

Charter Holder Status Amendment Request

Charterholder Info

Charter Holder

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Status Type

Type of status change

Change in entity name of the Charter Holder

Description of Changes

Change From:

The Ball Charter Schools Governing Board wishes to change the name from Ball Charter Schools (Eastside)

Change To:

Ball Charter Schools (Val Vista)

Attachments

Board Minutes –  [Download File](#)

Copy of amendment to Articles of Incorporation filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission –  [Download File](#)

Provide information regarding any payment, benefit or consideration received or to be received by any party in the transition –  [Download File](#)

Additional Supporting Materials –  [Download File](#)

Additional Information*

No documents were uploaded.

Signature

Charter Representative Signature
Arlene Palm 02/23/2012

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Ball Charter Schools Governing Board Meeting
September 12, 2011

I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 P.M. on September 12, 2011 at the 5th Avenue Professional Building, 3411 N. 5th Avenue, Suite 300, Phoenix, Arizona.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call:

Present:

Teri Clements, Board Member
Mike Dyer, Board Vice-President
Michael Hoogstra, Board Member
Michael Larrabee, Board President
Dan Matthews, Board Secretary
Mary Beth Miller, Board Member
Taimé Bengochea, Interim Dobson Principal/Planning Principal, Ball Charter Schools Eastside
Jane Vert, Hearn Principal
Arlene Palm, Board Coordinator

Others Present:

Jim Hudspeth, Business Manager, Hearn Academy
George Ellis, Consultant
Andres Robles, Business Manager, Dobson Academy
Jill Osborne, Attorney, Udall, Shumway & Lyons (Telephonically)
Rita Solliday, Special Education Director, Dobson Academy (Telephonically)
Dr. Pat Stone, Special Education Director, Hearn Academy (Telephonically)

Absent:

Hara Evenson, Board Member

IV. Approval of Minutes – Motion by Mike Dyer, second by Michael Hoogstra, to approve the minutes from the meeting on August 8, 2011, (Regular Meeting) as presented. All approved.

V. Approval of Agenda – Motion by Mike Dyer, second by Michael Hoogstra, to approve the agenda as indicated with the modification of moving the Executive Sessions to the next item (VI) on the agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

VI. Executive Session: Motion by Mike Dyer, second by Michael Hoogstra, to recess to Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 38-431.03(A)(3), (4), for legal advice from its attorney regarding a personnel issue and settlement agreement with the Dobson Academy Principal. All in favor.

VII. Executive Session: Motion by Mike Dyer, second by Michael Hoogstra, to recess to Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) for discussion or consideration of employment/assignment and/or appointment of the new Dobson Academy Principal. All approved.

Reconvene regular meeting at 6:22 P.M.

VIII. Public Comment – None.

IX. Consent Agenda

IX A – Staffing Recommendations for Hearn and Dobson Academy – The following Staffing Recommendations were made for Dobson: New Appointments: Classified: Erin Simon, K Para-educator; Zachary Olsen, K Para-educator.

The following staffing recommendations were presented for Hearn: New Appointments: Classified: Jennifer Compo, School Nurse.

IX B – Enrollment/Attendance Updates for Hearn and Dobson Academy – Enrollment/attendance updates were presented for Dobson Academy and Hearn Academy: Dobson enrollment as of today is 589; Hearn enrollment is at 601.

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IX. Consent Agenda (Continued)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, by Michael Hoogstra, second by Teri Clements. All in favor.

X. Old Business

X A – Technology Follow-up – Dan Matthews reported that with the help of Dr. Bengochea Joey Sawyer submitted plans for Dobson Academy. Dr. Bengochea recommended acceptance of the proposed plan, indicating it is fairly up to date. Dan Matthews added that it has not gone through the Planning and Development Committee as of yet. Discussion followed.

Motion by Dan Matthews, second by Michael Hoogstra, to approve the Technology Plan for Dobson Academy as monies become available and for Dr. Bengochea to enact the plan accordingly. All in favor. Motion approved.

X B – 301 Performance Plan – Dobson has completed their testing and Dr. Vert noted that Hearn testing is still pending; therefore, no additional information is available until testing is completed at both schools. Motion by Mike Dyer, second by Mary Beth Miller, to table this item. All in favor. Motion approved.

X C – Social Networking Policy – Mike Dyer reported that this is a very big topic. All principals participated in a recent Financial/Personnel Committee meeting where discussions began, however it could not be resolved in one meeting. The committee will continue work on this at their next meeting. Motion by Mike Dyer, second by Michael Hoogstra, to table this item until the next meeting. All in favor. Motion approved.

X D – Board Vacancy – Arlene Palm reported that notice of the vacancy for a Hearn Academy Representative has been posted on the web sites; Inquiries have been received and follow-up calls made to individuals who have expressed interest, however no one has submitted the Interest to serve form as requested. Discussion followed. Motion by Michael Hoogstra, second by Mary Beth Miller, to table this item until the next meeting. All in favor. Motion approved.

XI. East Valley Ball Charter

XI A – AZ Charter School Program (AZ CSP) Grant Updates – Dr. Bengochea reported that ADE will be conducting a walk thru fairly soon as required. The Curriculum Specialist attended a recent IPI workshop regarding the process.

XI B – Building Program Updates – The Construction Review Task Force met with ADM Group. Twelve firms were sent letters inviting them to submit RFQ's; three declined and one was disqualified. Eight qualified responses were received and sent to the committee for review. A variety of criteria were reviewed including financial, bonding and insurance information; current work schedule; related work experience and references; and other general information. The top four who ranked the highest were put on the short list – Adolfsen & Peterson, Chasse Building Team, Rytan LLC, and TrowTierre Precision. Construction plans will be released to these firms and bids will be requested from them. They will be asked to include \$100,000 for city comments. This will allow us to move along quite readily on our schedule. We are scheduled to close on the property on September 22nd.

Motion by Dan Matthews, second by Michael Hoogstra, to accept the short list as determined by the Construction Review Task Force of the Expansion Committee to include the following firms: Adolfsen & Peterson, Chasse Building Team, Rytan LLC, and TrowTierre Precision. All in favor. Motion approved.

XI C – Entity Profile Changes – Arlene Palm reported that with recent staffing changes at the schools, an amendment needs to be submitted to the Department of Education allowing grant user access to current staff and removing individuals no longer affiliated with the schools. A form outlining the grant user information was included in the board packet and reviewed by all. Discussion followed. Motion by Mike Dyer, second by Mary Beth Miller, to adopt the amendment for access to grant users as presented. All in favor. Motion approved.

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XI D – Marketing the New School – George Ellis discussed marketing the new school. He presented highlights from a guide book by Johanna Lockhart. He also discussed hiring a marketing firm for Eastside and reviewed a proposed letter to staff regarding the new school and recruiting staff for the school. Lengthy discussion followed regarding the outlining the steps needed in the marketing process to effectively and efficiently market the new school. These steps included the naming of the new school and seeking a marketing firm to assist in this undertaking.

Motion by Dan Matthews, second by Michael Hoogstra, to name the new school Val Vista Academy. All in favor. Motion carried. The mascot and school colors are to be determined at a later date.

Motion by Mike Dyer, second by Dan Matthews, to authorize the Expansion Committee and/or the Planning and Development Committee to adopt the marketing plans that would be in the best interest of the new Eastside School. All in favor. Motion approved. Dan Matthews clarified it is the Expansion Committee and not the Planning and Development Committee. George Ellis was asked by the Board to gather information on potential marketing firms.

Additional discussion took place regarding the use of a GNATT Chart to list all activities and schedules for marketing and implementation related to the opening of the new school. The planning principal would be the likely person responsible for this task. Mike Dyer requested that marketing be placed on the agenda for the next meeting along with the GNATT Chart.

XII. New Business

XII A – Financial Reports (including PTO - Parent Teacher Organization, Booster Club and PTSA- Parent Teacher Student Association), and Preliminary Audit Findings – Jim Hudspeth reviewed the Consolidated Cash Flow Report for Dobson and Hearn and the Consolidated Balance Sheet. He reported that no equalization funds were received by either school and that both are in the negative. Cash Flow is positive for July, noting that it will be this way for the next few months. There was not a whole lot of activity in July. Preliminary audit findings were also presented for Hearn and Dobson. Jim Hudspeth indicated these were minor findings and that Hearn will be contesting some of the findings, i.e. those relating to student attendance and School Master. Lengthy discussion followed.

XII B – Special Education Update – Rita Solliday, Special Education Director at Dobson presented the report for Dobson, noting that special education students constitute 5–6 % of the student population (15 are speech and language).

Dr. Pat Stone Special Education Director at Hearn, gave a detailed report for Hearn, she noted that the special education population at Hearn is at 5.3% - this being down from previous years due to students moving out of the area. Total students served are 32 (17 are speech and language). The special education director's time has been reduced from 19.5 hours to 17.5 hours; there is 1 full time teacher and 1 part time teacher. Projected total cost for the program is \$153,559.00. Michael Hoogstra asked for the projected program costs for Dobson. These were not available at this time.

XII C – Ball Evaluation and New State Requirements for Teacher Evaluation – Dr. Bengochea presented detailed information regarding the new state requirements which must be in place for the 2012-2013 school year. Performance levels include Highly Performing, Effective, Partially Effective, and Ineffective. Also presented was information related to a 'pilot program' she would like to 'test' at Dobson in the coming months. She noted it is a good tool for getting better. The evaluation process is ongoing. Hearn will not be participating in the 'pilot program' at this time.

Motion by Mike Dyer, second by Michael Hoogstra, to allow Dr. Bengochea to go forward with the pilot program as presented on the new evaluation form and submitted criteria in line with the new state requirements. All in favor. Motion approved.

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XII D – Ball Charter Schools – Insurance Information and Proposal – Arlene Palm reported that she was contacted by Bob Philips from Brown and Brown and the proposals will not be available until late Wednesday afternoon. The current coverage ends October 2nd. Discussion followed. Motion by Michael Hoogstra, second by Mary Beth Miller, to have a special telephonic board meeting on September 15, 2011 at 5:00 PM to review the insurance information and proposal. All in favor. Motion approved.

XII E – Board Member Resignation

Motion by Mike Dyer, second by Michael Hoogstra, to accept the resignation of Hara Evenson, Board Member Representative from Hearn Academy. All in favor. Motion approved.

XIII. Reports:

XIII A – Board Committee Reports – The Board discussed the following items:

- (a) Planning and Development – Dan Matthews reported on the following: IT – Joey Sawyer is still working under his old agreement; upcoming Work Session date of October 1st, topics and meeting place. The next committee meeting date has been re-scheduled to September 21st at 5:30 PM.
- (b) Financial/Personnel – Mike Dyer reported that the committee met recently and reviewed policy items, and committee membership. Grant Process will be reviewed at the upcoming Work Session of the Board; networking was discussed. The next committee meeting date is scheduled for October 6th at 6:30 PM.
- (c) School Expansion – Dan Matthews reported that consideration needs to be given to forming task force sub-committees for marketing, construction, replication, etc. The next committee meeting date has not been determined.
- (d) School Development Committee – Michael Larrabee reported that for the time being this committee will be incorporated into School Expansion.

XIII B – Principals Report –

(a) Hearn Academy – Dr. Vert shared information on Technology, After School Activities, Collaborative Dobson/Hearn Projects, the Newsletter and also shared updates related to other school activities and programs at Hearn Academy.

(b) Dobson – Taime Bengochea shared information on Technology, Data, Extra-Curricular and other related activities at Dobson Academy. She also indicated that she has applied for several grants for the school.

(c) Eastside – Taime Bengochea shared information regarding Marketing for Eastside. She handed out a brochure which she recently used at Dobson that could be used in conjunction with marketing the new Eastside School.

XIV. Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release

Motion by Dan Matthews, second by Michael Hoogstra, to accept the settlement agreement and mutual release of Dr. Jeffrey Walker and the AZ Ball Charter Schools. All in favor. Motion approved.

XV. Appointment of a New Dobson Academy Principal

Motion by Michael Hoogstra, second by Dan Matthews, to appoint Dr. Taime Bengochea, currently serving as Interim Principal at Dobson, as the new Dobson Academy Principal. All in favor. Motion approved.

Motion by Mike Dyer, second by Michael Hoogstra, to amend the previous motion to include adding Dr. Taime Bengochea to the signature cards for the Dobson Academy accounts. All in favor. Motion approved.

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XVI. Future Agenda Item(s) – The following items were identified: Annual Financial Reports; AIMS Results.

XVII. Adjournment: Motion by Michael Hoogstra to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 P.M. Second by Teri Clements. Approved unanimously.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 17, 2011 at 6:00 pm at the 5th Avenue Professional Building, 3411 N. 5th Avenue, Suite 300, Phoenix, Arizona.

Approved by Ball Charter Schools Governing Board

Board Secretary

Date