



Bear Grass Charter School Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2024

Opening:

The Bear Grass Charter School Board met on February 19, 2024, 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

Guests:

- Patricia Speller— Bear Grass Charter School Principal
- Danny Perry—Bear Grass Charter School Assistant Principal
- Donna Moore—Bear Grass Charter School Administrative Consultant

The minutes from the January 22, 2024, meeting were approved.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Georgia. Motion passed.

Special Recognition:

The following students were recognized for the Character Ed. trait of Kindness.

Middle School: Abigail Thomas
High School: Carsyn Hudson

Public Comment:

No updates or discussions took place.

Safety:

A canine unit visited the campus a couple of weeks ago. No contraband was found on campus.

Student Enrollment:

Current enrollment stands at 433. A handout with enrollment by grade was provided for the board. Lottery has closed for the 2024-2025 academic year. Discussion took place regarding generation of a wait list for grades 7-12. February 26, 2024 was selected as the sixth-grade lottery date. Technically a lottery will not have to take place since seventy openings were advertised for the sixth grade and sixty-seven applications were received. Parents will receive notification through Lotterease to complete the enrollment process to secure their student's slot.

Epicenter Update:

The board was provided with a copy of the 2023 Charter School Draft Performance Framework. This document populates status of required criteria for BGCS. A brief discussion took place.

Board/School Policy:

Principal Speller informed the board of a board seat inquiry by a parent. The board instructed Principal Speller to reach out to the parent and notify her of the board policy requirements for acquiring a board seat.

Curriculum/Staff Development:

The Beginning Teacher Support Plan is currently being updated and will be presented to the board at a later date.

EC and Federal Programs Update:

Principal Speller did not have any updates for Federal Programs. She attended a meeting last week on ESSER funding. Lots of areas are losing monies and positions as this funding has phased out.

Buildings and Grounds:

Jackie Harrison, Maintenance Supervisor, updated the board on buildings and grounds. The softball backstop should be completed this week. A French drain has been installed by the office. Sand has been blown under the back modular that has moisture issues. He discussed summer projects with the board.

- a. Football Press box (6-week order time)
- b. Relocating septic tank and lines
- c. Add new cement handicap ramp by the office
- d. Replace current handicap ramp with steps
- e. Painting bottom half of gym and some classrooms
- f. Replace some floor joists (office area to Principal Speller's office)
- g. Land rental across the road for practice area (tabled for now)
- h. He will get an estimate to replace 8 baseball light poles

Technology:

Equipment for GoFan has been obtained. Mr. Hale can have this in place by next week.

Public Relations:

No updates or discussion took place.

Student Services:

Scholarship season is upon us. Mrs. Foell is sharing information with the senior class. Pre-Lim scheduling is taking place.

Child Nutrition:

No updates or discussion took place.

Transportation:

Mr. Harrison is still trying to sell a yellow bus.

Athletics:

A quote was provided for track equipment. Salary for a track and field coach ^{was} compared to that of the golf coach.

A brief discussion took place, and a **motion** was made to approve BGCS to proceed with a track and field team.

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

Other Discussion:

Two preliminary options of the 2024-2025 BGCS school calendar were available for the board. The calendar does not have to be approved at this time. A final draft will be presented at a later date. The BGEF Reverse Raffle will be held on March 11, 2024 at 6:00pm.

Finance:

Review of the January 2024 budget took place.

Human Resources:

No updates or discussion took place.

Pursuant to General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(5) and 143-318.11(a)(6), a **motion** was made by Charlotte and seconded by Frank, and passed unanimously, for the board to go into closed session for discussions. At 6:35 PM, the board entered closed session.

The board came out of closed session at 7:59 PM. **Motion:** Frank, Second: Constance.

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

A **motion** was made to approve and seal the January 22, 2024 closed session meeting minutes.

Motion: Frank, Second: Phil. Motion passed.

The next scheduled board meeting will be on March 18, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

Adjournment:

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

The meeting was adjourned by Delmas Cumbee, Chairman at 8:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by:



Pam Gibbs, Secretary

Approved by:



Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman