



Bear Grass Charter School Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2019

Opening:

The Bear Grass Charter School Board met on August 19, 2019 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

*****Potential Board Member added to the agenda under other discussion items*****

The minutes from the June 17, 2019 meeting were approved.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Phil. Motion passed.

Special Recognition:

Students that participated in the German exchange program provided an overview of being a host as well as their experiences during their 20-day trip to Germany.

Public Comment:

No updates or discussions took place.

Student Enrollment:

Principal Moore provided the board with a handout that detailed student enrollment by grade level. She informed the board that a decision needed to be made as to which grade to pull from for the wait list.

Curriculum/Staff Development:

An updated staff development plan will be provided at the September board meeting.

An email was shared with the board regarding the 2019-20 RISE (Redefining Innovative Schools through Sustained STEM Experiences). Principal Moore discussed at length the purpose of RISE. This is another avenue to earn STEM status for BGCS. There were over 80 applications submitted and only 4 schools were chosen. There is an initial sign up fee that covers a 3-year contract. RISE requires lots of PBL.

After Principal Moore's explanation of RISE, a brief discussion took place among the board members and a **motion** was made to accept the RISE Program offer.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Phil. Motion passed.

Principal Moore spoke on the BGCS Partners in Learning Conference that took place on August 6th. Representatives from DPI attended the conference and were impressed with the preparation that went into setting up the conference. Staff from 14 different counties attended the conference as well.

EC Update:

VP Bonds updated the board on E-CATS (Every Child Accountability & Tracking System). Training took place for 1 ½ days.

Federal Programs Update:

No updates or discussions took place.

Buildings and Grounds:

Jackie Harrison, maintenance supervisor, provided the board with an update on buildings and grounds. Mr. Harrison updated the board on campus improvements that took place over the summer break. Four AC/Heating units were installed in the high school wing. Middle School hallway and 2 classroom floors were replaced. The loose tiles in the new building were fixed. Rock was added to the waste-water area. A paved area/strip was placed for the buses along the middle school wing.

Technology:

IT Manager Hale provided a brief update for the board. 68 computers can be used for the 6th graders. These will need to be replaced next school year. All others can be used for an additional two years.

Public Relations:

No updates or discussions took place.

Accountability (Academic):

Principal Moore will provide a PowerPoint at the October board meeting with the 2019 Test results. The BGCS BTSP (Beginning Teacher Support Plan) was presented to the board. No changes are required for this year. A **motion** was made to accept the BTSP as presented.

Motion: Phil, Second: Charlotte. Motion passed.

Student Services:

No updates or discussions took place.

Child Nutrition:

Mrs. Riffle is exploring new food vendors for the school year.

Transportation:

VP Bonds reported that the buses are at capacity.

Athletics:

The board will be emailed the budget for the BGCS Sports Club for the 2019-2020 school year. Principal Moore informed the board of the fall coaches/assistants for the school year. A **motion** was made to accept the coaching members for the 2019-2020 fall sports.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Kent. Motion passed.

Other Discussion:

A listing of the board meeting dates for the 2019-2020 academic school year was provided to the board members. A **motion** was made to accept the board meeting dates as presented.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Phil. Motion passed.

Open House was a success once again. Principal Moore felt like this was the biggest turnout so far.

Frank Beck has requested to become a board member. A brief discussion took place among the board members and a **motion** was made to accept Mr. Beck as a new board member.

Motion: Phil, Second: Charlotte. Motion passed.

Mr. Beck's term will from August 19, 2019 through August 18, 2022.

Current board member, Mrs. Charlotte Griffin's term was extended from July 1st, 2019 through June 30, 2022.

Finance:

An updated budget report was provided for the board.
The yearly audit is currently under way.

Human Resources:

Principal Moore discussed individuals that have signed Coaching Contracts for the 2019-20 BGCS school year.

A **motion** was made to accept the coaching contracts as presented for the 2019-20 school year.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Kent. Motion passed.

Principal Moore discussed the role of the Intervention Specialist with the board. This staff member will be utilized for at EOG risk students for grades 6-8. Funding for this position will be from Title I funding.

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 6:57 PM, the board entered closed session.

The board came out of closed session at 7:04 PM. **Motion:** Phil, Second: Kent.

No motions were required after the board came out of closed session.


The next scheduled board meeting will be on September 16, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the Bear Grass Charter School media center.

Adjournment:

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

The meeting was adjourned by Delmas Cumbee, Chairman at 7:06 PM.

Minutes submitted by:



Pam Gibbs, Secretary

Approved by:



Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman