

MINUTES (Amended 4.28.21)
Charter Schools (Dobson, Hearn, Val Vista) Governing Boards
Special Zoom Meeting
Thursday, April 22, 2021

<https://zoom.us/j/2089401501?pwd=bHdWR3B2Ym5Xb0svRHdhYVIBTFIwQT09>

Meeting ID: 208 940 1501, Passcode: BCS3, Phone: 1 669 900 9128

- **Call to Order:** John Huppenthal called the virtual BCS Governing Boards Special Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. on April 22, 2021 and reminded participants that Roberts Rules of Order would be followed.

Roll Call

Dobson Governing Board

John Huppenthal, Governing Boards President
Mike Sobieski, Governing Boards Vice-President
Tara Yesenski, Dobson Secretary
Natalie McKenney, Dobson Board Member
Todd Piluga, Dobson Board Member

Hearn Governing Board

John Huppenthal, Governing Boards President
Mike Sobieski, Governing Boards Vice President
Sarah Pinger, Hearn Governing Board
Jane Vert, Hearn Governing Board

Val Vista Governing Board

John Huppenthal, Governing Boards President
Mike Sobieski, Governing Boards Vice President
Karah Gagnon, Val Vista Secretary
Jamie Archuleta, Val Vista Board Member

Others Present

Dawne Winn, Dobson Principal
Ted Traud, Hearn Principal
Debbie Baca, Val Vista Principal
Parker Galope, Director of Student Support Services
Annie Gilbert, Senior Director of Finance and Operations
Cruz Thomas, Val Vista Governing Board Candidate

Absent

Kyle Malcomson, Hearn Governing Board Secretary

- **Discussion and Possible Action Item:** Ball Charter Schools Mask Policy

John Huppenthal thanked everyone for choosing to participate in the Special Ball Charter Schools Governing Boards meeting to discuss BCS Mask Policy since Governor Ducey rescinded the order directing schools in Arizona to require face masks on April 19. John stated how proud he was of the school community in keeping our schools safe through social distancing, sanitation measures, daily temperature checks, HEPA filtration, ionization and UV filtration, in addition to mask practices and strict adherence to symptom protocols when staff or students are exhibiting COVID symptoms. Mike Sobieski thanked those in attendance and acknowledged the difficult choice the Board is charged with.

John invited the principals of Hearn, Val Vista, and Dobson to share their thoughts. Each stressed doing what is best educationally for the students while supporting safety for both students and staff members.

The meeting was held on Zoom and participants who wished to speak were instructed to place their name on Chat and they would be called upon to speak for one minute and have opportunity to speak for a second round. Fourteen individuals indicated they wished to speak. Parent and teacher comments ended at 7:04 p.m. and John then gave each Board member opportunity to speak.

The Val Vista meeting opened at 7:23 p.m.

Val Vista Board member Karah Gagnon motioned to remove the mask requirement at Val Vista and allow masks to be a parent choice. Jamie Archuleta Second. All in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting proceeded to Hearn and opened at 7:25 p.m.

Hearn Board member Dr. Jane Vert motioned to continue the mask policy until the end of the school year. Mike Sobieski Second.

Mike Sobieski amended the motion to allow choice in the outside environment. John Huppenthal Second. Vote taken and Motion carried.

The Dobson meeting opened at 7:28 p.m.

Dobson Board member Tara Yesenski motioned to do the same as Hearn with the indoor mask policy to be in place until the end of the school year, and masks outdoors to be optional. Mike Sobieski Second. All in favor. Motion carried.

John stated the above actions are effective immediately.

- **Adjournment**

John motioned to adjourn from the Hearn Governing Board meeting. Sarah Pinger Second. All in favor. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

John motioned to adjourn from the Dobson Governing Board meeting. Tara Yesenski Second. All in favor. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

John motioned to adjourn from the Val Vista Governing Board meeting. Karah Gagnon Second. All in favor. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

With consent of all present, John Huppenthal adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

The next Regular Scheduled Governing Boards meetings of Ball Charter Schools is scheduled for May 10, 6:00 p.m. Hearn Academy is the host school.

Approved by Ball Charter Schools (Val Vista) Governing Boards

John Huppenthal, Board President

Date