Bear Grass Charter School Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes March 6, 2012

Opening:

The first meeting of the Bear Grass Charter School Board was called to order at 7:00 PM on March 6, 2012 in the Yucca House, Bear Grass, NC by Delmas Cumbee.

Present:

Phil Hodges, Delmas Cumbee, Frank Beck, Ron Preston, Larry Ward, Mary Anna Moseley

Guests: Charlotte Griffin-Bear Grass Mayor, Michele Oros-Grant Writer

A. Approval of Agenda

Since this was the first meeting, no formal agenda was presented.

B. Approval of Minutes

No previous minutes exist since this is the first meeting.

C. Open Issues

Phil Hodges nominated Delmas Cumbee as chairman of the board. Larry Ward seconded the nomination. Frank Beck nominated Mary Anna Moseley as the secretary. Phil Hodges seconded. Frank Beck nominated Delmas Cumbee as Treasurer. Frank Beck nominated Phil as President. Delmas Cumbee nominated Frank Beck as Vice-President. Ron Preston made a motion that all nominations be accepted by acclamation. The motion passed unanimously.

D. New Business

Delmas stated that the first order of business was to adopt the by-laws. Frank made a motion to adopt the by-laws as written. Phil seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Delmas listed several big items that will need to be addressed:

- Filing for tax-exempt status
- Developing the curriculum
- Furnishing the building with furniture and supplies
- Hiring a principal and staff

Moving forward with grant proposals

Michele Oros, grant writer, addressed the group at this time. She discussed several avenues for acquiring funding. She suggested that we contact the USDA field representative in Greenville, NC to inquire about possible grants and/or loans. Michele also mentioned the possibility of Federal Block grants for charter schools and a library grant. She also recommended that we not forget the advantages of hiring experienced, retired teachers.

The group agreed that we need to hire a principal as soon as possible. Phil will work up an advertisement to place in the newspaper.

Delmas asked the group to be thinking about a replacement for Almer Riddick, who resigned from the board due to relocation to Atlanta, GA.

Next, the group addressed the assignment of committees. The following people were designated to serve on these committees:

- Personnel Phil Hodges and Ron Preston
- Building and Grounds Larry Ward, chairman
- Application and Enrollment Frank Beck, chairman
- Curriculum and Instruction Ron Preston and Sharon Schleigh
- Finance Delmas Cumbee, chairman
- Transportation Frank Beck, chairman

E. Agenda for Next Meeting

The board will discuss the hiring of a principal next week. Phil and Frank will have example logos for the board to review. Phil will also proceed with development of a website, which the board will review next week.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:29 PM by Delmas Cumbee. The next general meeting will be at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 in the Yucca House at Bear Grass.

Minutes submitted by:

Approved by:

Mary Anna Moseley, Secretary

Delmas Cumbee, Co-Chairman