



Bear Grass Charter School Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2020

Opening:

The Bear Grass Charter School Board met on November 16, 2020 at 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 October 26, 2020 meeting were approved.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Frank. Motion passed.

Special Recognition:

A power point showcasing several staff demonstrating their remote learning was presented. Actual lesson plans were shown. AgEd Instructor Lawrence has been nominated for the National Award for Young Teachers.

Public Comment:

No updates or discussion took place.

Student Enrollment:

Online applications for the 2021-2022 academic year will open on January 1, 2021.

Curriculum/Staff Development:

Seven staff members are in the process of acquiring their CEU's virtually for the 2020-2021 academic year.

EC and Federal Programs Update:

VP Bonds updated the board on a couple of Federal Programs. WIFI will be available on the buses to enable students to work on classwork while traveling for games. External WIFI is currently being collaborated with IT Manager, Tony Hale. The bell system for the campus is being upgraded. This new system will include alerts for fire, active shooter as well as tornados. Records for ECats are in compliance with the state. The twelve PRC COVID-19 monies will be spent by December.

Buildings and Grounds:

Jackie Harrison, maintenance supervisor, provided the board with an update on buildings and grounds. One of the yellow buses had a fuel leak and had to be towed. There have been a few water leaks in the middle school building. Board Member Beck gave a brief overview of a COVID-19 cleaning proposal from Rainbow International. This company provides disinfecting services if/when needed due to a COVID-19 outbreak.

Technology:

IT Manager Tony Hale was not available for an update on Technology.

Public Relations:

No updates or discussion took place.

Accountability (Academic):

Principal Moore briefly discussed new policies that will need to be implemented in the very near future. She has been in contact with the school's lawyer regarding these policies and she will have templates for the January meeting. These policies include Title IX, Sex Trafficking Prevention & Training and Mental Health Plans & Training. Training for staff has already taken place.

EOC & CTE testing will take place on campus December 14-18.

Student Services:

No updates or discussion took place.

Child Nutrition:

Any student that presents to campus without lunch has it provided for them.

Transportation:

House to house stops are being made for remote learning.

Athletics:

Athletics that are taking place now are volleyball, cross-country and middle school soccer. Volleyball must be played with masks on. Spectators for indoor arenas are capped at twenty-five while outdoor venues are capped at one hundred. The indoor spectators must be COVID-19 screened prior to admission.

Other Discussion:

Principal Moore reviewed items that have been submitted as of November 12, 2020 for the BGCS charter renewal process. BGCS will have two site visits this academic year. One of these visits will be virtual. No dates have been provided yet. All data required for the Epicenter is compliant through February 28, 2021.

Finance:

A brief discussion regarding the budget for the 2020-2021 academic year took place.

Human Resources:

Several vacancies will be posted for the 2021-2022 academic year due to pending retirements.

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 6:48 PM, the board entered closed session.

The board came out of closed session at 6:54 PM. **Motion:** Charlotte, Second: Phil.

The following motion was required once the board came out of closed session.

A **motion** was made to approve a one-time bonus across the board as discussed.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Constance. Motion passed.

The next scheduled board meeting will be on January 19, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

Adjournment:

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

The meeting was adjourned by Delmas Cumbee, Chairman at 6:58 PM.

Minutes submitted by:

Pam Gibbs

Pam Gibbs, Secretary

Approved by:

Delmas Cumbee

Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman