

**MINUTES**  
**Ball Charter Schools (Dobson, Hearn, Val Vista) Governing Board**  
**Special Emergency Telephonic Meeting**  
**Saturday, March 14, 2020**

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was held telephonically and John Huppenthal called all three Governing Boards (Dobson, Hearn, Val Vista) to order at 4:05 p.m. on March 14, 2020.

2. **Roll Call**

Present:

John Huppenthal, Governing Board President  
Mike Sobieski, Governing Board Vice-President  
Tara Yesenski, Dobson Secretary  
Natalie McKenney, Dobson Board Member  
Marcus Harrison, Hearn Board Secretary  
Michael Larrabee, Hearn Board Member  
Amy Gurtler, Hearn Board Member  
Karah Gagnon, Val Vista Board Secretary  
Devin Grigg, Val Vista Board  
Rhonda Donnelly, Val Vista Board  
Dawne Winn, Dobson Principal  
Gaye Leo, Hearn Principal  
Debbie Baca, Val Vista Principal  
Parker Galope, Director of Student Support Services  
Annie Gilbert, Senior Director of Finance and Operations

Absent:

Mike Dyer, Dobson Member

3. **Call to the Public:** Todd Piluga, Dobson Board Candidate was present on the call.

4. **Discussion and Possible Action Item:** Updates on COVID-19 response

To facilitate healthy discussion in these unprecedented times, John Huppenthal provided all present one-and-a-half to two minutes to present their thoughts and share expressed concerns from staff, parents, and their school community. After attendees provided input, it was suggested each school Governing Board be allowed to make choice reflecting their community. The following motions were made and voted upon:

Before the motion for Hearn, Gaye noted they will be on Spring Break 3/16-20) and prior to leaving, all teachers had provided her with two weeks of lesson plans.

Mike Sobieski made motion Ball Charter Schools **Hearn** Academy 1) continue to conform with CDC decision making and schools are free to remain open in order to support students coming at their discretion (exception are those who have positively identified or tested positive); 2) allow families the option to attend school or not (without negative consequences); and 3) at Principal's discretion allow staff who have tested positive to COVID, and those in the high risk category have ability to stay away with pay. Those not in a high risk category or not receiving COVID-19, diagnosis, follow normal time away from work procedures. Second Michael Larrabee. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, M. Harrison, M. Larrabee, A. Gurtler). Motion carried.

Mike Sobieski moved **Dobson** Academy accept the above motion, and allow for a Professional Day on Monday prior to school resuming. Second Natalie McKenney. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, T. Yesenski, N. McKenney). Motion carried.

Mike Sobieski moved **Val Vista** Academy accept the model as adopted by Hearn and Dobson. Karah Gagnon requested the motion be amended and moved Val Vista have a Professional Day (Monday, 4/16) to finalize distance learning, address parent concerns, and all Val Vista Board members felt school should

resume March 23, in order for a long term plan to be developed and re-evaluated. Karah Gagnon proposed the motion as stated for Dobson and Hearn be amended as suggested for Val Vista. Second Rhonda Donnelly. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, K. Gagnon, D. Grigg, R. Donnelly). Motion carried.

**5. Adjournment**

Motion by John Huppenthal to adjourn the meeting. Mike Sobieski Second. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, T. Yesenski, N. McKenney, M. Harrison, M. Larrabee, A. Gurtler, K. Gagnon, D. Grigg, R. Donnelly). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

The next Regular Scheduled Governing Board meetings of Ball Charter Schools is scheduled for April 13, 6:00 p.m. at Dobson Academy.

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

---

John Huppenthal, Board President

---

Date