



Bear Grass Charter School Board Meeting

**Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2020**

Opening:

The Bear Grass Charter School Board met on February 17, 2020 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

The minutes from the January 21, 2020 meeting were approved.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Georgia. Motion passed.

Special Recognition:

The following students were recognized for the Character Education Trait of Honesty.

Middle School: Alan Salazar

High School: Gunter Clark

Public Comment:

No updates or discussions took place.

Student Enrollment:

A handout was provided for the board detailing the home counties of the 102 applicants for the 2020-2021 academic year.

The lottery will be held Tuesday February 25, 2020.

Curriculum/Staff Development:

An updated staff development plan was provided for the board.

Training took place over a 2-day period for the RISE Program. This program is a 3-year process to complete. A self-assessment took place during this time. Principal Moore is waiting for feedback on the assessment.

EC and Federal Programs Update:

VP Bonds updated the board on EC items. One of the EC teachers will retire at the end of this school year. She stated that they may look for a part-time staff member for this position.

Teachers in this area are hard to recruit.

The audit that took place on February 13, 2020 for Title I was clean. The next audit will be in 4 years.

Buildings and Grounds:

Jackie Harrison, maintenance supervisor, provided the board with an update on buildings and grounds. He has received 2 quotes from different vendors on sound panels for the gym. These can be installed during the week of Easter while students are on break. Discussions took place on the vendors as well as the quality of the panels.

A **motion** was made to approve the purchase and installation of the sound panels in the gym.

Motion: Phil, Second: Georgia. Motion passed.

Bus inspections are due this month. The floor in the middle school auditorium is still in need of repair. He's hoping to have the repair completed next month. A discussion took place on overhauling the tennis courts. He has gotten a quote in the past which was quite costly. It was decided to table this to the 2020-2021 budget. The Buildings and Grounds Committee was brought up in discussion. This committee needs to be reinstated to create a timeline for future projects.

Heather Wilkerson, Sports Club President, discussed items on which the club may be able to assist on. She mentioned about the club putting monies into a reserve account to earmark for a practice gym.

Technology:

No updates or discussions took place.

Accountability (Academic):

ACT testing will take place on February 25, 2020 for 11th graders. Principal Moore provided the board with the BT (Beginning Teacher) audit. There were no areas of concern within the audit. Principal Moore discussed Policy 302.2 (Admission Priority) with the board. She provided the State Policy 115C-218.45 (Admission Requirements) for comparison. A brief discussion took place on the policies.

A **motion** was made to have BGCS admission priority policy to reflect the state policy.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Phil. Motion passed.

Student Services:

Starting in 2021, graduation will require an ACT score of 22 or a reading score of 480 on the SAT. 9th graders will have to take World History and follow up with American History I & II.

Child Nutrition:

Zaxby is being explored as a lunch option.

Transportation:

A bus is being donated which the carpentry class will convert into a tiny house. As of January 26, 2020 BGCS, joined Alcohol and Drug testing for all bus drivers.

Athletics:

Spring Sports have begun on campus.

Other Discussion:

A discussion took place to amend the 2020-2021 school calendar. February 12, 2021 will be a schoology day.

A **motion** was made to amend the 2020-2021 school calendar.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Kent. Motion passed.

Finance:

An updated budget report was provided for the board.

Human Resources:

The SRO MOU will not be signed until it is validated what the grant money must be used for. Does it have to be used for salary or equipment for the SRO?

Pursuant to General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(5) and 143-318.11(a)(6), a motion was made by Charlotte, seconded by Frank 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 7:01 PM. **Motion:** Charlotte, Second: Frank.

No discussions took place that required motions after the board came out of closed session:

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

Adjournment:

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

The meeting was adjourned by Delmas Cumbee, Chairman at 7:01 PM.

Minutes submitted by:



Pam Gibbs, Secretary

Approved by:



Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman