



Bear Grass Charter School Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2020

Opening:

The Bear Grass Charter School Board met on September 21, 2020 in the media center at BGCS. Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Present:

- Delmas Cumbee ● Frank Beck ● Kay Hester ● 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 August 17, 2020 meeting were approved.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Georgia. Motion passed.

Agenda Amended

Other Discussion Item: add New Board Member

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Phil. Motion passed.

Special Recognition:

Principal Moore started the meeting off with a special acknowledgment to the BGCS Staff, Students and Parents for all their dedication and support during the school year thus far. Maneuvering the school year during COVID has been an enlightening task.

Public Comment:

Several parents and a student were in attendance and had a chance to voice their concerns regarding online classes versus in person classes. The board listened to their apprehensions and thanked all for attending.

Student Enrollment:

Student enrollment for the 2020-2021 academic year is 420 students.

Curriculum/Staff Development:

Staff development will be acquired virtually for the 2020-2021 academic year. Admin Support Prettyman is meeting with each staff member that needs CPU's and keeping them on task.

EC and Federal Programs Update:

VP Bonds had to leave unexpectedly and was not able to provide an update on the EC and Federal Programs.

Buildings and Grounds:

Jackie Harrison, maintenance supervisor, provided the board with an update on buildings and grounds. He reported that a couple of the buses have had the foam and covers replaced on the seats. The Ag barn is scheduled to have wire and water ran to it this week. The high school hall that has been bricked in will have doors installed as well.

Technology:

IT Manager Hale is working on expenditures for the five PRC received from the state. An allotted amount must be spent by the end of the year.

Public Relations:

No updates or discussion took place.

Accountability (Academic):

Principal Moore provided the board with a teacher survey pertaining to the 2nd Nine Weeks. Majority of staff wants to remain virtual. She voiced some of the staff's concerns and suggestions. Discussion took place among the board and Principal Moore and a decision was made to keep the 2nd Nine Weeks as remote learning.

Student Services:

No updates or discussion took place.

Child Nutrition:

No updates or discussion took place.

Transportation:

No updates or discussion took place.

Athletics:

An update from the NCHSAA allows sporting events to start in November. This will include Cross Country and Volleyball. Football will start in February. Coaching contracts will be discussed in closed session. Sports Club has mailed out Golden Bear Letters for sponsorships.

Other Discussion:

Constance Cumbee was present and stated her request to join the BGSC Board. Principal Moore discussed a COVID -19 handout from NCDPI. The handout addressed how to communicate positive cases in school. A brief discussion took place on streamlining Senior Projects for the 2020-2021 academic year. The length of the essay paper was reduced from 7 pages to 3-5 pages, the presentation will be virtual, and the product will not have to be created.

A **motion** was made to amend the Senior Project for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Phil. Motion passed.

Finance:

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

Human Resources:

No updates or discussions took place.

Pursuant to General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(5) and 143-318.11(a)(6), a motion was made by Charlotte, seconded by Phil, and passed unanimously, for the board to go into closed session to discuss human resources. At 7:23 PM, the board entered closed session.

The board came out of closed session at 7:48 PM. **Motion:** Charlotte, Second: Phil.

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

A **motion** was made to renew existing board members reappointments for a three-year term.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Phil. Motion passed.

A **motion** was made to add/accept new board member as vetted in meeting.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Phil. Motion passed.

A **motion** was made to approve the sports coaching contracts as presented.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Phil. Motion passed.

The next scheduled board meeting will be on October 19, 2020 at 6:00 PM at the BGCS media center.

Adjournment:

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

The meeting was adjourned by Delmas Cumbee, Chairman at 7:50 PM.

Minutes submitted by:

Pam Gibbs

Pam Gibbs, Secretary

Approved by:

Delmas Cumbee

Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman