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## Bear Grass Charter School Board Meeting

### Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2024

#### Opening:

The Bear Grass Charter School Board met on January 22, 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 November 20, 2023, meeting were approved.

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

#### Special Recognition:

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

Middle School: Carli Godwin  
High School: Faith Wisniewski

Being January is National School Board Appreciation Month, the PTO provided popcorn for the board and the Sunshine Committee had calendars made for each board member.

#### Public Comment:

No discussion or updates took place.

#### Safety:

Principal reviewed the BGCS lockdown drill assessment with the board. This drill took place on November 28, 2023. There were minor infractions which have been addressed with staff.

**Student Enrollment:**

Current enrollment stands at 435 which is down 10 since previous meeting.

**Epicenter Update:**

Each board member received a copy of the Conflict-of-Interest Policy and had to sign off acknowledging that they had received the policy.

Chairman D. Cumbee signed off on the Civil and Liability Insurance Certificate for BGCS.

**Board/School Policy:**

In order to test Lotterease, Principal Speller and Mr. Hale created a mock lottery in Lotterease. She informed the board that program worked as they expected it to. Fifty-three applications have been received for the advertised seventy slots for sixth grade. The last date to accept applications for the 2024-2025 academic year is February 2, 2024. Principal Speller asked if the board policies that Mrs. Bonds was unable to complete prior to her retirement could be a summer project for herself. She stated that the board could approve the policies that Mrs. Bonds had completed. The board agreed with this request.

**Curriculum/Staff Development:**

A Fall 2023 EOC proficiency handout was provided for the board. This data is in-house only. Wright Flight is a program that sixth graders learn about aviation. The packets will go out January 23, 2024. An order has been placed for additional Paxton and Patterson labs. These labs will be geared toward high school students. Energy and Graphics, Computer Graphics Game Development and Digital Audio Production. A refresh lab for Criminalists.

**EC and Federal Programs Update:**

The midyear homeless count has been submitted which was zero. Mrs. Buck submitted the quarterly report for PRC 171-177. All monies have been spent.

**Buildings and Grounds:**

Jackie Harrison, Maintenance Supervisor, updated the board on buildings and grounds. The floor has been completed in the breezeway. There are still issues with water seeping under the doors which the company is working to find solutions. New awning has been installed at the front entrance. A window has been installed in the media center door. The softball batting cage has been updated and the baseball backstop has been completed. He discussed the addition for new classrooms. He wants to keep this topic on the board's radar. The back modular is holding moisture. He is looking for resolutions to alleviate this issue. He has listed bus #5 on Craig's List. There are several people interested. A press box for the football field was discussed. He mentioned a couple of summer projects. The bottom half of the gym needs to be painted and a new floor needs to be installed. Board Member Hodges updated the board on the land that the educational foundation is attempting to purchase.

**Technology:**

Mr. Hale has started the process for GoFan ticketing.

**Public Relations:**

Brochures with FAQ for grades sixth – eighth and ninth – twelfth were provided for the board as well as 4 Reasons to Choose Bear Grass Charter for Middle School. A vaping assembly is scheduled for January 24, 2024 for sixth and seventh grades.

**Student Services:**

No updates or discussions took place.

**Child Nutrition:**

Mrs. Diane Lee started this month in the café.

**Transportation:**

Mr. Harrison discussed buying activity buses instead of yellow buses for future bus purchases. This would be only if we continue with pick-up points and not home pick-ups.

**Athletics:**

No updates or discussions took place.

**Other Discussion:**

No updates or discussions took place.

**Finance:**

Review of the December 2023 budget took place. Chairman D. Cumbee informed the board that BGCS had a clean audit. Board Member Beck asked if in the future could designated amounts be allocated for athletics, technology, etc. so areas would be aware of their spending caps for the year. This is doable with more manpower for the budget. Board Member Griffin spoke about grant monies that she is seeking for a practice gym.

**Human Resources:**

An ELA position will be discussed in closed session.

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 7:00 PM, the board entered closed session.

The board came out of closed session at 7:11 PM. **Motion:** Charlotte, Second: Frank.

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

A **motion** was made to approve and seal the November 20, 2023 closed session minutes.

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

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

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

The next scheduled board meeting will be on February 19, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

**Adjournment:**

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

The meeting was adjourned by Delmas Cumbee, Chairman at 7:12 PM.

Minutes submitted by:

Pamela C Gibbs

Pam Gibbs, Secretary

Approved by:

Delmas Cumbee

Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman