



Bear Grass Charter School Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2022

Opening:

The Bear Grass Charter School Board met on February 21, 2022, in the BGCS media center. Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Present:

- Delmas Cumbee ● Frank Beck ● Phil Hodges ● Constance Cumbee
- Pam Gibbs ● Charlotte Griffin ● Georgia Smallwood ● Leigh Ann Long

Guests:

- Donna Moore – Bear Grass Charter School Principal
- ~~Mary Beth Bonds~~, Bear Grass Charter School Assistant Principal

The minutes from the January 10, 2022, meeting were approved.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Phil. Motion passed.

The minutes from the called December 6, 2021, meeting were approved.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Phil. Motion passed.

Special Recognition:

The following students were recognized for the Character Ed trait of Honesty.

Middle School: Hunter Allen
Jessalyn Moore—not present

Public Comment:

Nick Weaver, a concerned parent, voiced his concerns on the mask mandate. Since the Governor has relaxed the mask mandate, Mr. Weaver would like the mask requirement to become optional. Jerry Rogerson, community member, expressed his view on the need for a second full-time P.E. teacher position. Then, he feels, advanced P.E. classes could be offered to build speed and agility of our students. Also, this could aid our coaching crisis as well as build better relations

throughout the community. Another option could be to offer better incentives for staff to coach. A requirement to coach should be to attend coaches meeting in Greensboro.

Student Enrollment:

Sixty applications were received for the 6th grade. A wait list lottery will be held March 7th @5:30. Discussion took place as to where to pull an additional eight students from to make the total population four hundred twenty. Siblings from the 8th, 9th, and 11th grades and two applications from the 9th grade wait list was recommended. After a brief discussion, a **motion** was made to accept the recommendation of the pulling of additional students.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Frank. Motion passed.

Curriculum/Staff Development:

An initial quote was provided for the board on new STEM labs for the 2022-2023 academic year. Architectural Design, Biotechnology, Digital Electronics and Weatherization are the labs Mr. Beirne is interested in. Mr. Beirne and Roger Kennedy, rep for Paxton Patterson, have additional meetings scheduled and more information will be available for the board.

EC and Federal Programs Update:

New monies have been received for ESSER funding.

PRC-193 \$1357 this is for Gaggle, which is a red-flag website application for profanity, inappropriate, cyberbullying

PRC-192 \$4342 this is for Net Support (maintenance and updates)

A **motion** was made to approve these expenditures as discussed for PRC – 193 and PRC – 192.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Constance. Motion passed.

Some funding has had the expenditure deadline extended to December 31, 2024.

No updates took place for EC.

Buildings and Grounds:

Jackie Harrison, maintenance supervisor, provided the board with an update on buildings and grounds. He discussed some summer projects on his agenda. Repairing weak floors in the auditorium and the main office. Replacing the tile floor in the gym at the back entrance. Adding a dropped ceiling to the hallway in the gym. He wants to get a quote for replacing the windows in building 200. An asbestos inspection took place last Friday. While the inspector was here, he had them check other areas. He is still waiting on the report from that. New yellow school bus should be here by the Spring. Price quote for the tennis courts is still locked in through the summer.

Technology:

IT Manager Tony Hale provided an update on technology. New fiber is now active, updated from 1000 gig to 10,000 gig which allows for more data to be moved back and forth as well as increased stability. He is still waiting on access points to update Wi-Fi. New firewall provided by NCDPI has been installed. Phasing in new Chromebooks in that all students will have new ones by the beginning of the new school year.

Public Relations:

No updates or discussion took place.

Accountability (Academic):

Principal Moore reviewed the 2020-2021 EOC Test results with the board. She broke down the scores in bar graph comparison to the state and our feeder/surrounding counties. She was pleased overall with our student performance. ACT testing will be held on March 1st. Principal Moore reviewed the BGCS EOC/EOG Summer Program May/June 2022 with the board. Corrections were pointed out for page two—Students must attend 3 out of 4 remediation days will be change to 2 out of 3 remediation days. A **motion** was made to accept the BGCS EOC/EOG Summer Program May/June 2022 as discussed with corrections.

Motion: Frank, Second: Phil. Motion passed.

Student Services:

No updates or discussion tool place.

Child Nutrition:

No updates or discussion took place.

Transportation:

Updates discussed during buildings and grounds.

Athletics:

Principal Moore advised the board of volunteer/coaching contracts for Spring Sports.

Scorekeeper—MS Baseball Timothy Whitaker (Volunteer)

Weightlifting Coach—Jason Tate (Volunteer)

Coach—HS Softball—Danny Webb

Assistant Coach—JV Baseball –Matthew Watson

Assistant Coach—HS Softball—Lauren Foell

Coach—Boys Tennis—Scott Clinefelter

Assistant Coach—JV Baseball—Mark Gurganus

A **motion** was made to accept the sporting contracts as listed/discussed.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Leigh Ann. Motion passed.

Other Discussion:

As of today, two students are out due to covid related issues.

Principal Moore provided the most recent version of the StrongSchoolsNC Public Health Toolkit (K-12). She highlighted pages 13-14 in the toolkit which referenced Covid criteria to return to school. While reviewing this information a motion was made regarding masks.

A **motion** was made to make masks optional for school functions except for bus transportation which is required by Federal mandate.

Motion: Frank, Second: Phil. Motion passed.

Principal Moore provided a draft version of the 2022-2023 BGCS calendar. She will share with staff and will bring to the board for final approval.

Finance:

Brief discussion regarding the budget for the 2021-2022 academic year took place. Chairman Cumbee advised the board of the new auditor, Rebekah Barr for the school. She will replace Les Merritt.

A **motion** was made to accept the new auditor.

Motion: Frank, Second: Phil. Motion passed.

Human Resources:

Business vacancy is posted on BGCS website.

Pursuant to General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(5) and 143-318.11(a)(6), a motion was made by Charlotte, seconded by Constance, and passed unanimously, for the board to go into closed session to discuss human resources and discipline issues. At 7:04 PM, the board entered closed session.

The board came out of closed session at 7:52 PM. **Motion:** Phil, Second: Charlotte.

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

The next scheduled board meeting will be on March 21, 2022, at 6:00 PM.

Adjournment:

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

The meeting was adjourned by Delmas Cumbee, Chairman at 7:53 PM.

Minutes submitted by:

Pamela C. Gibbs

Pam Gibbs, Secretary

Approved by:

Delmas Cumbee

Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman