



**Bear Grass Charter School Board Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes**

**September 19, 2022**

**Opening:**

The Bear Grass Charter School Board met on September 19, 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
- Donna Moore

**Guests:**

- Mary Beth Bonds— Bear Grass Charter School Principal
- Patricia Speller—Bear Grass Charter School Assistant Principal

The minutes from the August 15, 2022, meeting were approved.

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

**Special Recognition:**

The following students were recognized for the August Character Ed trait of Courage & Personal Best.

Middle School: Eva Griffin  
High School: Miranda Dail

**Public Comment:**

No discussions took place.

**Student Enrollment:**

Current student headcount for the 2022-2023 academic year is 433.

**Epicenter Update:**

- a. Certificate of Occupancy—has been signed off on and once the other construction has been completed an additional Certificate of Occupancy will be acquired.
- b. Guidance Check—state requires that all schools attest to the Return to Learn modules. This has been submitted and was required for all staff this year. Epi-pens, health assessments as well as diabetic plans have been verified.
- c. Board Meeting Schedule—a listing of the board meeting dates has been submitted on Epicenter.

**Curriculum/Staff Development:**

- a. Battle of the Books—Hollie Hines is collaborating with Leigh Ann Long to get the program started.
- b. Exam Exemption Policy—Principal Bonds provided the board with the rules for student exemption for teacher made exams. Students must have an average of at least an 85 and no more than 4 unexcused absences.
- c. 2022 Test Results—Principal Bonds presented a PowerPoint as well as a handout of the BGCS 2021-2022 overall performance and test scores. Overall school performance grade was a 64 which is a C. Majority of the subjects were above the state level. ACT scores decreased slightly from the past year. The state did increase the required score from 17 to 19 for the 2021-2022 academic year. Principal Bonds has made changes with staffing in areas that were lacking strong scores.

**EC and Federal Programs Update:**

ESSER Funding—no updates/discussion took place.

EC Update—AP Speller has secured a contract for a school psychologist.

**Buildings and Grounds:**

Jackie Harrison, Maintenance Supervisor, updated the board on buildings and grounds. Windows have been installed in the hall school hall. The contractors are to return this weekend to caulk the windows. Construction has started on building 400 to encase the open breezeway. Ceiling lights have been installed in the renovated auditorium turned classrooms and the flooring should be installed next week. Upgrades on the existing tennis court has begun. Patching has been completed as well as a coat of paint on the courts. The surrounding fence has a new coat of black paint. The new scorer table has finally been received for the gym. This table was ordered September 2021. The company would not take any monies for the table since it BGCS had waited so long for delivery.

**Technology:**

Mr. Hale updated the board on technology news. An additional white board will be ordered for the EC classroom. Vape detectors have been installed in bathrooms. Hopefully this will decrease vape use in these areas. Bus cameras were delivered today. They will be installed soon.

**Public Relations:**

No updates or discussion took place.

**Accountability (Academic):**

No updates or discussion took place.

**Student Services:**

No updates or discussion took place.

**Child Nutrition:**

A question arose regarding the vending machine items that are for purchase. A couple of drink options were questioned as far as being a sugary option. Since BGCS does not receive any federal funding they do not have to follow the guidelines imposed by them.

**Transportation:**

Mr. Harrison informed the board that the new yellow bus is still set for a November delivery date.

**Athletics:**

Coaches Salary/State Championship Supplement—Board member Beck provided the board with handouts reflecting proposed coaching supplements based upon years of experience. Review of the supplements started last spring. After careful review among the board, a couple of motions were made.

A **motion** was made to accept proposed coaching supplements as discussed with recommended changes.

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

A **motion** was made to adjust proposed supplement for the Athletic Director as discussed.

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

Heather Wilkerson, Sports Club President, was present to discuss the club's contribution to the baseball and softball dug out upgrades. She provided insight on the budgeted amount the club had earmarked for the project.

**Other Discussion:**

- a. COVID Protocols—Principal Bonds made the board aware of 2 active student COVID cases.

- b. Parent Teacher Conferences—Around 70 Parent-Teacher conferences took place on September 14 & 15.

**Finance:**

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

**Human Resources:**

- a. Contracts—Business Position filled—Principal Bonds informed the board that Chris Jones will be joining the staff of BGCS as the new business instructor.

Board Member Hodges notified the board that Bill Rodgers will be donating the land that the FFA utilizes for their garden/livestock modules to the BG Education Foundation. Mr. Rodgers expressed interest in setting up a scholarship as well.

Pursuant to General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(5) and 143-318.11(a)(6), a **motion** was made by Charlotte and seconded by Phil, and passed unanimously, for the board to go into closed session for discussions. At 6:50 PM, the board entered closed session.

The board came out of closed session at 7:35 PM. **Motion:** Charlotte, Second: Georgia.

No discussions took place that required motions after the board came out of closed session.

The next scheduled board meeting will be on October 17, 2022, at 6:00 PM.

**Adjournment:**

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

The meeting was adjourned by Delmas Cumbee, Chairman at 7:38 PM.

Minutes submitted by:



Pam Gibbs, Secretary

Approved by:



Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman