



**Bear Grass Charter School Board Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes  
February 15, 2021**

**Opening:**

The Bear Grass Charter School Board met on February 15, 2021 in the BGCS media center. Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**Present:**

- Delmas Cumbee    Frank Beck    Kay Hester    Phil Hodges
- Pam Gibbs    Charlotte Griffin    Georgia Smallwood    Constance Cumbee

**Guests:**

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

The minutes from the January 19, 2021 meeting were approved.

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

**Special Recognition:**

Several band members auditioned virtually for the Eastern District NC Honors Band. Hannah Holliday won seventh chair trombone and Noah Abel won first chair euphonium which makes him eligible for the State Honors Band.

**Public Comment:**

No updates or discussion took place.

**Student Enrollment:**

Principal Moore reviewed the 2021-2022 application count with the board. All applications for the sixth grade will be honored. The extra slots will be offered to seventh grade and then to the eighth grade applications.

**Curriculum/Staff Development:**

Staff development will be acquired virtually for the 2020-2021 academic year. All staff members are current through June 30, 2021.

**EC and Federal Programs Update:**

Title I Curriculum Night will be held in March. Final date to be determined as well as the medium. Virtual versus a drive through event. Monies have been received for two PRC grants—Specialize Support and After-School. All staff had to participate in a webinar on February 4<sup>th</sup> as part of a statewide corrective action against EC MTSS. Staff are completing a survey for at-risk students.

**Buildings and Grounds:**

Jackie Harrison, maintenance supervisor, provided the board with an update on buildings and grounds. Desk shields have been installed for each teacher. Ag-Ed teacher Lawrence received a utility grant that will provide a barn to store greenhouse supplies. Buses are due inspections. He has received some quotes on the middle school building roof, café and flat part of the gym. The auditorium floor still needs to be reinforced. A discussion took place about changing the auditorium into classrooms. He will have updated bids for this project for the next board meeting.

**Technology:**

IT Manager Tony Hale updated the board with several improvements and enhancements he has implemented on over the last few months. (bullet points below)

- New Server Installed w/ newest Windows OS
- Lockncharge Cart
- Anywhere Sanitation Care
- Two new Pixellot camera systems
- Dell POE Network Switches and Rack mountable UPS
- Schoology Enterprise version
- Dell switch in building 200 replaced
- Google Workspace upgrade to Enterprise for Education
- Gaggle installed and configured for Students

**Public Relations:**

No updates or discussion took place.

**Accountability (Academic):**

ACT testing will take place February 23. Principal Moore made the board aware that the template has been updated for BTSP. After a brief discussion, a **motion** was made to accept the updated template.

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

Staff are completing an At-Risk student survey. This survey is due February 22, 2021, Principal Moore provided and reviewed the 2021-2022 GPA and Grade Scale Automation handout from NCDPI. The purpose is to lessen manual data entry in PowerSchool.

**Student Services:**

No updates or discussion took place.

**Child Nutrition:**

No updates or discussion took place.

**Transportation:**

No updates or discussion took place.

**Athletics:**

Coach contracts were discussed for soccer, baseball, softball. A **motion** was made to accept all coach contracts as discussed.

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

**Other Discussion:**

Principal Moore updated the board on the status of the BGCS Charter renewal. A virtual site visit will take place on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Art Teacher Rice provided a video that will be a part of the charter renewal site visit. The video featured many different aspects of our school as well as a virtual visit.

Principal Moore provided the board with the 2021-2022 BGCS calendar. A **motion** was made to accept the calendar as presented.

**Motion:** Constance, Second: Frank. Motion passed.

Principal Moore informed the board of a field trip that staff members Buck and Moore are proposing for students to France/Italy/Switzerland. The board members requested additional information before a final decision could be made.

**Finance:**

Brief discussion regarding the budget for the 2020-2021 academic year took place. The 2019-2020 Financial Audit was presented to the board. The audit was received as a clean opinion and was a state accepted audit.

**Human Resources:**

Interviews have taken place for an ELA 8<sup>th</sup> grade position.

Pursuant to General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(5) and 143-318.11(a)(6), a motion was made by Charlotte seconded by Delmas and passed unanimously, for the board to go into closed session to discuss human resources and discipline issues. At 6:57 PM, the board entered closed session.

The board came out of closed session at 7:22 PM. **Motion:** Charlotte, **Second:** Frank.

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

The next scheduled board meeting will be on March 15, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

**Adjournment:**

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

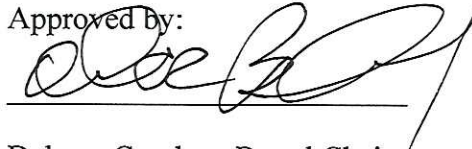
The meeting was adjourned by Delmas Cumbee, Chairman at 7:23 PM.

Minutes submitted by:

  
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Pam Gibbs, Secretary

Approved by:

  
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Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman