



Bear Grass Charter School Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2024

Opening:

The Bear Grass Charter School Board met on March 18, 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 February 19, 2024, meeting were approved.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Georgia. Motion passed.

Special Recognition:

Eva Griffin and Logan Lee performed musical numbers for the board. These eighth-grade students have been selected for the NC Band Masters All State Band.

The following students were recognized for the monthly Student Spotlight:

Payge Morgan and Nicholas Leary

Math Team competed February 24, 2024 at Washington High School. There were several students ~~that~~^{who} won from grades sixth through eleventh. Skills USA competed March 8, 2024 at Pitt Community College. Numerous students won medals in their fields.

Public Comment:

No updates or discussions took place.

Safety:

As of March 1, 2024, the CDC updated the COVID protocols. A five-day isolation period is no longer required however, twenty-four hours fever free is required.

Student Enrollment:

A handout was provided for the board listing the current enrollment numbers, as well as the lottery information by grades. Principal Speller had signage made that can be utilized during enrollment periods.

Epicenter Update:

Two tasks were due in Epicenter this month—A01.1 School Performance and Letter Grade and A10 Board Nepotism Policy. Both tasks have been completed.

Board/School Policy:

Principal Speller informed the board that the 500 Policy Series will be a summer project.

Curriculum/Staff Development:

BGCS will transition to a new student information system during the summer. Powerschool will be replaced by Infinite Campus. Principal Speller feels that this platform has more features and is more user friendly. Four staff members are being trained—Principal Speller, Ashley Buck, Tony Hale and Joy Smith.

EC and Federal Programs Update:

March 27, 2024 will be Title I night. A meet and greet night will be held for the upcoming sixth grade students. After the students complete their scavenger hunt, they will receive a yard sign that announces that they are a BGCS student. Principal Speller thought this would be additional advertisement for our campus.

Buildings and Grounds:

Jackie Harrison, Maintenance Supervisor, updated the board on buildings and grounds. The French drain that was installed is working. The ballfield backstops have been completed with the exception of the padding. The person that handles the BGCS wastewater is retiring from his current job. He would like to continue his role for BGCS with a pay increase. This is due to the fact that his current employer pays for his wastewater credentials and his CEU's.

A **motion** was made to approve pay increase for wastewater associate effective for 2024-2025 academic year.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Frank. Motion passed.

Discussion took place regarding new classrooms beside the 400 building which has been addressed in previous meetings. Principal Speller will work on solutions to present at the next

board meeting. He provided a handout of the 2024 summer projects. A brief discussion took place among the board and a decision was made to approve projects three through eight.

Technology:

Principal Speller informed the board that GoFan on-line ticketing has been utilized. Two NHS cameras have been installed.

Public Relations:

No updates or discussion took place.

Student Services:

No updates or discussions took place.

Child Nutrition:

No updates or discussions took place.

Transportation:

A window was broken on an activity bus at an away ballgame due to the access area of the ballfield.

Athletics:

The new track team has fourteen members. Some of the members have been to track meets.

Other Discussion:

A draft of the 2024-2025 BGCS calendar was presented to the board. A brief discussion took place regarding this draft.

A **motion** was made to accept the 2024-2025 BGCS calendar with discussed changes.

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

Principal Speller informed the board that one hundred percent participation occurred for the ACT. Awards day will be held on May 3, 2024. Middle school will take place at 8:30am and high school will take place at 10:30.

Finance:

Review of the February 2024 budget took place. Discussion took place to retain the current auditor for the 2024-2025 academic year.

A **motion** was made to retain the current auditor for the 2024-2025 academic year.

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

Insurance renewal was discussed for BGCS.

A **motion** was made to renew insurance with current carrier for 2024-2025 academic year.

Motion: Frank, Second: Georgia. Motion passed.

Human Resources:

Applications for vacant positions 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 7:03PM, the board entered closed session.

The board came out of closed session at 7:12 PM. **Motion:** Frank, Second: Phil.

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

A **motion** was made to approve and seal the February 19, 2024 closed session meeting minutes.

Motion: Frank. Second: Georgia. Motion passed.

A **motion** was made to give Principal Speller the authority to approve and hire substitute teachers with an email acknowledgement to the board.

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

The next scheduled board meeting will be on April 15, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

Adjournment:

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

The meeting was adjourned by Delmas Cumbee, Chairman at 7:14 PM.

Minutes submitted by:



Pam Gibbs, Secretary

Approved by:



Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman