

**BGCS Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2023**

The Bear Grass Charter School Board met on March 13, 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

Charlotte Griffin (via Zoom)

Georgia Smallwood

Leigh Ann Long

Guests:

Mary Beth Bonds— Bear Grass Charter School Principal

Patricia Speller—Bear Grass Charter School Assistant Principal

The minutes from the February 20, 2023 meeting were approved.

Motion: Georgia Smallwood, Second: Constance Cumbee. Motion passed.

Special Recognition:

The following students were recognized for the February Character Ed traits of Citizenship and Loyalty.

Middle School: Aubrey Speller

High School: James Holliday

Mr. Beirne brought students from the Drone Program to demonstrate a simulation of how drones can be used to observe/monitor an air traffic control tower. An industry individual came to work with our students. This is a growing field and provides great job opportunities for qualified individuals.

SkillsUSA-BGCS members represented our school at the SkillsUSA East Regional Conference and did an excellent job. Regional Officers Christian Kuster, Alexis McDonald, and Jayden Roberson completed their office responsibilities with professionalism. Hannah Holliday did a great job singing the National Anthem.

Mr. Beirne also recognized SkillsUSA team members who represented our school at the SkillsUSA East Regional Conference and earned awards.

Top 5 finishers:

CSI: 5th Christian Kuster, Alexis McDonald, Hannah Holliday

Drone Technology: 1st - James Corey 2nd - Noah Abel 3rd - Braxton Hope
4th - Ensley Ingalls

Extemporaneous Poster: 1st - Jayden Roberson

Team Engineering Challenge:

2nd - Beth Triaga, Ella Sawyer, Olivia Hogge

3rd - Kagan Halgtigan, Hayden Willoughby, Chloe Clifton

4th - Cobie Beck, Hannah Lilley, Ella Hayes

5th - Peyton Harrell, Addison Rogerson, Tanner Long

Robotics: 1st - Chandler Todd, Tyler Tate

Medical Math: 4th - Emily Huang

Public Comment:

No discussions took place.

Safety: Ms. Speller had been in contact with Drew Robinson from the Sheriff's office to have the drug dog on campus. Consensus was for SRO for upcoming year. Not yet budgeted.

No discussion

Student Enrollment:

Student headcount for the 2022-2023 academic year is currently 422. This has decreased slightly due to a withdrawal.

The lottery was held March 7. Enrollment packets are due by April 17.

Mrs. Bonds shared information about the Lotterease Program. The projected cost would be \$2279. No action was taken.

Epicenter:

The documentation required by the state on nepotism to be submitted submitted by Mrs. Bonds tomorrow.

BGCS will receive policy from attorney in response to receiving our compensation on Friday, March 16th.

School Performance Score posted.

Board/School Policy:

Calendar 2023-24: The Christian Youth Conference conflicts with school calendar. We have a considerable number of students that normally attend and a motion to excuse these absences by Phil Hodges; seconded by Leigh Ann Long was unanimously approved.

Prom:

The Board is invited to attend the Jr./Sr. Prom at Yankee Hall on Friday, March 17.

Curriculum/Staff Development:

Graduation Project:

The decision was made to end the graduation project as it is now, and to move forward with the proposal presented by Mrs. Foell and Mrs. Davenport at our January meeting. A motion to remove the current senior level project was made by Georgia Smallwood; seconded by Charlotte Griffin and was unanimously approved. A motion to accept the Foell/Davenport proposal as the senior alternative was made by Georgia Smallwood; seconded by Charlotte Griffin. The motion was approved with one dissenting vote by Frank Beck.

Amendments: An amendment will need to be made to our charter to remove the graduation project requirement.

The course offerings in our Handbook will be updated to agree with state requirements. The credit requirement for graduation will remain at 28.

Mrs. Bonds will send updated information to NCDPI.

Federal Programs:

Title I night will be held on March 30, 2023 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. This will be a walk-through, outdoor event showcasing all that our school offers for our students. Mrs. Buck is organizing this event. If it is raining, the gym will be used.

Building and Grounds:

Jackie Harrison, Maintenance Supervisor, updated the board on buildings and grounds. A company has been contacted to install new windows in the cafeteria. The press box at the baseball field is nearly complete. The modular used by Mrs. Gargaro and Mrs. Watson needs work. The mower and drag for the baseball field that were approved at our last meeting have arrived. A need that has been noted is to have a sheltered area for students to wait for their rides. A future possibility for consideration is to remove the flower bed in front of the 400 building, and put a sheltered area for sitting/waiting there.

Technology:

Mr. Hale was not in attendance, but Jackie Harrison shared that wiring for cameras is being worked on.

Heather Wilkerson will be in contact with Tony Hale about our school's website.

Public Relations:

Student Services:

Child Nutrition:

Transportation:

Jackie Harrison shared that the school has received a reimbursement for diesel fuel used from July 2022 through January 2023, and that we will receive another one for January through May 2023. He has also learned that our buses do not need to go through the federal inspection process due to a public school exemption.

Athletics:

Chairman D. Cumbee has signed off on coaching contracts for the spring season. The cleanliness and upkeep of our facilities and equipment was discussed. Accountability for maintenance, security, and following established rules needs to improve at our sports events, including after practices. Our activity buses also need to be cleaned by those who use them when they are returned to campus.

Other Discussion Items:

- Mrs. Tammy Riffle has completed a grant application to the Golden Leaf Foundation to benefit the new culinary arts program. Our school has made it to the second round of the process. Representatives of the foundation came to visit our campus on Tuesday, March 9. A decision on the grant is expected in early April.
- Discussion was held about the use of the official school logo, and the use of so many different designs being used to represent BGCS. Any proposed new logos would have to be brought to the board.
- Summer Instructional days have been proposed by Mrs. Buck.
 - May 18-19 - instructional days
 - May 22-23 - testing days

A motion was made to approve this schedule. Motion: Charlotte Griffin, Second: Constance . The motion passed. Chairman D. Cumbee signed so that it could be submitted.

Finance: (Handout)

Human Resources:

BGCS currently has two vacancies. Several candidates for the 8th grade ELA position have been interviewed. Mrs. Roberson's last day is March 31. Mr. Justin Lawrence will fill the middle school agriculture class position until the end of the school year.

Closed Session:

Pursuant to General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(5) and 143-318.11(a)(6), a motion was made by Leigh Ann, seconded by Frank, and passed unanimously for the board to go into closed session for discussions. At 7:08 PM, the board entered closed session. The board came out of closed session at 7:25 PM. Motion: Phil, Second: Constance.

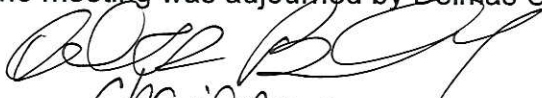
The following motions were required after the board came out of closed session. A motion was made to accept personnel as presented. Motion: Phil, Second: Georgia. Motion passed.


The next scheduled board meeting will be on April 17, 2023, at 6:00 PM.
Graduation - May 25, 2023

Adjournment:

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

The meeting was adjourned by Delmas Cumbee, Chairman at 7:30 PM.


Chairman


Secretary