



Bear Grass Charter School Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2022

Opening:

The Bear Grass Charter School Board met on January 10, 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

Guests:

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

The minutes from the November 22, 2021, meeting were approved.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Georgia. Motion passed.

Special Recognition:

The following students were recognized for the Character Ed trait of Kindness and Caring.

Middle School: Jonathan Price

Mario Hernandez—Citizenship for the month of November

High School: Curtis Rogers—not present

Public Comment:

No discussions or updates took place.

Student Enrollment:

2022-2023 BGCS Academic Year application is posted on school website. The application is available January 1, 2022 – February 3, 2022. Sixty vacancies are advertised for the 6th grade. If required, a lottery will be held in March.

Curriculum/Staff Development:

Staff development is going back to face to face for the 2021-2022 academic year.

A listing of professional development was provided for the board.

Principal Moore and Mr. Beirne have spoken with Roger Kennedy, rep for Paxton Patterson, regarding new STEM Labs for the upcoming academic year. Information will be available at the February/March board meeting and will order by May.

EC and Federal Programs Update:

VP Bonds updated the board on Federal Programs. PRC 173 (Telehealth/Mental Health) received an additional \$2.00 in funding. Acadia will adjust the budget for Guidance/Contract services. PRC 171 (assist public schools during and after the coronavirus pandemic) received an additional \$251.00 in funding. Acadia will budget the funds toward summer learning. PRC 181 has a budget request to move \$6000 from mental health services toward supplementing PRC 203 (Covid Bonuses).

EC December headcount was thirty-eight.

Buildings and Grounds:

Jackie Harrison, maintenance supervisor, provided the board with an update on buildings and grounds. Softball scoreboard has been installed as well as the sprinklers. Baseball sprinklers were inspected and fixed. Tiles have been repaired in classrooms for Hines and Lawrence. The new scoreboard table for the gym should be in next week. Buses are due inspection next month. Heating issue in the gym which appears to be electrical.

Technology:

IT Manager Tony Hale provided an update via Principal Moore on technology. Floor rack moved from front office to server room. The firewall and state provided router has been moved to server room. Installed new UPS, fiber switch and removed spare cables. A new wall mounted rack was installed in front office. NCDPI installed firewall. New access point was installed in band room as well as a new wireless microphone system in gym unit.

Public Relations:

No updates or discussion took place.

Accountability (Academic):

EOC Testing Semester 1 results will be reviewed in closed session. ACT testing is scheduled for March 1, 2022. BGCS was recognized by the State Board for 2021 Graduation Rate of 100%.

Student Services:

VP Bonds requested approval for the bands annual overnight trip to the outer banks for the St. Patrick's Day parade for March 19-20, 2022.

A **motion** was made to approve the overnight trip for the BGCS Band in March as discussed.

Motion: Phil, Second: Constance. Motion passed.

Child Nutrition:

Hot Lunch Box has started for this spring semester. Student lunches are now ordered and paid for online. The students have more options available now.

Transportation:

Updates discussed during buildings and grounds.

Athletics:

Middle School basketball has been quarantined. Principal Moore has spoken with each coach and made them aware that masks must be worn in order to continue to play.

Other Discussion:

COVID Updates

Prom will be held March 25, 2022, at Yankee Hall. This venue has an air purification system that filters 99.8%. A brief discussion was held regarding mask requirement for this event. A decision was made to not require masks; however, this is subject to change.

Four staff members and twenty-one 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 15-16 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 continue mask requirement on school campus.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Constance. Motion passed.

Finance:

Brief discussion regarding the budget for the 2021-2022 academic year took place.

Human Resources:

Health/PE 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 Georgia, and passed unanimously, for the board to go into closed session to discuss human resources and discipline issues. At 6:23 PM, the board entered closed session.

The board came out of closed session at 6:42 PM. **Motion:** Phil, Second: Georgia.

The following motions were required after the board came out of closed session.

A **motion** to approve retro-pay for data manager as discussed.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Georgia. Motion passed.

A **motion** to accept new board member as presented.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Constance. Motion passed.

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

Adjournment:

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

The meeting was adjourned by Delmas Cumbee, Chairman at 6:50 PM.

Minutes submitted by:



Pam Gibbs, Secretary

Approved by:



Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman