



Bear Grass Charter School Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2015

Opening:

The Bear Grass Charter School Board met on August 10, 2015 at the Bear Grass Charter School band room, Bear Grass, NC. Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present:

Delmas Cumbee Kent Dickerson Phil Hodges Pam Gibbs Ron Preston
 Charlotte Griffin Georgia Smallwood

Guests:

Donna Moore – Bear Grass Charter School Principal
 Mary Beth Jackson, Bear Grass Charter School Assistant Principal

The minutes from the June 15, 2015 meeting were approved.

Motion: Delmas, Second: Phil. Motion passed.

Special Recognition:

BGCS has been granted a STEM onsite visit Sept 30th. DPI will conduct the visit. Usually 25% of applicants do not receive status on first visit. Applicants receive an additional year to prepare if denied on first visit.

4H Recognition—3 students from Martin County were elected into the 4-H Honors Club. Kayla Dickerson, a rising senior, was elected as District Recorder.

Skills USA National Competition—Jacob Hubbard and Chris Hardison traveled to Louisville, KY to compete in the competition. The team ranked 9th out of 16 teams representing North Carolina.

Public Comment:

Concerns were voiced over the choice of electives for seniors to choose from as well as STEM focus as listed in our charter statement. Reassurance was provided that options were being weighed as far as class elective choices and more focus on STEM classes. Classes are slowly being added as we build upon our resources.

Student Enrollment:

Currently 364 enrolled for 2015-16 school year.

Curriculum/Staff Development:

An updated staff development plan was provided for board members.

Project Based Learning, 6 CEU Aug-Sept; This will entail a school-wide project/activity that all will participate in for the site visit.

Paxton Patterson, Manufacturing Technology—3-D printer added. Mr. Beirne is planning on a field trip to Greenville so students can see a 3-D printer in action

Career Clusters-Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources-Principal Moore provided the board with a handout of NC Career Clusters. A majority of these classes will be available for qualifying students through MCC.

EC Update:

EC Grant has been approved.

2014-15 Compliance Monitoring Report was provided for the board. Out of the 40 items only 3 items were not 100% Criteria Met. The 3 items have seen been resolved.

Building and Grounds:

A bleacher contract for maintenance was discussed among the board. A motion was made to accept the contract for bleacher maintenance.

Motion: Phil, Second: Charlotte. Motion passed.

Jerry Rogerson provided an update for future projects desired by the Sports Club.

1. 2 ticket booths (one each softball and baseball) (Ruritans will provide labor)
2. Concrete poured around new concession stand at softball field
3. Address drainage issue around 1st baseline
4. Fence at softball field to help keep non-payers out

These items were discussed with the board and a motion was made to allow the Sports Club to proceed with the 4 items.

Motion: Phil, Second: Charlotte. Motion passed.

A septic tank has been added so an extra modular can be added when needed.

Technology:

Expiring Lease Update—The leased equipment has to be fixed prior to returning to Dell. Principal Moore stated that they have been waiting on Dell since May to have items repaired. She is hoping to have some resolve soon to this issue.

Students will receive their new computers at Open House, August 20th.

June 18, 2015 a special called meeting was held to discuss the offer BB&T made to finance the upgrade of BGCS current technology devices. A motion was made to go with BB&T (Susquehenna Financing).

Motion: Kent, Second: Delmas. Motion Passed.

Transportation:

A discussion took place on the need of a third yellow bus as a back-up bus. A motion was made that an addition bus was needed.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Kent. Motion passed.

Bus Drivers will now have to use signaling to get off and on the bus.

Bus Inspections report was provided and BGCS passed with just a few minor issues that are being addressed.

Athletics:

A Fall Parent meeting is on the calendar so appropriate information can be provided to the parents as well as students.

A coaching contract was discussed for the Varsity Boys team. A recommendation was made and a motion was made.

Motion: Delmas, Second: Phil. Motion passed.

Other Discussion:

A letter that was sent out to parents discussing the new 10 point grading scale was provided for the board to review.

Principal Moore reminded the board that Open House would be August 20th, 2015, 5:00-6:30.

Finance:

An updated budget was provided to the board.

BGCS has a new auditor, Les Merritt.

Human Resources:

A discussion took place on purchasing new HS Math textbooks for the 2015-16 school year. A need was determined and a motion was made to purchase textbooks.

Motion: Phil, Second: Charlotte. Motion passed.

July 7, 2015 a special called meeting was held to discuss the staff recommendation for a HS Math Teacher. A motion was made to accept staff recommendation.

Motion: Delmas, Second: Pam. Motion Passed.

Upon the end of the board meeting, Ron Preston, current board member provided his letter of resignation. A motion was made to sadly accept his resignation.

Motion: Phil, Second: Charlotte. Motion passed.

The next scheduled board meeting will be on September 21, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Bear Grass Charter School band room.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn: Ron, Second: Charlotte. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned by Delmas Cumbee, Chairman at 8:48 PM.

Minutes submitted by:



Pam Gibbs, Secretary

Approved by:



Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman