

MINUTES
Ball Charter Schools (Hearn) Governing Board Meeting
Monday, December 9, 2019

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Mike Sobieski (John Huppenthal out of town) at 6:10 p.m. on December 9, 2019, in the multi-purpose room at Hearn Academy, 17606 N. 7th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85023.

- 2. Roll Call**

Present:

Mike Sobieski, Governing Board Vice President
Michael Larrabee, Hearn Governing Board
Amy Gurtler, Hearn Governing Board (by phone)

Others Present:

Natalie McKenney, Dobson Governing Board
Mike Dyer, Dobson Governing Board
Karah Gagnon, Val Vista Governing Board Secretary
Devin Grigg, Val Vista Governing Board
Dawne Winn, Dobson Principal
Gaye Leo, Hearn Principal
Annie Gilbert, Senior Director of Finance and Operations
Parker Galope, Director of Student Support Services

Absent:

John Huppenthal, Governing Board President
Tara Yesenski, Dobson Governing Board
Marcus Harrison, Hearn Governing Board Secretary
Rhonda Donnelly, Val Vista Governing Board
Deb Baca, Val Vista Principal

- 3. Pledge of Allegiance** – Mike Sobieski led those present in the Pledge

- 4. Approval of Agenda**

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

- 5. Call to the Public** – None present

- 6. School Recognition/Mission Moment**

Mary Kennedy introduced Hearn Second Grade teachers, Wendy Covely, Marin Kranz and Jodi Zunigha, who presented on Hearn's 2d Grade Curriculum, Student Engagement, and Special Projects and Events. Mike thanked the teachers for all they do in the classroom keeping students engaged.

- 7. Hearn Consent Agenda Items:**

7.1 Previous Meeting Minutes – Hearn Special Board Meeting of November 15, Regular Board Meeting of October 21, and Executive Committees of December 4, 2019.

7.2 Enrollment/Attendance Update – Hearn 640 (670)

7.3 Personnel Items – New Hires: Kathleen Gaede, Para Professional (Replacement); Amy Brown, Para Professional (New); Kelsey Zeh, Para Professional (New); Vallen Yiaile, Para Professional (New); Kate Bullock, Para Professional, (Replacement); Kevin Griffin, Teacher (Replacement); Separations: Jeffrey Licano, Teacher (11/5/19); Antoine Bryson, Para Professional (11/1/19); Colleen Nolan, Para Professional (11/6/19); Kelsey Zeh, Para Professional (11/7/19); Moriah Shelby Roach, Para Professional (11/22/19), Jady Espinoza, Para Professional (10/31/19); Sarah Velte, Para Professional (11/21/19)

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

8. Hearn Principal Monthly Report – Gaye Leo

Gaye presented the strategic plan dovetailing upon survey results. Safety has been a concern for parents and she was happy to report there had been an uptick in that area. Communication also rated higher. The paras. were broken into a separate group for survey purposes this year which was beneficial. Gaye indicated all at Hearn were excited over the A rating and student learning. It's always good to see kids succeed and acknowledge the teachers' hard work. Mike congratulated Hearn for the high accomplishment and receipt of state funding.

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

Parker presented her report and noted the numbers have doubled in the four years since she started at Ball Charter. 10-15% is pretty typical in the public schools. Mike suggested percentages be placed on the SPED report in future. Devin asked a question as to how students are identified.

10. BCS Director of Finance Monthly Report – Annie Gilbert

- 10.1** Report Summary
- 10.2** 5-Year Projections
- 10.3** Dashboards (Consolidated and Individual)
- 10.4** Consolidated P&L through 10-31-2019
- 10.5** Evidence of Submissions to ADE (Dobson, Hearn, Val Vista)
- 10.6** 990 Drafts (Addendum A in Packet)

Annie commented on how excited she was to see all three schools meet the audit at the same time. Mike thanked Annie and the principals who do the roadwork to get to that place and stay there! Annie explained how she formulated the 5-year projections. She took a conservative approach and did not include increases in funding. It was noted that ASRS retirement went up by 1/10th percent.

11. Planning and Development Committee Report – Mike Dyer

- 11.1** Spring Work Session – April 3, 2020
- 11.2** Usage of BCS Crest for letterhead, email vcard, and signature line

Mike noted the Committee is researching facilitators for the strategic planning session at the Spring Work Session. He cautioned more time may be needed and the Work Session may take the full day. Connie will resend the Save the Date to reserve additional time. Mike indicated the Committee discussed using the school crest for letterhead and other outside communication. All were in agreement to use the crests, while still allowing school mascot usage to express individuality. It was proposed this be an Agenda Item at the January meeting.

12. Digital Learning Committee Report – Parker Galope

Parker noted that Google has been a huge success, particularly with the older grades. She indicated additional training is being sought by either bringing in someone, or training someone at the school who could present to the others.

13. Curriculum and Systems Committee Report – Mike Sobieski

Mike indicated the Committee did not meet in December and will resume in January. The next meeting is scheduled for January 30.

14. Academic Excellence Report – A – F Summary

Annie called the Board's attention to the 2018-2019 BCS comparison in the Governing Board Packet.

15. Discussion and Possible Action Item: Approve DDR Time and Effort Reporting Policy

Mike Larrabee moved to approve. Amy Gurtler Second. All in favor. (M. Sobieski, M. Larrabee, A. Gurtler). Motion carried.

16. Discussion and Possible Action Item: Approve Hearn 990 Draft for FY Ending 6-30-2019

Mike Sobieski moved to approve. Second Amy Gurtler. All in favor. (M. Sobieski, M. Larrabee, A. Gurtler). Motion carried.

17. Action Item: Revise June 10, 2019 Hearn Governing Board Minutes to read:

Mike Sobieski moved to approve written ballot results for Governing Board Officers for all campuses. John Huppenthal, President, Mike Sobieski, Vice President, and Marcus Harrison, Secretary for Hearn. Former Board officer Michael Larrabee will become a Hearn Board member, and former Board Officer Mike Dyer will be removed from the Hearn Board. Newly elected officers, John Huppenthal and Mike Sobieski will be added to the Hearn Board.

Rather than:

Mike Sobieski moved to approve written ballot results for Governing Board Officers for all campuses. John Huppenthal, President; Mike Sobieski, Vice President, and Marcus Harrison, Secretary for Hearn. Former officers Michael Larrabee and Mike Dyer will become members at large, as well as Mike Sobieski. Michael Larrabee Second. All in favor. (M. Larrabee, M. Dyer, J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, A. Gurtler). Motion carried.

Mike Sobieski moved to approve the revised motion as stated above. Second Michael Larrabee. All in favor. (M. Sobieski, M. Larrabee, A. Gurtler). Motion carried.

18. Future Agenda Items – Action Item for January will be vote on Academic Calendars, and Discussion and Vote on use of Crests.

19. Adjournment

Motion by Michael Larrabee to adjourn. Second Amy Gurtler. All in favor. (M. Sobieski, M. Larrabee, A. Gurtler). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

The next BCS (Hearn) Board Meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Dobson Academy.

Approved by Ball Charter Schools (Hearn) Governing Board

Board President

Date