



**Bear Grass Charter School Board Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes**

**May 16, 2022**

**Opening:**

The Bear Grass Charter School Board met on May 16, 2022, at 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   ● Leigh Ann Long

**Guests:**

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

The minutes from the April 11, 2022, meeting were approved.

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

**Special Recognition:**

The following student was recognized for the character ed trait of Good Judgement.

Middle School: Logan Lee

**Public Comment:**

Community Member Jerry Rogerson spoke on his desire to have an additional P.E. teacher.

**Student Enrollment:**

Student headcount for the 2022-2023 academic year is 426. Students were pulled from the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade wait list.

**Curriculum/Staff Development:**

Mr. Beirne is still working with Roger Kennedy on the STEM Lab additions for upcoming academic year. A Drone Exploration Lab was added to the class agenda. An update will be provided by VP Bonds at the June board meeting.

The Robotics Grant was submitted the week of May 9<sup>th</sup>. This is a competitive grant and is an after-school program. Decision will be announced in July 2022.

**EC and Federal Programs Update:**

ESSER Funding—VP Bonds discussed the McKinney-Vento Dispute Resolution Policy with the board. This policy acknowledges that disputes may occur between the PSUs and the parent/legal guardian regarding eligibility, school selection or enrollment decisions. The policy includes dispute resolutions.

A brief discussion took place on the policy and a **motion** was made to accept the McKinney-Vento Dispute Resolution Policy as discussed.

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

EC Update—no updates or discussion took place.

**Buildings and Grounds:**

Jackie Harrison, Maintenance Supervisor, updated the board on buildings and grounds. He discussed the renovation of the auditorium in the middle school building into additional classrooms. The addition of a larger office for Mrs. Buck in the media center. Replacement of windows in the high school building and flooring in the main office was discussed. He discussed closing in the windows in the gym weight room as well as the tile in the lobby and hallways in the gym.

Discussion took place on priority order for these tasks and a **motion** was made to move forward with the auditorium renovation, floor replacement in the middle school building and high school building window replacement as discussed.

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

**Technology:**

Mr. Hale via Principal Moore assured the board that BGCS is in good shape with technology, and everything is up to date. New computers have arrived for the 2022-2023 academic year.

**Public Relations:**

Board Member Long questioned if BGCS had a designated person to send announcements to the local paper. Information is sent in for publication but majority of the time, it will not be printed.

**Accountability (Academic):**

EOG and EOC testing are currently taking place. Principal Moore received some scores this morning and one Science class taught by Mrs. Godard was 100% proficient.

**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. A new service person has been acquired for the bus maintenance.

**Athletics:**

No updates or discussions took place.

**Other Discussion:**

A brief discussion took place regarding masks.

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

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

Graduation will be held Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Ms. Moore invited the board to a staff luncheon on May 23<sup>rd</sup> for the last day of school.

2022-2023 School Calendar will have early day releases added to it for mandatory conferences with teachers. VP Bonds will present the updated calendar at the June meeting.

**Finance:**

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

June meeting will be the discussion date for the 2022-2023 Budget. Coaching salary discussion will continue at the June meeting.

**Human Resources:**

Human resources were discussed in closed session.

Pursuant to General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(5) and 143-318.11(a)(6), a motion was made by Charlotte, seconded by Leigh Ann, and passed unanimously, for the board to go into closed session to discuss human resources and discipline issues. At 6:42 PM, the board entered closed session.

The board came out of closed session at 6:57 PM. **Motion:** Phil, Second: Charlotte.

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

A **motion** was made to accept staff resignations as discussed in closed session.

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

A **motion** was made to accept AP(VP) new hire recommendation as discussed in closed session.

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

A **motion** was made to accept Donna Moore as a board member effective June 2022.

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

The next scheduled board meeting will be on June 20, 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

Pam Gibbs, Secretary

Approved by:

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Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman