotlight: **Dobson Academy***

**b.** Report; Director of Client Finance with Charter Impact - *Annie Gilbert*

- Evidence Electronic Upload of Proposed & Adopted Budgets for Ball Charter Schools.
- Evidence of Transmittal of Affidavit of Publication for Adopted Budgets to ADE.

**H. Action Items** (*Matters the Governing Body may discuss and take legal action during this portion of the meeting.*)

**1.** Consent agenda items (*When so presented, should fully describe the matters on the agenda and inform the public where more information can be obtained.*)

- Personnel Actions

*Mike Sobieski motioned to approve the Ball Charter Schools Personnel Actions. Karah Gagnon seconded the motion. All in favor, Mike Sobieski, Karah Gagnon, Pamela Mahoney, Tara Yesenski. Personnel Actions for Dobson Academy Approved.*

*Mike Sobieski motioned to approve the Ball Charter Schools Personnel Actions. Karah Gagnon seconded the motion. All in favor, Mike Sobieski, Karah Gagnon, Sarah Pinger, Jane Vert. Personnel Actions for Hearn Academy Approved.*

*Mike Sobieski motioned to approve the Ball Charter Schools Personnel Actions. Karah Gagnon seconded the motion. All in favor, Mike Sobieski, Karah Gagnon, Jason Ford, Jamie Archuleta. Personnel Actions for Val Vista Academy Approved.*

**2.** Adoption of The Following ASBA Policy Advisory Volume 24, Number 4, July 2024 for Ball Charter Schools.

- GCF Professional/ Support Staff Hiring
- IHA Basic Instructional Program



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- JFB Open Enrollment
- JHD Exclusions and Exemptions from School Attendance

*\*We will not be adopting IKF and JFABC from this advisory as these policy advisories do not relate to our organization.*

*Mike Sobieski motioned to approve the following ASBA Policy Advisories for July 2024, GCF, IHA, JFB, IHA. Karah Gagnon seconded the motion. All in favor, Tara Yesenski, Pamela Mahoney, Mike Sobieski, Karah Gagnon. ASBA Policy Advisories for July 2024, GCF, IHA, JFB, IHA Approved.*

*Mike Sobieski motioned to approve the following ASBA Policy Advisories for July 2024, GCF, IHA, JFB, IHA. Karah Gagnon seconded the motion. All in favor, Sarah Pinger, Jane Vert, Mike Sobieski, Karah Gagnon. ASBA Policy Advisories for July 2024, GCF, IHA, JFB, IHA Approved.*

*Mike Sobieski motioned to approve the following ASBA Policy Advisories for July 2024, GCF, IHA, JFB, IHA. Karah Gagnon seconded the motion. All in favor, Jason Ford, Jamie Archuleta, Mike Sobieski, Karah Gagnon. ASBA Policy Advisories for July 2024, GCF, IHA, JFB, IHA Approved.*

### **3. Approval of Ball Charter Schools 2024-2025 School Field Trips for Dobson, Hearn & Val Vista Academies.**

- **Dobson Academy** 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Flagstaff Day Trip, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Grand Canyon & Bearizona Day Trip, and The 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade 4 Day Trip to Washington D.C.

*Mike Sobieski motioned to approve the following School Field Trips for Dobson Academy, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Flagstaff Day Trip, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Grand Canyon & Bearizona Day Trip, and The 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade 4 Day Trip to Washington D.C. Karah Gagnon seconded the motion. All in favor, Tara Yesenski, Pamela Mahoney, Mike Sobieski, Karah Gagnon.*

- **Hearn Academy** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade 2 Night Trip to Disney California or 2 Night Trip to Northern Arizona. (Details pending.)

*Mike Sobieski motioned to approve the following School Field Trips for Hearn Academy, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade 2 Night Trip to Disney California or 2 Night Trip to Northern Arizona with Details to follow. Karah Gagnon seconded the motion. All in favor, Sarah Pinger, Jane Vert, Mike Sobieski, Karah Gagnon.*



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- **Val Vista Academy** 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Camp 2 Day Trip and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Day Trip to Kartchner Caverns.

*Mike Sobieski motioned to approve the following School Field Trips for Val Vista Academy, 7th & 8th Grade Science Camp 2 Day Trip and 4th Grade Day Trip to Kartchner Caverns. Karah Gagnon seconded the motion. All in favor, Jason Ford, Jamie Archuleta, Mike Sobieski, Karah Gagnon.*

**4. Specific items of business related to individual school campuses** (as listed for consideration, may include various categorical areas as the business of the School necessitates Governing Body discussion, deliberation, and action)

**a. Val Vista Academy** Cleaning Contract with Arizona Cleaning Services.

*Mike Sobieski motioned to approve the Cleaning Contract with Arizona Cleaning Services for Val Vista Academy. Karah Gagnon seconded the motion. All in favor, Jason Ford, Jamie Archuleta, Mike Sobieski, Karah Gagnon.*

**b. Dobson Academy** Roof Underlayment Replacement for Building B, not to exceed \$60,000.00.

*Mike Sobieski motioned to approve the Roof Underlayment Replacement for Building B, at Dobson Academy not to exceed \$60,000.00. Karah Gagnon seconded the motion. All in favor, Tara Yesenski, Pamela Mahoney, Mike Sobieski, Karah Gagnon.*

**c. Hearn Academy**

- \$500 stipend for Autumn Chacon for Curriculum Map for ELL Standards.
- \$500 stipend for Lindsey Wroblewski for Class Dojo Communications Manager.
- \$750 stipend for Michelle Bock as co advisor for National Elementary Honor Society.
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*Mike Sobieski motioned to approve the following Stipends for Hearn Academy \$500 stipend for Autumn Chacon for Curriculum Map for ELL Standards. \$500 stipend for Lindsey Wroblewski for Class Dojo Communications Manager. \$750 stipend for Michelle Bock as co advisor for National Elementary Honor Society. \$750 stipend for Lindsey Wroblewski as co advisor for National Elementary Honor Society. Jane Vert seconded the motion. All in favor, Sarah Pinger, Jane Vert, Mike Sobieski, Karah Gagnon.*



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**e. Hearn Academy Cafeteria & Kitchen Renovation by Apostle Builders.**

*Mike Sobieski motioned to approve the Cafeteria & Kitchen Renovation by Apostle Builders for Hearn Academy in an amount not to exceed \$30,000. Jane Vert seconded the motion. All in favor, Sarah Pinger, Jane Vert, Mike Sobieski, Karah Gagnon.*

***On behalf of the entire Ball Charter Community, we extend our deepest gratitude to John Huppenthal for his unwavering dedication and exceptional service during his time on the governing board. He has been a guiding force in shaping the future of not only Ball Charter Schools, but all of Arizona's K-12 schools as Superintendent of Public Instruction, by always putting the needs of students first. From the countless classroom volunteer hours to shaping Arizona public school policy, his leadership, wisdom, and commitment leaves a lasting and memorable legacy. As he retires from this role, we wish him all the best in his future endeavors. Mr. Huppenthal, "thank you" for your many years of outstanding service.***

**c. Acknowledgment and Acceptance of The Resignation and Removal of John Huppenthal as an ASBCS Charter Principal and Dobson Academy Governing Body Member.**

*Mike Sobieski motioned to approve the Acknowledgment and Acceptance of The Resignation and Removal of John Huppenthal as an ASBCS Charter Principal and Dobson Academy Governing Body Member. Pam Mahoney seconded the motion. All in favor, Mike Sobieski, Karah Gagnon, Pamela Mahoney, Tara Yesenski.*

**I. Information and Discussion items** (Matters about which the Governing Body may engage in discussion but will take no action during the meeting).

**J. Requests for future agenda items**

**K. Adjournment of The Regularly Scheduled Governing Boards Meeting** (Mr. Sobieski adjourned the meeting at 7:38 pm).

The next Regularly Scheduled Governing Board Meeting for Ball Charter Schools will tentatively be held on Monday September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:00pm Via Microsoft Teams.



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