

Bear Grass Charter School Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes December 16, 2019

Opening:

The Bear Grass Charter School Board met on December 16, 2019 at the Bear Grass Charter School media center, Bear Grass, NC. Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

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
The minutes from the October 21, 2019 meeting were approved.
Motion: Georgia, Second: Charlotte. Motion passed.
Special Recognition: The following students were recognized for the Character Education Trait of Citizenship.
Middle School: Tanner Harrison
High School: Dean Williams

Sarah Lawrence, Ag Ed instructor was in the top 28 finalists for Beginning Teacher of the Year. She has received her third grant that she has applied for. This grant will provide seeds to be utilized in the greenhouse.

Public Comment:

No updates or discussions took place.

Student Enrollment:

Student enrollment for BGCS is currently 418 students. Enrollment period for the 2020-2021 academic year is January 1-February 1, 2020. The lottery will be held on February 25, 2020. Enrollment will be based on 420 students with 60 slots for 6th grade students.

Curriculum/Staff Development:

An updated staff development plan was provided for the board.

Federal Programs Update:

The first Title I-V audit will take place February 10-14. Beginning teacher audit will take place January 15.

Buildings and Grounds:

Jackie Harrison, maintenance supervisor, provided the board with an update on buildings and grounds. The assembly of the greenhouse has been completed. Rock has been added for drainage. Minor issues with buses, such as door closure and brakes. He has received a quote for closing in the boy's bathroom with brick on the high school hall. The press box steps at the baseball field are going to be redone. Painting will take place on the back of the sponsor board. Quotes have been received for sounds panels for the gym. Installation of these may take place the week of Easter.

Technology:

Cameras have been installed in the gym for live streaming. Discussion took place for a potential charge for live streaming. Possibly \$10 a month or \$69 a year.

Public Relations:

No updates or discussions took place.

Accountability (Academic):

Principal Moore provided a handout and reviewed the EVASS data by staff member. She informed the board that BGCS Ranked in the top 10% across the state for the 2018-2019 school year for testing.

PreACT results for the 10th graders have been received. 23 out of 55 students scored above. The next ACT test will be held February 25.

Student Services:

No updates or discussions took place.

Child Nutrition:

Mrs. Riffle will be meeting with K&W cafeteria to discuss menu items for the spring semester.

Transportation:

Principal Moore discussed the need for a school car for staff. Also, a van or smaller bus is needed for school clubs. The board advised her to check with the insurance company and with DPI as far as a van or small bus.

Athletics:

Coaching Contracts were discussed and approved for basketball and football. Nick Cumbee, assistant coach Boys BB, Kelvin Rawls, varsity Girls BB, Steve Barnes, assistant coach HS Girls BB, Derrick Milton, assistant coach Boys BB, and JaQuavion Bridges, assistant coach varsity Boys FB. A **motion** was made to accept coaching contracts as discussed.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Georgia. Motion passed.

Other Discussion:

Principal Moore discussed Senate Bill 621 Graduation Project with the board. This bill allows for a \$75 refund to disadvantaged students on graduation projects.

BGCS performed great on the recent lockdown held by the Martin County Sheriff's Office.

Finance:

An updated budget report was provided for the board. The audit was submitted in a timely fashion and it was a clean audit. Discussion took place among the board regarding the current auditor. A **motion** was made to continue with Les Merritt, CPA-CFP as the 2021-2021 BGCS auditor.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Phil. Motion passed.

Human Resources:

Principal Moore provided the board with the survey results regarding the SRO. A brief discussion took place among the board and a **motion** was made to table the discussion and final decision on the SRO until the January board meeting.

Motion: Frank, Second: Georgia. Motion passed.

Pursuant to General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(5) and 143-318.11(a)(6), a motion was made by Frank, seconded by Charlotte and passed unanimously, for the board to go into closed session to discuss human resources. At 6:42 PM, the board entered closed session.

The board came out of closed session at 7:02 PM. Motion: Frank, Second: Phil.

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

The next scheduled board meeting will be on January 21, 2020 at 6:00 PM in the Bear Grass Charter School media center.

Adjournment:

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

The meeting was adjourned by Delmas Cumbee, Chairman at 7:02 PM.

Minutes submitted by:

Pam Gibbs, Secretary

Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman