

**Bear Grass Charter School Board Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes**

**May 15, 2023**

**Opening:**

The Bear Grass Charter School Board met on May 15, 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 April 17, 2023 meeting were approved.

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

**Special Recognition:**

The following students were recognized for the Character Ed trait of:

April—Perseverance and Determination  
Middle School: Wilson Roberson  
High School: Lindsey Cliser

May—Integrity and Confidence  
Middle School: Addison Bowen  
High School: Noah Abel

**Public Comment:**

Parent appealed to the board for 2023-2024 application consideration as the application was “lost in the mail.”

**Safety:**

Contract has been received from Martin County Sheriff office for the SRO position. Next step will be for the finance teams to meet.

**Student Enrollment:**

Student headcount for the 2022-2023 academic year is 420. <sup>Sixty</sup>~~60~~ packets have been received the 6<sup>th</sup> grade enrollment. Principal Bonds discussed with the board her desire to move forward with contacting the vendor of Lotterease. This is an electronic lottery and would be more user friendly for all parties involved. A brief discussion took place on Lotterease.

A **motion** was made to move forward with securing Lotterease for the 2024-2025 BGCS Enrollment/Lottery.

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

**Epicenter Update:**

All required data has been submitted in Epicenter.

**Board/School Policy:**

These policies need to be reviewed by the board. For comparison, Principal Bonds will send the board the current policies for BGCS

**Curriculum/Staff Development:**

Board Member Beck asked Principal Bonds if staff development on how a Charter School functions as well as how the lottery works so the staff will be well informed on how to reply to any questions that may be presented to them.

**EC and Federal Programs Update:**

EC and Federal Programs are current for BGCS.

**Buildings and Grounds:**

Jackie Harrison, Maintenance Supervisor, updated the board on buildings and grounds. On April 25, 2023 BGCS had its first ever Health Inspection. BGCS passed the inspection. Donation from the Sports Club for the ballfield dug outs has been received. Mr. Harrison has received a quote to enclose the front of the café/office entrance. Board Member Beck requested Mr. Harrison to secure a quote for an apron behind home plate for the baseball field. Further discussion took place on the café enclosure. Board Member Griffin reminded the board that this was a part of our campus safety plan.

A **motion** was made to move forward with enclosing the café and office entrance.

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

**Technology:**

No updates/discussions took place.

**Public Relations:**

Board Member Long made the board aware that the high school BoB placed second in the Regional Competition.

**Student Services:**

No updates or discussion took place.

**Child Nutrition:**

No updates or discussion took place.

**Transportation:**

No updates/discussions took place.

**Athletics:**

Principal Bonds discussed a Twenty-four hour proposal with the board. In general, a parent should not contact a coach within twenty-four hours following a game regarding any outcome. This would be added to the final forms that all parents/students sign during their athletic meetings. Board Member Beck suggested that the Athletic Pledge should be discussed at each sports athletic meeting. A brief discussion took place and it was decided to table all decisions until the June board meeting.

**Other Discussion:**

An updated 2023-2024 BGCS calendar was provided for the board.

**Finance:**

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

**Human Resources:**

Principal Bonds informed the board that there were no vacancies.

Pursuant to General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(5) and 143-318.11(a)(6), a **motion** was made by Frank and seconded by Charlotte, and passed unanimously, for the board to go into closed session for discussions. At 6:48 PM, the board entered closed session.

The board came out of closed session at 8:10 PM. **Motion:** Charlotte, Second: Frank.

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

A **motion** was made to increase the 2023-2024 6<sup>th</sup> grade enrollment number to 74.

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

A **motion** was made to increase enrollment total for 2024-2025 for 6<sup>th</sup> grade to 70 and maintain that setting until 12<sup>th</sup> grade has an enrollment of 70.

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

The next scheduled board meeting will be on June 19, 2023, at 6:00 PM.

**Adjournment:**

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

The meeting was adjourned by Delmas Cumbee, Chairman at 8:12 PM.

Minutes submitted by:

  
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Pam Gibbs, Secretary

Approved by:

  
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Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman