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## Bear Grass Charter School Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes  
September 16, 2019

### Opening:

The Bear Grass Charter School Board met on September 16, 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 ● Frank Beck ● 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

### Special Recognition:

The following students were recognized for the character education trait of Respect/Responsibility.

Middle School: Holden Deans  
High School: Sierra Price

Skills USA team members were available to discuss their placement in the recent Skills USA Conference. 1<sup>st</sup> place in State, Bronze Chapter Award of Distinction and 8<sup>th</sup> Place in Nationals were among the accolades that the team received.

### Public Comment:

A concerned parent representing other concerned parents was present and voiced her worries over a recent incident at school and our absence of a SRO on campus. The board members listened to the parent and Principal Moore informed the parent that this item was on the agenda for the meeting. There are currently no grants available to assist with the cost of a SRO. Mr. Rogerson informed the board that he was really impressed with the test scores of BCGS. He praised the students as well as the staff for all their hard work.

### Student Enrollment:

Principal Moore informed the board that current enrollment for the 2019-2020 academic year is at 420.

**Curriculum/Staff Development:**

An updated staff development plan was provided for the board.

**Federal Programs Update:**

VP Bonds updated the board on a couple of items regarding EC/Federal Programs. The EC audit has been completed and is in good standing. This audit is on a 5-yr cycle. The final report will be available on September 18, 2019. She reviewed several handouts with the board. ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act), a policy that helps ensure success for every school and student, Title I fund notification that parents received, BGCS Parent Involvement Policy as well as Title I School-Parent-Student-Teacher Compact notification were briefly discussed.

**Buildings and Grounds:**

Jackie Harrison, maintenance supervisor, provided the board with an update on the buildings and grounds. The board was provided with a quote for replacing the windows in the high school wing. He is waiting a quote for the brick and mortar portion of enclosing the area in front of the café and the bathroom at the end of the high school hall. The backside of the café has been painted. Trenching is taking place at the ballfield for new cables. These will take place of the overhead cables and will allow live streaming of the ballgames. On-line payment for lunch ordering is being explored.

**Technology:**

All classrooms are now equipped with interactive boards. The BGCS PTSA purchased 4 of the boards.

**Public Relations:**

No updates or discussions took place.

**Accountability (Academic):**

The board had a handout on the 2018-19 Accountability Framework. This provided basic information on how test data is used under the state's ESSA State Plan. Principal Moore shared a PowerPoint with the board of the 2018-19 BGCS test results. She was very pleased with the overall performance of the students and the rankings compared to the state as well as our feeder counties.

**Student Services:**

No updates or discussions took place.

**Child Nutrition:**

As mentioned in the buildings and grounds update, on-line ordering for lunch is being explored.

**Transportation:**

Rodgers Elementary is no longer available as a pickup point for the bus riders. Rodgers sees this as a liability since students were being dropped off without parental supervision before the bus arrived to pick them up.

**Athletics:**

The board received the sports club budget via email earlier in the month. Principal Moore reviewed volunteer coaches with the board. A **motion** was made to accept the volunteer coaches as discussed.

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

**Other Discussion:**

Officers Drew and Peed from the Martin County Sheriff’s Office discussed the incident that occurred at school and the purpose of an SRO. They stated that the incident had been investigated and found no threat to BGCS. Principal Moore reviewed a quote for an SRO that Sheriff Manning had provided. A decision regarding an SRO for BGCS will be addressed at the next board meeting.

**Finance:**

An updated budget report was provided for the board.

**Human Resources:**

Principal Moore informed the board that the contract had been signed by the Intervention Specialist.

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 6:50 PM, the board entered closed session.

The board came out of closed session at 7:29 PM. **Motion:** Charlotte, Second: Georgia.

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


The next scheduled board meeting will be on October 21 at 6:00 PM in the Bear Grass Charter School media center.

**Adjournment:**

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

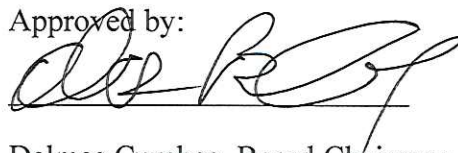
The meeting was adjourned by Delmas Cumbee, Chairman at 7:29 PM.

Minutes submitted by:

  
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Pam Gibbs, Secretary

Approved by:

  
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Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman