



## Bear Grass Charter School Board Meeting

### Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2022

#### Opening:

The Bear Grass Charter School Board met on October 17, 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 September 19, 2022 and September 30, 2022 meetings were approved.

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

#### Special Recognition:

The following students were recognized for the September Character Ed trait of Caring and Friendship.

Middle School: Tanner Long (8<sup>th</sup> grade)  
High School: Lesly Brock (12<sup>th</sup> grade)

Smithfield Products awarded the Agriculture Program a donation of \$1250. The company selects rural community programs to which to donate awards.

Skills USA Team was showcased in a film mini-documentary. One elementary school, middle school and high school out of the country was selected to be featured in this documentary. The film captured the team having fun outside of their typical duties of the Skills USA Team.

#### Public Comment:

No discussions took place.

**Student Enrollment:**

Student headcount for the 2022-2023 academic year is 431. As of today, an additional student withdrew due to home traveling which drops the total to 430.

**Epicenter Update:**

Principal Bonds updated the board on items that she has submitted to Epicenter. A record of current Board Members and the BGCS NC Retirement System Dissolution. An upcoming task due October 31<sup>st</sup> is the annual charter audit.

**Curriculum/Staff Development:**

A parent has contacted Principal Bonds inquiring if BGCS will allow home-schooled students to join classes or clubs. A brief discussion took place among the board and a **motion** was made to not accept home-schooled students to join extracurricular classes or clubs.

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

**EC and Federal Programs Update:**

ESSER Funding is being utilized to assist with technology such as access points, Telecare and I-Excels. Board Member Beck asked about access points to the ballfields to aid in stat reporting and training videos. IT Hale stated that this will be possible with the current upgrades. EC Update—no updates or discussions took place.

**Buildings and Grounds:**

Jackie Harrison, Maintenance Supervisor, updated the board on buildings and grounds. CO paperwork is all that is needed for the new construction. Lines need to be painted on the tennis courts for those to be completed. Lights need to be considered as the next possible project. Window install has been completed in the high school building. Doors should be arriving next week for the building enclosure of the band/business building. Ballfield dug-outs are in the process of being demolished. Electric hard-swipe doors were discussed. He discussed the cost of this upgrade. This factors into the building lockdown process that is being implemented. This discussion was tabled until the November board meeting.

**Technology:**

Mr. Hale informed the board that cameras have been installed on all school buses including activity buses. He is currently working on cameras for the campus. When he goes to place the order, all cameras were not available at that time.

**Public Relations:**

Board Member Long questioned the lack of BGCS articles that are in the local newspaper, The Enterprise. Principal Bonds and Board Member Moore both stated that numerous items have been submitted in the past and present and still have not been printed. Board Member Long stated that she would contact a member of the newspaper and see where she could get.

**Accountability (Academic):**

Performance check-ins are being performed in middle school. This is similar to a Pre-EOG. There will be three check-ins during the academic year.

**Student Services:**

No updates or discussion took place.

**Child Nutrition:**

No updates or discussion took place.

**Transportation:**

The new yellow bus should be here at the end of November.

**Athletics:**

AD Blend via Principal Bonds wanted the board to be aware that the multitude of game cancellations/changes has been due to the shortages of game officials.

Board Member Beck continued the discussion on cheer coach supplements from the previous board meeting. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the cheer seasons and competitions. A **motion** was made to amend the previous recommendation made by Board Member Beck at the October 17, 2022 board meeting.

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

**Other Discussion:**

Principal Bonds spoke to the board on school safety. Vaping has not slowed down and fights are occurring in the bathrooms. A conversation took place regarding steps that may need to be implemented to slow these occurrences of vaping and disruption on campus. A **motion** was made to allow the county drug dog to come on campus as often as necessary for routine sweeps.

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

A **motion** was made to change 1<sup>st</sup> vaping offense from 3 days to 5 days suspension and 2<sup>nd</sup> vaping offense to 10 days suspension. Possible additional disciplinary action may occur for 3<sup>rd</sup> offense dependent upon findings from the charter school office.

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

Principal Bonds will check with our charter lawyer to clear possible long-term suspension if a 3<sup>rd</sup> vaping offense occurs. This will be presented at the November meeting.

A brief discussion took place regarding the need for a SRO position. Principal Bonds will start the groundwork for this position.

Principal Bonds announced that the next PTO meeting will be held November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the gym. Mrs. Lawrence will be holding a High School Ag Day on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Vendors will be available to meet with students to discuss Ag careers. Mrs. Foell compiled an outline for Dropping CCP Classes. This is a procedure to hold students accountable for excessive CCP class drops.

Board Member Beck proposed a golf team for BGCS. A discussion took place about the requirements for a golf team. A **motion** was made to approve a golf team for BGCS.

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

**Finance:**

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

**Human Resources:**

Amber Knead will assume the Middle School Ag teacher position next semester.

No discussions required the board to enter closed session.

The next scheduled board meeting will be on November 21, 2022, at 6:00 PM.

**Adjournment:**

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

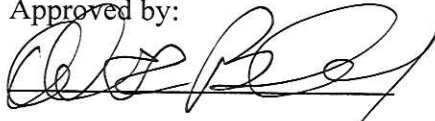
The meeting was adjourned by Delmas Cumbee, Chairman at 7:22 PM.

Minutes submitted by:



Pam Gibbs, Secretary

Approved by:



Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman