

Bear Grass Charter School Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes June 5, 2012

Opening:

The Bear Grass Charter School Board met on June 5, 2012 at the Yucca House, Bear Grass, NC. Delmas Cumbee, Board Co-Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Present:

Delmas Cumbee, Frank Beck, Pam Gibbs, Ron Preston, Charlotte Griffin, Mary Anna Moseley

Guests:

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

The minutes from the May 29, 2012 meeting were reviewed. One correction was noted on the date of the next meeting. Charlotte made a motion to accept the minutes with the noted correction. Pam seconded. Motion carried.

Frank introduced Mary Beth Jackson, the new Bear Grass Charter School Assistant Principal, to the board and the audience, and welcomed her to the meeting.

Delmas reported that the \$525,000 grant application had been submitted today. A response will probably not be received until October.

The board discussed the student and employee handbooks. The following changes will be made:

Student Handbook:

- Student cell phone use will be revised to allow students to use cell phones outside of the instructional periods.
- The lockers section will be revised.
- Frank, and the administrative team will add the start times and bells
- A table of contents and page numbers will be added.
- The dress code was discussed by the board. A motion was made by Frank and seconded by Pam to not implement a school uniform policy, and to revise the dress code to prevent clothing that could be disruptive. The motion passed unanimously.

Employee Handbook:

- Operational times will be added, as in the student handbook
- The benefits section will reflect that we will basically adopt everything in the NC public employee handbook with the exception of transferring sick time.
- The board still needs to make a decision on longevity and supplements. This will be discussed at next week's meeting.
- The grievance procedure will be reviewed by the administrative team and revised if necessary. There was concern that the current wording is ambiguous and needs more definition, such as timelines, steps in the grievance process, requiring the grievance in writing, etc.

Frank will bring revised copies of the handbooks to next week's meeting. Donna will also begin working on a faculty handbook.

Delmas met with a representative from Staples to discuss their discount offer on supplies. We should begin compiling a list of needed supplies. Frank has made some contacts on purchasing computer equipment. We will need to submit a revised budget to DPI on July 16 based on enrollment.

Current student enrollment is 232 students. Friday is the last day for parents to submit enrollment packages. If an enrollment package is not received from a student that holds a slot, the parents will be contacted and asked to accept or decline the slot.

Delmas has the charter contract for 2012-2022. This was signed and notarized during the board meeting.

Other items discussed were the board's intentions to have a band program, the offer to the Martin County Board of Education to lease the Bear Grass School property.

Pursuant to General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(5) and 143-318.11(a)(6), a motion was made by Delmas Cumbee, seconded by Frank Beck and passed unanimously, for the board to go into closed session to discuss facilities acquisition and personnel. At 8:57 pm, the board entered closed session.

A motion was made by Frank, seconded by Delmas, and approved unanimously to end closed session at 9:50 pm.

Upon motion by Delmas, second by Charlotte, and unanimous vote, the board agreed to contract with North Carolina Public Charter Schools Association to provide budget/ ISIS support.

The next scheduled board meeting will be on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Yucca house in Bear Grass, NC.

Adjournment:

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

The meeting was adjourned by Delmas Cumbee, Board Co-Chairman at 9:56 PM.

Minutes submitted by:

Approved by:

Mary Anna Moseley, Secretary

Delmas Cumbee, Board Co-Chairman