



Bear Grass Charter School Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes August 7, 2012

Opening:

The Bear Grass Charter School Board met on August 7, 2012 at the Yucca House in Bear Grass, NC. Delmas Cumbee, Board Co-Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

Present:

Delmas Cumbee, Frank Beck, Phil Hodges, Pam Gibbs, Georgia Smallwood, Charlotte Griffin, Mary Anna Moseley

Guests:

Donna Moore – Bear Grass Charter School Principal, Mary Beth Jackson – Bear Grass Charter School Assistant Principal, Alan Harrison – technology consultant

The minutes from the July 31, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Georgia made a motion to accept the minutes. Charlotte seconded and the motion carried.

Delmas reported that student enrollment is still around 240. Frank led the discussion on increasing the size of the 6th grade to allow the students on the waiting list to enroll. Considerations discussed included teacher availability and classroom space. After much discussion, Charlotte made a motion that the board accepts the fourteen students currently on the 6th grade waiting list. The motion was seconded by Delmas. The motion passed with a 6 – 1 vote. Delmas, Frank, Pam, Georgia, Charlotte, and Mary Anna voted for the motion and Phil voted against it. Frank will forward the amendment to the 6th grade class size to the Office of Charter Schools for review.

The facility update was next on the agenda. Much progress has been made this week. Frank presented options for signage in the auditorium. Phil made a motion to accept the signage recommendation as presented by Frank. Charlotte seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Landscaping options were discussed. The board approved using \$2000 of the repair budget for landscaping.

Frank and Charlotte detailed the plans for additional security lighting to be installed on the campus by Dominion Power. The results of the asbestos testing were good. The board is required to have a formal asbestos plan in place for the campus. Frank will make contact with an inspector to do the initial inspection towards the asbestos plan next week. P & H has serviced all of the fire extinguishers on the campus and has presented an invoice. Phil made a motion to approve the expenditure with P & H for servicing the fire extinguishers. Charlotte seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Charlotte reported that the floors have been waxed. Water connections have been made to the modular unit, and they are currently working on the sewer connection. The roofing has been completed with the exception of the back of the high school building.

Frank gave a detailed report on technology options including network, server, software, e-reader, computer hardware, internet, VOIP phone service, and wireless service. Several quotes have come in from different sources. Installation needs to begin immediately. The board will hold an emergency meeting tomorrow night to approve the final technology solution.

A motion was made by Phil to accept the approximately \$40,000 bid from Centurylink to install phone service, intercom system, and bell system. Georgia seconded. The motion passed 6 -1 with Delmas casting the opposing vote.

Donna advised the board that the school will need a seal for driver's education certificates and graduation diplomas. Upon motion by Phil, second by Frank, and unanimous vote, the board approved the design and purchase of a seal.

Graduation requirements were discussed. Frank advised that the board does not have to submit a formal amendment to the charter to allow additional graduation tracks. The school must follow state graduation requirements. The board will encourage but not require the college track for all students.

Pursuant to General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(5) and 143-318.11(a)(6), a motion was made by Phil, seconded by Charlotte and passed unanimously, for the board to go into closed session immediately following a ten minute break, The purpose of the closed session is to discuss facilities and personnel. At 9:23 PM, the board entered closed session.

A motion was made by Charlotte, seconded by Pam, and passed unanimously to leave closed session.

A motion was made by Charlotte to approve the invoices as presented during closed session. Pam seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Charlotte made a motion, seconded by Georgia to approve the purchase of projectors for the classrooms. The motion passed unanimously.

The board will hold an emergency meeting on Wednesday, August 8, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Yucca house in Bear Grass, NC. The purpose of this meeting is to finalize the technology plan for the school so that implementation can begin.

The next scheduled board meeting will be on Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Yucca house in Bear Grass, NC.

Adjournment:

Charlotte made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Delmas seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

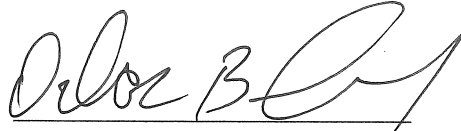
The meeting was adjourned by Delmas Cumbee, Board Co-Chairman at 9:52 PM.

Minutes submitted by:



Mary Anna Moseley, Secretary

Approved by:



Delmas Cumbee, Board Co-Chairman