



## Bear Grass Charter School Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes  
August 15, 2016

### Opening:

The Bear Grass Charter School Board met on August 15, 2016 at the Bear Grass Charter School band room, Bear Grass, NC. Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

### Present:

● Delmas Cumbee ● Kent Dickerson ● Phil Hodges ● Pam Gibbs  
● 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 20, 2016 meeting were approved.

**Motion:** Phil, Second: Kent. Motion passed.

\*\*\*Item added to agenda\*\*\*

DPI decision to allow 6<sup>th</sup> grade to play sports

### Special Recognition:

No discussions or updates took place.

### Public Comment:

No discussions or updates took place.

### Student Enrollment:

We currently have 396 students enrolled for the 2016-17 school yr. Some students from the middle school wait list will be contacted to bring enrollment to 400.

**Curriculum/Staff Development:**

An updated staff development plan was provided for the board.

**EC Update:**

There are 43 students for the 2016-17 school year classified as EC. 18 high school students and 25 middle school students.

**Building and Grounds:**

AD Jerry Rogerson and staff member Jackie Harrison provided a detailed report on the building and grounds.

The replacement of the floors in the middle school has been completed. The high school halls, middle school bathrooms and locker rooms have been painted.

Target date for the completion of the Math and Science building is hopefully the end of September.

Ticket booths at the sports fields are operational. New projects for the sports fields are a field house for baseball as well as aluminum bleachers. Updated bathrooms at the baseball field are in the plans also.

**Technology:**

New computers have been purchased for the expanded BGCS student population.

Net Support is in place for staff members. Staff can now control the student screens.

Email issues experienced earlier this week have been resolved.

**Public Relations:**

No discussion or updates took place.

**Accountability (Academic):**

A handout was provided for the board members with the results of the Teaching Working Condition Survey. This survey was provided by DPI. Staff ranked BGCS 93-99 percentile range.

**Student Services:**

86 college course are being taken by our students. Initially only 20% of the classes were available due to staffing at Martin Community College but that has since been resolved. All students that wanted to take college courses are doing so.

**Child Nutrition:**

Principal Moore informed the board that all was going well in the cafeteria.

**Transportation:**

Mr. Harrison informed the board that the results of the bus inspection showed that the buses were in good shape overall for their age. He is still looking for an additional yellow bus. 142 of the student population signed up to ride the bus.

**Athletics:**

Staff members Terry Perry and Tiffany Hassell-Able presented a Pros and Cons of why we should/should not have football as a sport at BGCS. Coach Perry provided the board with start-up costs, info on available grants, facilities could be an issue while Hassell-Abel felt that the program could possible take away from her band program and wanted BGCS to concentrate more on academics.

The board allowed both staff member's time to convey their opinions and will have a further discussion before a decision is made.

DPI has made the decision to allow 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to play sports but at the discretion of each schools LEA. A discussion took place among the board and a **motion** was made to not allow 6<sup>th</sup> graders to play sports for the 2016-17 BGCS school year.

**Motion:** Kent, Second: Phil. Motion passed.

**Other Discussion Items:**

BGCS Charter Agreement has been submitted and the charter is valid until 2022.

**Finance:**

An updated budget report was provided for the board.

**Human Resources:**

A. A **motion** was made to accept the resignation for Kayla Dunlow, HS Social Studies.  
**Motion:** Delmas, Second: Kent. Motion passed.

B. Candidates are being interviewed for the HS Social Studies vacancy.

- C. Principal Moore informed the board that she had interviewed an interested party for a possible part-time position for the 2017-18 school year.
- D. A **motion** was made to accept recommended bus driver to replace one of our retiring bus drivers.  
**Motion:** Delmas, Second: Kent. Motion passed.

No agenda required the board to go into closed session.

The next scheduled board meeting will be on Monday September 19, 2016 at 6:00 PM in the Bear Grass Charter School band room.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn: Kent, Second: Delmas. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned by Delmas Cumbee, Chairman at 7:13 PM.

Minutes submitted by:

Pam Gibbs

Pam Gibbs, Secretary

Approved by:

Delmas Cumbee

Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman