



## Bear Grass Charter School Board Meeting

### Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2023

#### Opening:

The Bear Grass Charter School Board met on April 17, 2023, 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
- Patricia Speller—Bear Grass Charter School Assistant Principal

The minutes from the March 13, 2023 meeting were approved.

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

#### Special Recognition:

The following students were recognized for the March Character Ed trait of Self-Control and Fitness:

Middle School: Alayna Hernandez  
High School: Jacob Matthews

AP Speller recognized the Math Team members for their hard work at the Beaufort County Math Competition.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math—3<sup>rd</sup> place—Payton Barr, Addison Bowen, Mackenzie Styons  
Addison Bowen—4<sup>th</sup> place overall  
Payton Barr—6<sup>th</sup> place overall

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math—Logan Lee 4<sup>th</sup> place overall

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math—1<sup>st</sup> place overall—Hannah Lilley, Ella Hayes, Chloe Clifton, Mia Huang, Torri Vanderaa, Kagan Haltigan, Coby Beck, Addison Rogerson, Adeline Roberson, Amy Ruth Hodges

Mia Huang—3<sup>rd</sup> place overall  
Adeline Roberson—5<sup>th</sup> place overall  
Hannah Lilley—6<sup>th</sup> place overall  
Torri Vanderaa—8<sup>th</sup> place overall  
Ella Hayes—9<sup>th</sup> place overall

Math 1—Aubrey Dotson 9<sup>th</sup> place overall

Math 2—2<sup>nd</sup> place—Chandler Todd, Hayden Sutton, Kadence Haltigan  
Chandler Todd—2<sup>nd</sup> place overall  
Hayden Sutton—5<sup>th</sup> place overall

Battle of the Books team members were recognized as well for their hard work at the MBoB Regional Competition.

The team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> after a tiebreaker round against South Creek Middle School.

Team Members—Lainey Arnold, Caden Askew, Payton Barr, Callie Buck, Eva Griffin, Kaidyn Holland, Mia Huang, Logan Lee, Mason Revels, Aubrey Speller, Danika Voris

The high school BoB Team will compete on Thursday, April 20.

**Public Comment:**

No updates or discussion took place.

**Safety:**

Status of the SRO Position—meeting to be set up with finance teams for Martin County Sheriff's office and BGCS. This position will start at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.

**Student Enrollment:**

Student headcount for the 2022-2023 academic year is 420.

Fifty-two 2023-2024 applications out of sixty have been returned as of today at 11:30am. If no more applications are received at close of business today then the eight applications not returned will go to the bottom of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade wait-list. These eight slots will be offered to first eight applicants currently on the 6<sup>th</sup> grade wait list.

Two students have accepted spots for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade with one application returned. One student accepted a spot for 12<sup>th</sup> grade and that application has been returned.

**Epicenter Update:**

Parent Grievance Policy and Employee Grievance Policy have not changed. These have been signed off by Board Chairman D. Cumbee.

On April 4, 2023 the Fire Inspection Form was submitted.

**Board/School Policy:**

AP Speller advised the board that packets have been provided to each board member and the policies need to be reviewed and edited. The policies that BGCS have are generic state statutes. These need to be reviewed and customized to fit BGCS. AP Speller will form a committee to review these policies.

**Curriculum/Staff Development:**

No updates/discussions took place.

**EC and Federal Programs Update:**

Title I Event had one hundred and twenty-five attendees. The event had more vendors this year.

**Buildings and Grounds:**

Jackie Harrison, Maintenance Supervisor, updated the board on buildings and grounds. He has gotten contractors lined up for the previously approved expenditures. The request for the building behind the gym has a snag. The building will have to be smaller than previously requested due to an exit door having to remain available. Parking lots will be resealed over the summer. Eight LED lights have replaced on the ball field.  
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**Technology:**

Mr. Hale advised the board that a new state firewall has been installed. Forty-two cameras have been installed around campus. Two door swipes have been installed but are not functional yet.

**Public Relations:**

Board Member Long made the board aware of a senior project that is attempting to establish a BGCS Alumni Community.

**Student Services:**

No updates or discussion took place.

**Child Nutrition:**

No updates or discussion took place.

**Transportation:**

No updates or discussion took place.

**Athletics:**

No updates or discussion took place.

**Other Discussion:**

AP Speller made the board aware of Graduation on May 25<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM.

Also, May 18<sup>th</sup> 11:30—Staff Luncheon to end 2022-2023 school year

The revised 2023-2024 school calendar was discussed. A suggestion was made to make April 12<sup>th</sup> as a schoology day for all students but 11<sup>th</sup> grade. April 12<sup>th</sup> is the ACT test date.

A **motion** was made to accept April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as a schoology day for all students other than 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

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

**Finance:**

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

A brief discussion took place regarding the current auditor and a **motion** was made to approve the contract for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

**Human Resources:**

AP Speller advised the board that five candidates have been interviewed for the Ag position. She will make a recommendation in closed session.

Pursuant to General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(5) and 143-318.11(a)(6), a **motion** was made by Charlotte and seconded by Leigh Ann, and passed unanimously, for the board to go into closed session for discussions. At 6:30 PM, the board entered closed session.

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

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

A **motion** was made to approve new hire recommendation.

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

A **motion** was made to address discipline matters as discussed.

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

The next scheduled board meeting will be on May 15, 2023, at 6:00 PM.

**Adjournment:**

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

The meeting was adjourned by Delmas Cumbee, Chairman at 7:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by:



Pam Gibbs, Secretary

Approved by:



Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman