



Bear Grass Charter School Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2018

Opening:

The Bear Grass Charter School Board met on February 19, 2018 at the Bear Grass Charter School media center, 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

School Safety was added to the agenda under Other Discussion Items

The minutes from the January 22, 2018 meeting were approved.

Motion: Georgia, Second: Charlotte. Motion passed.

The following students were recognized for displaying the character education program trait of Self Discipline.

Middle School: Samuel Daniels

High School: Jordan Futrell

Public Comment:

Tim Manning from other discussion items was moved to this time slot.

With the recent incidents of school shootings and threats to do mass harm at school facilities, Martin County Sheriff Tim Manning discussed with the board the necessities of a School Resource Officer. He reviewed salary, equipment required, and experience preferred for the SRO.

Student Enrollment:

Total expected enrollment for the 2018-19 school year is 416.
59 applications have been received for the 6th grade rather than the 58 that was reported. There will be a wait list lottery for grades 7-12 on Monday March 5th at 6:00 PM in the auditorium.

Curriculum/Staff Development:

An updated staff development plan was provided for the board.

Staff members Cullipher, Foell and Hall from the Middle School Math department discussed with the board the drawbacks of allowing 8th graders to take Math I. By skipping over 8th grade math, students miss out on instruction that they need for Math I and then staff have to teach the 8th grade math functions to the students that they would already been exposed to if that had taken 8th grade math initially. Rather than allowing 8th graders to take Math I, students will have the option to take Spanish I, English I, Physical Science or Online World History for High School credits.

A **motion** was made to allow 8th grade students to take Spanish I, English I, Physical Science or Online World History for High School credits in lieu of Math I.

Motion: Phil, Second: Georgia. Motion passed.

EC and Federal Programs Update:

No discussion or updates took place.

Buildings and Grounds:

Jackie Harrison, maintenance supervisor, provided the board with an update on the building and grounds. The field house should be completed this week as well as the softball dugouts. Bus inspections have been completed. He discussed items that were on the to-do list. He would like to add central Heat & AC units to the high school wing. Also, the locks need to be changed out on the new building to key locks.

Technology:

No discussions or updates took place.

Public Relations:

No updates or discussions took place.

Accountability (Academic):

Principal Moore provided a copy of the BGCS Strategic Plan as well as reviewed the plan with the board. The plan was revised February 2018.

The ACT Test is scheduled for February 27.

Student Services:

Principal Moore informed the board of several out of country trips.

There will be an interest meeting for rising 7th & 8th graders for an educational trip to Europe on the Holocaust. Spanish Teacher Cadierno-Sanz will have an interest meeting for a trip to Spain as well. There is one student that will be going to Germany in June with the exchange student program.

Child Nutrition:

No updates or discussions took place.

Transportation:

Principal Moore informed the board the random drug tests had taken place for the bus drivers.

No issues were reported.

Athletics:

Baseball and Softball kicks off this week.

Other Discussion:

Principal Moore reviewed the school safety procedures with the board as well as provided them a copy of the Emergency Procedures. They will have a practice lockdown before the end of February. Since the main building is the only one that has panic buttons, she is going to research panic buttons as well as other options for the other buildings.

Finance:

An updated budget report was provided for the board.

The Hunter Safety Team was awarded a grant by the NRA of \$7,000. The grant was written by a student's parent. The money has to be used to purchase shooting equipment. The equipment will be stored in a secure off-site area.

HS History teacher Goetz is currently writing a grant for the MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Support). This grant could be up to \$10,000 for 4 years.

HS English teacher Davenport and Business Teacher Coltrain are working on a Digital Teaching and Learning grant. These grants are from \$5,000-\$100,000.

The SIT team and Mrs. Honican, school parent, are working on a coding grant that is due in August 2018.

Human Resources:

Principal Moore discussed the need of a grant writer for the school. NCDPI has supplied a list of grants that charter schools can apply for.

Pursuant to General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(5) and 143-318.11(a)(6), a motion was made by Charlotte, seconded by Phil and passed unanimously, for the board to go into closed session to discuss human resources. At 7:09 PM, the board entered closed session.

The board came out of closed session at 7:27 PM. Motion: Charlotte, Second: Georgia.

The following **motion** was required after the board came out of closed session.

Regarding the student discussion a motion was made to allow the student to withdraw in lieu of expulsion.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Phil. Motion passed.

The next scheduled board meeting will be on March 19, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the Bear Grass Charter School media center.

Adjournment:

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

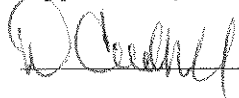
The meeting was adjourned by Delmas Cumbee, Chairman at 7:31 PM.

Minutes submitted by:



Pam Gibbs, Secretary

Approved by:



Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman