

MINUTES
Ball Charter Schools (Val Vista) Governing Board Meeting
Monday, October 21, 2019

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by John Huppenthal at 6:00 p.m. on October 21, 2019, in Room 223 (science room) at Val Vista Academy, 4120 S. Val Vista Dr., Gilbert, AZ 85297.

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:

Tara Yesenski, Dobson Governing Board
Natalie McKenney, Dobson Governing Board (Arrived 6:30 p.m.)
Mike Dyer, Dobson Governing Board (Arrived 6:20 p.m.)
Amy Gurtler, Hearn Governing Board
Michael Larrabee, Hearn Governing Board (Arrived 6:15 p.m.)
Dawne Winn, Dobson Principal
Gaye Leo, Hearn Principal
Deb Baca, Val Vista Principal
Rhonda Donnelly, Val Vista Board Candidate
Annie Gilbert, BCS Sr. Director of Finance and Operations
Parker Galope, BCS Director of Student Support Services
Connie Johnston, Board Coordinator

Absent:

Marcus Harrison, Hearn Governing Board

3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – John Huppenthal led those present in the Pledge

4. **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.

5. **School Recognition/Mission Moment**

Deb Baca recognized Terra Ahles for teaching Val Vista students to be good digital citizens and for her work promoting Val Vista to be recognized as a Common Sense School. The Board extended congratulations!

6. **Call to the Public** – Ali Roeschley and Angie Clason, Val Vista parents were present and spoke of their support of the mixed-grade classroom, the positive effect on their children, and excellent teacher, Mrs. Boardman. They would like to see the Board address the subject of merged classrooms.

7. **Val Vista Consent Agenda Items:**

7.1 Previous Meeting Minutes – Special Finance Board Meeting of September 25, Regular Board Meeting of September 9, and Executive Committees of October 16, 2019.

7.2 Enrollment/Attendance Update – Val Vista 306 (323)

7.3 Personnel Items – None

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.

8. Val Vista Principal Monthly Report

Deb spoke about a recent track meet and a special moment when a Val Vista first place runner crossed the finish line and went back to assist the second place runner who had fallen. Many compliments were received regarding the program as a whole, as well as courteous parents and great coaches.

Deb previewed a Vipership Award certificate using the Crest. She also indicated Val Vista had applied to be part of the Gilbert Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Program.

Val Vista is instigating an activity program which encourages staff to take better care of themselves and celebrate accomplishments. The annual Fall Festival is coming up and all are welcome to attend.

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

Parker gave an overview of her report in the packet and indicated the SPED Program at Val Vista is being reviewed by the Department of Education. She also noted they are running out of filing space and are in discussion phase of utilizing current software for record keeping.

10. Senior Director of Finance and Operations Monthly Report – Annie Gilbert

- 10.1** FY 20 Updated Consolidated Projections
- 10.2** Consolidated FY10 Dashboard (Actual through September 30, 2019)
- 10.3** Dobson Dashboard – FY20
- 10.4** Hearn Dashboard – FY20
- 10.5** Val Vista Dashboard – FY20
- 10.6** Consolidated Balance Sheet
- 10.7** Consolidated Profit and Loss through September 30, 2019
- 10.8** Draft Audit Reports

Annie pointed out the FY20 update with 40th day numbers in the Finance packet. BCS had a “clean as a whistle audit.” John Huppenthal complimented on a great job for all concerned.

11. Planning and Development Committee Report – Mike Dyer

Mike Dyer noted the good policies and procedures discussion at the Fall Work Session. Both Cathleen Dooley's and Annie's presentations were informative and enjoyable. Mike reported the Committee is moving on to planning the Spring Work Retreat and encouraged the Board to submit ideas of discussion topics, which will be reviewed at the November meeting. Mike indicated Rhonda Donnelly had met the attendance requirements of Board and committee meetings and had opportunity to raise membership questions. Annie reaffirmed that Board Candidates must have all Arizona State Board for Charter Schools documents completed prior to Board confirmation.

12. Digital Learning Committee Report – Parker Galope

Parker reported on the launch of G Suite and spoke about challenges (permission slips, opt out option, master list). Gaye indicated Becky Adams from Hearn is going to Google training in October. Rhonda indicated she would also like to attend if possible.

13. Curriculum and Systems Committee Report – Mike Sobieski

Mike Sobieski thanked Annie for leading the meeting last month in his absence. The toolkit has been renamed as Curriculum Inventory and looks fantastic. Parker will put on Google Drive and those with BCS addresses can access. Connie was asked to circulate to all Board member. The inventory will be reviewed bi-annually by the principals to keep current. Deb mentioned how important it is that train the trainer classes are held annually, as refreshers are important. John and Annie will work to include a professional

development feedback question on the Spring Survey. Gaye shared that there is nothing new to add regarding the Social Studies and Science curriculum. Both Gaye and Mary Kennedy have this on the radar.

- 14. Discussion and Possible Action Item:** Annual Performance Evaluation Tool for FY20, Director of Student Support Services.

Karah Gagnon moved to approve the Annual Performance Evaluation Tool for the Director of Student Support Services. Devin Grigg Second. All in favor (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, K. Gagnon, D. Grigg). Motion carried.

- 15. Discussion and Possible Action Item:** Approval of ASBA Policy Updates as presented at Fall Work Session.

Karah Gagnon moved to approve the ASBA Policy Updates as presented at Fall Work Session and included in the packet. Devin Grigg Second. All in favor (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, K., Gagnon, D. Grigg). Motion carried.

- 16. Discussion Item:** Fall 2019 Survey Results

John thought it was a powerfully outstanding survey moved ahead by the Parent ratings. He cautioned not to get lost in the details and encouraged the principals to get the survey data out to the teachers. John felt strongly comments be reviewed and the whole cycle is positive.

- 17. Action Item:** Approval of Governing Board term renewal for Devin Grigg, June 30, 2022.

Karah Gagnon moved to approve. Mike Sobieski Second. All in favor (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, K. Gagnon, D. Grigg). Motion carried.

- 18. Discussion and Possible Action Item:** Acceptance of Rhonda Donnelly as a BCS Governing Board Member. Ms. Donnelly will represent Val Vista Academy, term renewal, June 30, 2023.

Devin Grigg made motion to approve. Karah Gagnon Second. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, K. Gagnon, D. Grigg). Motion carried.

- 19. Future Agenda Items** – John suggested we have a robust discussion of expanding to our 4th school, working out and shaping plans to go forward. Under the topic of Academic Excellence, Annie indicated the cut-scores for A-F should be known next Monday and will be reported on at the next meeting.

- 20. Adjournment**

Motion by Karah Gagnon to adjourn. Devin Grigg Second. All in favor. (J. Huppenthal, M. Sobieski, K. Gagnon, D. Grigg, R. Donnelly). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

The next BCS (Val Vista) Board Meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Hearn Academy.

Please Note: November 4 meeting canceled 10/23. Next meeting December 9 at Hearn Academy.

Approved by Ball Charter Schools (Val Vista) Governing Board

Board President

Date