

**Ball Charter Schools (Hearn) Governing Board Meeting
March 5, 2018**

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Michael Larrabee at 6:15 p.m. on March 5, 2018 in the Multi-Purpose Room at Hearn Academy, 17606 N. 7th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85023.

2. Roll Call

Present:

Michael Larrabee, Governing Board President
Marcus Harrison, Hearn Governing Board Secretary
John Huppenthal, Governing Board Member

Others Present:

Jason Stasiak, Val Vista Governing Board Secretary
Mike Sobieski, Dobson Governing Board Secretary
Karin Meilstrup, Board Coordinator
Gaye Garcia Leo, Hearn Principal
Dawne Winn, Dobson Principal
Deb Baca, Val Vista Principal
Annie Gilbert, BCS Director of Finance
Cheryl Parker, BCS Director of Student Support Services

Absent:

Mike Dyer, Governing Board Vice-President

3. Pledge of Allegiance: The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance together.

4. Approval of Agenda – Motion by John Huppenthal to approve the agenda. Second by Marcus Harrison. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. School Recognition/Mission Moment – Gaye Leo turned the time over to Hearn Board Secretary, who is the Girls Basketball Coach at Hearn Academy. He introduced 3 of his players that came to the meeting. One has played basketball for 4 years, one started playing this year, and the last also started 4 years ago. They spoke very highly of Coach Harrison and the help and support that he gives each of them. After they spoke, Marcus said that the program wouldn't be a success without the support of all the staff there at Hearn.

6. Call to the Public – There were no members of the public present who wished to speak.

7. Hearn Consent Agenda Items

- 7.1 Previous Meeting Minutes – Regular Board Meeting of February 12, 2018; Special Board Meeting of February 22, 2018; Executive Committee Meeting of February 28, 2018.
- 7.2 Enrollment Update – Hearn: 652 students.
- 7.3 Personnel Items – none.

Motion by John Huppenthal to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Marcus Harrison. All in favor. Motion carried.

8. Hearn Principal Monthly Report – Gaye Leo started talking about upcoming events. There is girls Basketball in March, as well as Parent/Teacher conferences this week. She is aiming for 100% attendance. They are starting a "Power of One" program, which is an anti-bullying pledge. This will help students to make personal, not group, decisions. They are having a celebration of World Cultures with each teach choosing a different culture. This is to celebrate the diversity they have at their campus. They are also developing an App for phones to post information about the school. They are having a Mock Schedule day to introduce students to the next grade level. They are slowly getting new computers for their school. They've installed 4 for the lower grades, which have helped. The carpeting/flooring is still being worked on, they are moving from room to room.

8.1 Enrollment Cap Update – This was kicked back to us again, but was already re-submitted with the necessary changes.

9. BCS Director of Student Support Services Monthly Report – Cheryl Parker talked about how the numbers have not changed much in the last few months. They are currently working on evaluations, and the target % of kids with IEPs for the student population is right on track.

10. BCS Director of Finance Monthly Report – Annie Gilbert

- 10.1 Monthly Dashboards and Year-to-Date Financials

10.2 Annual Tax Returns: Action item, Review and approve the annual tax returns (990s)

11. Planning and Development Committee Report – During our meeting last week, we talked about the dates and the agenda items for the Fall Work Session. We will be focusing on Curriculum and its effectiveness. The aim is to help the Board members understand where all 3 schools are, what they are all offering, and why.

11.1 Fall Work Session on September 29

12. Technology Committee – Cheryl Parker received the results back from the “Speak Up” Survey and sent those out to the Board Members. They are hoping that these results will help in decision making. The good thing is that the schools are more alike than different. Also, technology and mobile devices are where things are going, phones and tablets more than laptops.

13. Campus Safety and Security: Possible Action Item – Marcus Harrison started the discussion by saying that we don’t want to start a panic or cause distress, but we need to look at the vulnerable access points at each campus and address the issues. We need to be proactive. Each campus needs to have a conversation about campus safety, at least once a year.

The overall feeling is that arming teachers is not the answer. Even those teachers with active military experience find it distressing when thinking of carrying firearms, since the students are their kids. With these feelings, we need to make sure that we are always up to date with the latest data about how to handle situations.

We are planning to have a resource officer come do a walk-through of each campus. This way, we can know where our strengths and weaknesses are and will know further how to proceed. We will add this to the annual maintenance calendar so it happens at least once a year.

14. Electronic Launch of Spring Surveys – The surveys have been handed out and will be closed on the afternoon of March 16th, the Friday of Spring Break.

15. Distribute the Principal Evaluation Tool & Performance Pay Targets – The evaluation tool that has been used in the past was handed out to the board as a guide. As long as we align the ratings with the AZ Standards, we should be ok. The principals all feel fine with using the tool that was handed out, as long as the board realize that a lot of the information is in the Principal Reports and that 2 of the principals have not gone through that tool before.

Last year the board met in Executive Session and then discussed with each principal individually. That is what is going to happen this year as well, instead of having interviews separate from the board meetings.

16. Future Agenda Items – None.

15. Adjournment – Motion by Marcus Harrison to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. Second by John Huppenthal. All in favor. Motion carried.

Regular Board Meeting for Hearn Academy was reconvened at 9:05 to talk about item #10.2.

Motion by John Huppenthal to approve the 990 for Hearn Academy. Second by Marcus Harrison. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by John Huppenthal to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. Second by Marcus Harrison. All in favor. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 9, 2018 7:00 p.m. at Dobson Academy.

Approved by Ball Charter Schools (Hearn) Governing Board

Board President

Date