Ball Charter Schools (Dobson) - Entity ID 79204
School: Ball Charter Schools (Dobson)

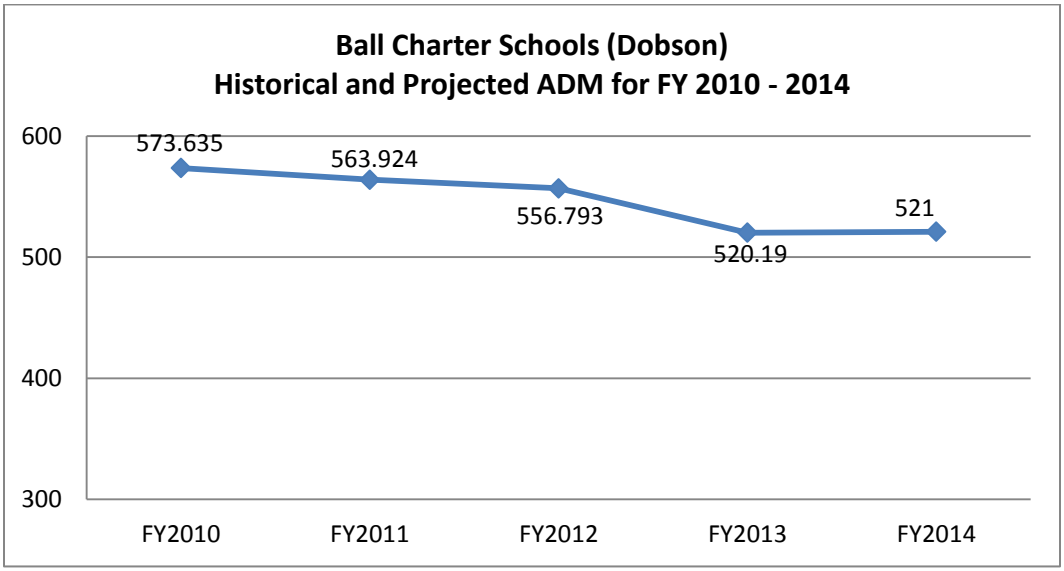
Renewal Executive Summary

Performance Summary

Ball Charter Schools (Dobson) met the Board's academic performance expectations as set forth in the Performance Framework adopted by the Board and was waived from submitting the Academic Performance Section of the renewal application. The charter holder was required to submit the Financial Sustainability portion of the Detailed Business Plan Section of the renewal application. The charter holder's submission addressed those measures where the charter holder received a "Does Not Meet Standard" rating for fiscal year 2012. The charter holder did have compliance matters.
The charter holder's organizational membership on file with the Board was consistent with the information on file with the Arizona Corporation Commission.

Profile

Ball Charter Schools (Dobson) operates one school in Chandler, serving grades K-8. The graph below shows the charter holder's actual 100th day average daily membership (ADM) for fiscal years 2010-2013 and the estimated count for FY2014 as of October 1, 2013.



A dashboard representation of Ball Charter Schools (Dobson)'s academic outcomes, based upon the indicators and measures adopted by the Board, is provided below.

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Academic Performance

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		2012 Traditional Elementary School (K-8)			2013 Traditional Elementary School (K-8)		
1. Growth		Measure	Points Assigned	Weight	Measure	Points Assigned	Weight
1a. SGP	Math	62	75	12.5	61	75	12.5
	Reading	54	75	12.5	53	75	12.5
1b. SGP Bottom 25%	Math	60.5	75	12.5	67	100	12.5
	Reading	51	75	12.5	65	75	12.5
2. Proficiency		Measure	Points Assigned	Weight	Measure	Points Assigned	Weight
2a. Percent Passing	Math	81 / 64	75	7.5	79 / 63.8	75	7.5
	Reading	91 / 77.5	100	7.5	93 / 78.3	100	7.5
2b. Composite School Comparison	Math	12.8	75	7.5	10.9	75	7.5
	Reading	9.4	75	7.5	10.9	75	7.5
2c. Subgroup ELL	Math	NR	0	0	NR	0	0
	Reading	NR	0	0	NR	0	0
2c. Subgroup FRL	Math	70 / 54.6	75	3.75	69 / 54.4	75	3.75
	Reading	88 / 69.5	75	3.75	90 / 70.7	75	3.75
2c. Subgroup SPED	Math	33 / 24.2	75	3.75	44 / 23.3	75	3.75
	Reading	44 / 36.2	75	3.75	67 / 38.1	75	3.75
3. State Accountability		Measure	Points Assigned	Weight	Measure	Points Assigned	Weight
3a. State Accountability		A	100	5	A	100	5
Overall Rating		Overall Rating			Overall Rating		
Sooring for Overall Rating 89 or higher: Exceeds Standard <89, but > or = to 63: Meets Standard <63, but > or = to 39: Does Not Meet Standard Less than 39: Falls Far Below Standard		76.25		100	81.25		100

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I. Success of the Academic Program

The academic performance of the school operated by the charter holder meets the Board's academic performance expectations set forth in the performance framework adopted by the Board. Therefore, the charter holder was not required to submit a Demonstration of Sufficient Progress.

II. Viability of the Organization

Based on the August 2012 financial framework, the charter holder did not meet the Board's financial performance expectations because the charter holder received two or more "Does Not Meet Standard" in fiscal year 2012. The following table includes the charter holder's financial data and financial performance for the last three audited fiscal years.

Please note that fiscal year 2012 expenses included a $688,478 loss on donation of land.

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Financial Data				
	2012	2011	2010	
Statement of Financial Position				2009
Cash	$1,763,921	$2,675,040	$2,537,997	$2,258,825
Unrestricted Cash	$974,562	$1,919,132	$1,782,089	
Total Assets	$5,459,297	$5,921,368	$5,900,522	
Total Liabilities	$4,099,818	$4,078,343	$4,185,375	
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt & Capital Leases	$99,752	$95,000	$90,000	
Net Assets	$1,359,479	$1,843,025	$1,715,147	
Statement of Activities				
Revenue	$4,042,248	$4,121,031	$4,263,850	
Expenses	$4,525,794	$3,993,153	$3,889,525	
Net Income	($483,546)	$127,878	$374,325	
Change in Net Assets	($483,546)	$127,878	$374,325	
Financial Statements or Notes				
Depreciation & Amortization Expense	$118,843	$144,561	$143,268	
Interest Expense	$207,322	$272,895	$271,331	
Lease Expense	$40,084	$31,828	$27,356	

Financial Performance				
	2012	2011	2010	3-yr Cumulative
Near-Term Indicators				
Going Concern	No	No	No	N/A
Unrestricted Days Cash	78.60	175.42	167.23	N/A
Default	No	No	No	N/A
Sustainability Indicators				
Total Liabilities to Equity Ratio	3.02	2.21	2.44	N/A
Net Income	($483,546)	$127,878	$374,325	N/A
Cash Flow	($911,119)	$137,043	$279,172	($494,904)
Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio	(0.34)	1.44	2.10	N/A

The charter holder was required to submit additional information regarding the charter holder's financial situation (presented in the charter holder's renewal portfolio: c. Financial Sustainability). The charter holder's submission addressed those measures where the charter holder received a "Does Not Meet Standard" rating in fiscal year 2012.

III. Adherence to the Terms of the Charter

A. Compliance Matters Requiring Board or Other Agency Action

Over the past five years, there were no items to report.

B. Other Compliance Matters

The fiscal year 2012 audit identified a repeated audit issue that had not been corrected from the prior year's audit involving the business manager reviewing the accounting manager's journal entries, but there being no reviews of the journal entries made by the business manager.

C. Charter Holder's Organizational Membership

Because the organizational membership on file with the Board was consistent with the information on file with the Arizona Corporation Commission, the charter holder was not required to submit the charter holder's Organizational Membership portion of the Detailed Business Plan Section.

Board Options

Option 1: The Board may approve the renewal. Staff recommends the following language provided for consideration: Renewal is based on consideration of academic, fiscal and contractual compliance of the charter holder. In this case, the charter holder meets the academic performance expectations set forth in the Board's performance framework. There is a record of past contractual noncompliance which has been reviewed. With that taken into consideration as well as all information provided to the Board for consideration of this renewal application package and during its discussion with representatives of the charter holder, I move to approve the request for charter renewal and grant a renewal contract to Ball Charter Schools (Dobson).

Option 2: The Board may deny the renewal. The following language is provided for consideration: Based upon a review of the information provided by the representatives of the charter holder and the contents of the application package which includes the academic performance, the fiscal compliance, and legal and contractual compliance of the charter holder over the charter term, I move to deny the request for charter renewal and to not grant a renewal contract for Ball Charter Schools (Dobson). Specifically, the charter holder, during the term of the contract, failed to meet the obligations of the contract or failed to comply with state law when it: (Board member must specify reasons the Board found during its consideration.)