



Bear Grass Charter School Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2022

Opening:

The Bear Grass Charter School Board met on June 20, 2022, at the BGCS media center. Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Present:

- Delmas Cumbee
- Frank Beek
- Phil Hodges
- Constance Cumbee
- Pam Gibbs
- Charlotte Griffin
- Georgia Smallwood
- Leigh Ann Long
- Donna Moore

Guests:

- Mary Beth Bonds— Bear Grass Charter School Principal
- Vacant—Bear Grass Charter School Assistant Principal

The minutes from the May 16, 2022, meeting were approved.

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

Special Recognition:

The Lady Bears finished in first place in the Eastern Regional which advanced them to the State Championship. This was the first time that the Lady Bears had made it to the State Championship. They played hard however they fell short of advancing beyond the first round. A big shout out to our Lady Bears! They represented BGCS well and made us all Proud to Be A Bear!

Public Comment:

No discussions took place.

Student Enrollment:

Student headcount for the 2022-2023 academic year is 429.

Curriculum/Staff Development:

Sixth grade orientation will be held on July 20th. One parent will be allowed to accompany the student for orientation. Spanish textbooks are up for renewal. These will be a six-year edition. Mr. Beirne was only able to add the drone lab to the STEM Lab due to the company's inability to

offer all necessary supplies for the other labs. To operate the drone, Mr. Beirne will have to take an aviation course. Mr. Blend has been attending athletic meetings and has learned that the NCHSAA is requiring all schools to use DragonFly. This replaces Arbiter which is a program utilized to secure officials for sporting events. Principal Bonds discussed Final Forms. This is a sports management program that Ms. Moore initiated last year. This program links to Power School and can be utilized for any programs at BGCS.

EC and Federal Programs Update:

ESSER Funding—No updates reported by Principal Bonds.

EC Update—Principal Bonds informed the board that the EC Grant was submitted on June 15, 2022. There are eight new 6th grade EC students and two new 7th grade EC students for the 2022-2023 academic year.

Buildings and Grounds:

Jackie Harrison, Maintenance Supervisor, updated the board on buildings and grounds. He provided the board with a draft blueprint of the new classrooms that will replace the auditorium. The floor has been removed and repair work is being done to strengthen the support beams for the flooring. The windows on the high school wing could not be completed due to materials not being available. Windows in the gym will be closed in over the summer. He has a quote to resurface the tennis courts. The quote does not include fencing or a third court. He will check on fencing price.

A **motion** was made to approve the expenditure to resurface the existing tennis courts.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Phil. Motion passed.

A quote was unable to be received for the enclosure of the business/art building. A storage building for the existing concrete pad has been ordered for the baseball field.

Technology:

Mr. Hale via Principal Bond updated the board that the computer labs are due for updating. Mr. Hale met with Mr. Nick Cumbee to evaluate the preferred set up of the lab prior to replacing the computers. Desk top models will be ordered for the lab as Mr. Cumbee feels that these will offer better monitoring of the students during classroom time.

Public Relations:

No updates or discussion took place.

Accountability (Academic):

Principal Bonds shared some unofficial test data with the board. She informed the board that BGCS was elevated in all areas. The board members congratulated Mrs. Bonds, staff as well as the students for their hard work during the school year.

Student Services:

No updates or discussion took place.

Child Nutrition:

No updates or discussion took place.

Transportation:

The new yellow bus may be here by September – November.

Athletics:

No updates or discussions took place. Discussion tabled until August meeting.

Other Discussion:

A brief discussion took place regarding masks.

A **motion** was made to keep masks optional.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Phil. Motion passed.

Safety—Buildings with the exception of the business/art wing will be locked during class time for the 2022-2023 school year.

Dress Code—The SIT team has revised the dress code. A brief discussion took place on the dress code. Shirt length was the main focus. Shirts tended to get shorter and shorter with leggings and this needed to be tackled.

A **motion** was made to amend dress code with policy changes as discussed.

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

Calendar Amendment—Principal Bonds reviewed the 2022-2023 BGCS Calendar with the board.

A **motion** was made to accept the 2022-2023 BGCS Calendar as discussed.

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

Principal Bonds informed the board that by the request of the General Assembly, BGCS must report a staff retention survey. This survey includes total number of staff retained (46), staff returning, (42) staff leaving on their own (4) and staff leaving by BGCS choice (1). This was submitted on June 15, 2022.

Principal Bonds advised the board that BGCS is required to keep \$50,000 in an escrow account to cover staff retirement if BGCS should ever close. This requirement are for charter schools that are over their ten-year anniversary.

As of June 15, 2022, Principal Bonds submitted ADM (Average Daily Membership) count in EpiCenter.

Finance:

Review and discussion of the 2022-2023 BGCS proposed budget took place.

A **motion** was made to accept the 2022-2023 BGCS Budget as discussed.

Motion: Phil, Second: Charlotte. Motion passed.

The budget for the 2021-2022 was reviewed. Any amendments will be conveyed to Acadia to adjust accordingly.

A **motion** was made to approve any necessary amendments to the 2021-2022 budget.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Delmas. Motion passed.

The contract for Acadia was approved to be extended for a one-year contract.

A **motion** was made to approve the contract for Acadia for one year.

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

A brief discussion took place regarding the school property lease from the educational foundation. Consensus was to keep lease as currently set up.

A **motion** was made to lease school property from same landlord.

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

Human Resources:

There are currently no vacancies.

Staff has been hired for MS Math and HS ELA positions. MS Math is Stephanie Hendrix and HS ELA is Melissa Barber.

Our new AP Patricia Speller will start on July 1, 2022.

No discussions were required for the board to enter closed session.

The next scheduled board meeting will be on August 15, 2022, at 6:00 PM.

Adjournment:

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

The meeting was adjourned by Delmas Cumbee, Chairman at 7:05 PM.

Minutes submitted by:



Pam Gibbs, Secretary

Approved by:



Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman