

**MINUTES**  
**Ball Charter Schools (Val Vista) Governing Board Meeting**  
**Monday, August 12, 2019**

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by John Huppenthal at 8:00 p.m. on August 12, 2019, in the Multi-Purpose Room at Hearn Academy, 17606 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85023.

- 2. Roll Call**

Present:

John Huppenthal, Governing Board President  
Mike Sobieski, Governing Board Vice President  
Karah Gagnon, Val Vista Governing Board Secretary  
Devin Grigg, Val Vista Governing Board

Others Present:

Natalie McKenney, Dobson Governing Board  
Mike Dyer, Dobson Governing Board  
Michael Larrabee, Hearn Governing Board  
Amy Gurtler, Hearn Governing Board  
Dawne Winn, Dobson Principal  
Gaye Leo, Hearn Principal  
Deb Baca, Val Vista Principal  
Parker Galope, BCS Director of Student Support Services  
Connie Johnston, Board Coordinator

Absent:

Tara Yesenski, Dobson Governing Board  
Marcus Harrison, Hearn Governing Board  
Annie Gilbert, BCS Sr. Director of Finance and Operations

- 3. Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Karah Gagnon to approve the agenda of the Ball Charter Schools (Val Vista) Regular Board meeting. Second by Devin Grigg. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, K. Gagnon, D. Grigg). Motion carried.

- 4. Call to the Public** – There were no members of the public present.

- 5. Val Vista Consent Agenda Items:**

**5.1** Previous Meeting Minutes – Regular Board Meeting June 10, Special Board Meeting of June 26, and Executive Committees of August 7, 2019.

**5.2** Enrollment/Attendance Update – Val Vista 300 (317)

**5.3** Personnel Items – New Hires: Ruth Zappe, Teacher; Neil Prater, Maintenance; Lauren Raymond, Student Support Specialist, Shannon Griffin, Teacher; Cara Tavenner, Nutrition Coord.; Separations: James Cox, Substitute; Jacie Czerwinski, Nutrition Coord.; Ranee Chiriboga, Teacher; Kelcey Kral, Teacher

Motion by Karah Gagnon to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Devin Grigg. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, K. Gagnon, D. Grigg). Consent Agenda approved.

- 6. Val Vista Principal Monthly Report**

Debra introduced Rhonda Donnelly, Val Vista Board candidate and expressed appreciation for her being at the meeting.

In response to John's questions: Deb wanted time in the teachers schedule to meet with grades above and below. She spent time with master schedule planning to assure this will happen. With regard to inspiring, education, and motivating—being engaged and building relationships. On Fridays, Deb has been

going into a different classroom for the morning announcements. Every Friday a “national day” is shared, whether funny or serious. Going on location has proven to be a fun-to-share opportunity. Re: Engaging parents/how can they be involved? Amanda scheduled three volunteer sign up and fingerprinting sessions, thus engaging community members very early.

The Technology teacher has been really gung ho on getting folks on to G Suite. Deb is successfully using Google form, when she sees teacher’s using observable skills and has completed ten walkthroughs. The form has been shared with fellow principals.

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

Report presented at Hearn Board meeting, nothing new to report.

**8. BCS Director of Finance Monthly Report – Annie Gilbert**

**8.1** Historical Ball Charter Enrollment Data

**8.2** Consolidated Unaudited Income Statement year ended June 30, 2019

**8.3** Consolidated Balance Sheet, June 30, 2019

**8.4** ASBCS Additional Transparency Rules

John reported for Annie at the Hearn Governing Board meeting and there was nothing to add.

**9. Planning and Development Committee Report**

Mike Dyer presented the report at the Hearn Governing Board meeting and there was nothing to add.

**10. Digital Learning Committee Report – Parker Galope**

Parker reported at the Hearn Governing Board meeting. No new report.

**11. Curriculum and Systems Committee Report**

Mike Sobieski presented the report at the Hearn Governing Board meeting and there was nothing to add.

**12. Academic Excellence**

- AZ Merit results (Proficiency and Growth-schoolwide and by aggregate). Comparison with state averages, local competition, and benchmark, school, plus steps to achieve.
- Annual Calendar of standardized and interim testing presented to Board.

John presented at the Hearn Governing Board meeting for Annie. Nothing new to report.

**13. Discussion and Possible Action Item: Annual Performance Evaluation Tool for FY 20, Director of Student Support Services and Director of Finance**

Karah Gagnon moved to table this item. Devin Grigg Second. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, K. Gagnon, D. Grigg). Motion carried.

**14. Discussion and Possible Action Item: Job Description, Senior Director of Finance and Operations**

Devin Grigg made motion to approve the job description with “as applicable” wording. Karah Gagnon Second. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, K. Gagnon, D. Grigg). Motion carried.

**15. Discussion and Possible Action Item: Employee Handbook Update (Longevity Incentive for Completion of Service).**

Karah Gagnon made motion to table this item. Second Devin Grigg. All approved. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, K. Gagnon, D. Grigg). Motion carried.

**16. Future Agenda Items – None other than tabled items above.**

**17. Adjournment**

Motion by John Huppenthal to adjourn. Karah Gagnon Second. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, K. Gagnon, D. Grigg). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

The next BCS (Val Vista) Board Meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Dobson Academy.

Approved by Ball Charter Schools (Val Vista) Governing Board

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Board President

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Date