



## **Bear Grass Charter School Board Meeting**

Meeting Minutes  
April 17, 2012

### **Opening:**

On April 17, 2012, Delmas Cumbee called the Bear Grass Charter School Board meeting to order at 7:02 PM in the Yucca House, Bear Grass, NC.

### **Present:**

Frank Beck, Delmas Cumbee, Phil Hodges, Pam Gibbs, Georgia Smallwood, Ron Preston, Mary Anna Moseley

Phil opened the meeting with an invocation.

The minutes from the April 5, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Phil made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Frank seconded. Motion carried.

Frank began the meeting with a discussion of the North Carolina open meetings law. There are nine reasons that allow going into closed session such as personnel, and acquisition of property. The appropriate statute used for going into closed session should be included in the minutes. Frank will review a book on open meetings law from the NC institute of government, and summarize for the group.

From this point forward, the board will use hotmail for all charter related email correspondence.

Phil proceeded to give a personnel committee report. Pursuant to General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(6) Delmas made a motion to go into closed session. Frank seconded. Motion carried.

Upon a motion by Frank Beck, seconded by Delmas Cumbee and passed unanimously by the board, close session ended. Motion passed unanimously.

Ron began a discussion of the traditional calendar versus the block schedule. The group discussed the advantages and disadvantages of each. Phil expressed the need to add additional members from outside the board to the curriculum committee. Delmas reminded the board that all of the curriculum committee's recommendations need to be reconciled with the charter application. Any changes to the application need to be approved by the SBOE.

Frank asked if the board wanted to apply for the waiver to have 180 school days on the 2012-2013 school calendar instead of the 185 required by the state. If so, the application needs to be made by April 30. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Delmas and seconded by Phil to submit a waiver to have 180 school days for the upcoming year. The motion passed unanimously.

Frank brought the completed documents for applying to NCREN for internet service including filtering and firewall service. Delmas, board chair signed the documents on behalf of the board.

The board discussed the employee handbook. Frank will email everyone a copy of the North Carolina Personnel Manual handbook for review so that the board can discuss employee benefits at next week's meeting. Benefits need to be finalized before hiring any personnel. Any changes to the existing policy will have to be submitted to the SBOE for approval.

There were no updates on the school facilities. The group agreed to proceed with septic system analysis and plot maps for the two proposed sites for modular units. Delmas will send another letter to the Martin County Board of Education requesting to lease the Bear Grass School property.

Frank and Delmas plan to visit the Neuse Charter campus to see the modular facilities.

Delmas reported on student enrollment. 128 applications have been received. Most applications are for grades six through nine. We are not currently over our proposed limit at any grade level.

Frank said the website is getting a lot of inquiries about whether the student applications had been received. Delmas is putting together a database of the received applications. He will forward it to Frank, so that he can respond to the emails.

Frank told the board that we will need to notify the parents ahead of time if we will be having a lottery. The board will discuss the lottery process in detail at next week's meeting.

Ron agreed to review the student handbook.

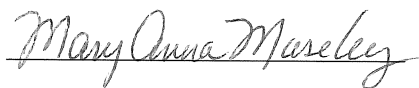
Frank made a motion to approve the by-law changes that were previously discussed and submitted to the SBOE for approval.

The next scheduled board meeting will be on April 24, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Yucca house in Bear Grass, NC.

**Adjournment:**

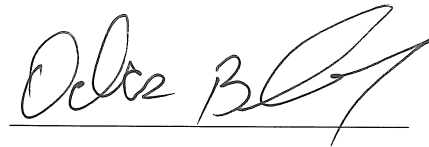
The meeting was adjourned by Delmas Cumbee, Board Co-Chairman at 9:01 PM.

Minutes submitted by:



Mary Anna Moseley, Secretary

Approved by:



Delmas Cumbee, Board Co-Chairman