



Bear Grass Charter School Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2023

Opening:

The Bear Grass Charter School Board met on February 20, 2023, 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 January 23, 2023 meeting were approved.

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

Special Recognition:

Principal Bonds announced that Madeline Chandler, a BGCS Senior, received the Morehead-Cain Scholarship. This scholarship is a four-year fully funded education to UNC-Chapel Hill.

The following students were recognized for the January Character Ed trait of Fairness and Cooperation.

Middle School: Addison Sawyer
High School: Penny Long

Mrs. Lawrence and the FFA Junior Officers were present for a FFA Presentation. This week is FFA week. The officers gave an overview of the FFA. One-third of the BGCS student population is a FFA member. They spoke about competitions, opportunities within FFA and events that are planned for this week for FFA week.

Public Comment:

No discussions took place.

Safety:

A brief continued discussion took place among the board regarding a SRO for campus.

A **motion** was made to proceed with a SRO for the 2023-2024 academic year.

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

Student Enrollment:

Student headcount for the 2022-2023 academic year is currently 423. This has decreased slightly due to early graduates and a withdrawal.

106 new applications have been received for the 2023-2024 academic year.

6th grade—76 (36-siblings)

7th grade—8

8th grade—7

9th grade—9 (2 siblings)

10th grade—2

11th grade—3

12th grade—1 (1 sibling)

A lottery will be held Monday March 7th @ 5:30.

Calendar:

Principal Bonds reviewed the 2023-2024 Academic Year calendar with the board.

Epicenter Update:

Chairman D. Cumbee has signed off on the Background Check policy. This basically states that BGCS has not changed the way background checks are processed since 2019. Principal Bonds has submitted to Epicenter.

Principal Bonds completed the Annual Report on February 9th. This report details that BGCS offers bus transportation and dual enrollment.

The certificate of liability was returned on February 7th due to the lack of a description from the insurance agency that states NCSBOE is listed as additional insured with regards to general liability and errors in admission statement. This has been resubmitted.

Board/School Policy:

The policy that was on BGCS website was not ours to use. It was a more of a guide to go by. Principal Bonds reviewed a handout provided by David Hofstetter with the board. A brief discussion took place regarding which avenue to go.

A **motion** was made to move forward with acquiring updated policies from David Hofstetter.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Pam. Motion passed.

Curriculum/Staff Development:

A brief discussion took place about the Graduation Project. The board decided to table final decision for the March meeting.

EC and Federal Programs Update:

The Homeless Report has been submitted January 31 by Mrs. Buck.

Buildings and Grounds:

Jackie Harrison, Maintenance Supervisor, updated the board on buildings and grounds. He stated that he is still waiting on electronics for the door swipes. The new bus has had cameras installed and is on the road. He reviewed a practice gym quote with the board. He provided the board with a handout of the desired 2023 Summer Projects. This listing contained storage building, lawn mower, new ceilings, floors and windows for various rooms. After discussing his projects, a **motion** was made to move forward with the summer upgrades.

Motion: Donna, Second: Frank. Motion passed.

Technology:

No updates or discussion took place.

Public Relations:

No updates or discussion took place.

Student Services:

No updates or discussion took place.

Child Nutrition:

No updates or discussion took place.

Transportation:

Discussed during buildings and grounds.

Athletics:

Golf has been added to athletics for this season. Nine to ten students have signed up to play. There will be no boy's tennis team this season. Only one student showed interest.

Other Discussion:

Chairman D. Cumbee stated that the BGCS webpage needs to be updated. VP Speller made the board aware of two out of state day field trips. 7th grade students will attend the Virginia Air &

Space Center on March 7th and the Math Team will attend STEM Days at Kings Dominion on April 21st.

Finance:

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

Human Resources:

Principal Bonds has a replacement for the finance position. They will start on March 6th.

Pursuant to General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(5) and 143-318.11(a)(6), a **motion** was made by Charlotte and seconded by Pam, and passed unanimously, for the board to go into closed session for discussions. At 7:04 PM, the board entered closed session.

The board came out of closed session at 7:22 PM. **Motion:** Phil, Second: Constance.

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

A **motion** was made to accept personnel as presented.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Constance. Motion passed.

A **motion** was made to accept sibling applications that were outside of the 6th grade for the 2023-2024 academic year.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Phil. Motion passed.

The next scheduled board meeting will be on March 13, 2023, at 6:00 PM.

Adjournment:

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

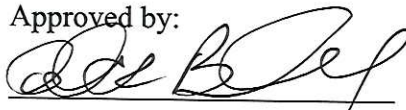
The meeting was adjourned by Delmas Cumbee, Chairman at 7:25 PM.

Minutes submitted by:



Pam Gibbs, Secretary

Approved by:



Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman