



Bear Grass Charter School Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2026

Opening:

The Bear Grass Charter School Board met on January 26, 2026, via Google Meet. Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Present:

● Delmas Cumbee ● Phil Hodges ● Keith Wynne ● Amy Rogerson
● Pam Gibbs ● Charlotte Griffin ● Georgia Smallwood ● Leigh Ann Long

Guests:

● Patricia Speller—Bear Grass Charter School Principal
● Ashley Buck—Bear Grass Charter School Assistant Principal

Board member P. Hodges opened the meeting with a prayer invocation.

The minutes from the November 17, 2025, meeting were approved.

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

Special Recognition:

No discussion or updates took place.

Public Comment:

No discussion or updates took place.

Safety:

Monthly drills are being conducted. Martin County sheriff would like to speak with the board regarding some opportunities available through the sheriff's office since BGCS has a SRO.

Student Enrollment:

Principal Speller provided the headcount by grade for the 2025-2026 academic year.

5th Grade	64
6th Grade	62
7th Grade	59
8th Grade	74
9th Grade	68
10th Grade	63
11th Grade	55
12th Grade	66
Total Enrollment	511

Total enrollment is down twelve students since previous meeting. This is due to home schooling, moving to other school districts and one discipline dismissal.

Lottery applications are open and will run through February 13, 2026. Forty-seven applications have been received for sixth grade as well as applications for almost every grade.

Epicenter Update:

Two items due by the end of this month.

- OP-1 North Carolina School Report Cards 2024-2025 academic year
 - Has to be uploaded on school website with official school grade (C) (65)
 - Released by state earlier this month
 - BGCS growth score went from 64 → 78.9; almost a 15 point increase growth
 - Need five points to move to a B
- GOV-3 Conflict of Interest and Nepotism Policy
 - Same policy will be utilized; no legislation has changed

Board/School Policy:

No discussion or updates took place.

Curriculum/Staff Development:

No discussion or updates took place.

Federal Programs Update:

No discussion or updates took place.

Buildings and Grounds:

Jackie Harrison, Maintenance Supervisor, updated the board on buildings and grounds.

- New classroom addition
 - Cleaning crew coming in end of next week
 - Waxing new floors next week
 - Then obtain certificate of occupancy
 - Maybe move in second week of February
- He would like to create a wheelchair access at the front entrance of the gym
- Farrior could do the new gym addition in stages if this route needs to be taken
- New walkway has been completed in front of building 100
- New playground equipment install is on hold until new classroom has been completed

Technology:

Tony Hale, IT Manager, updated the board on technology via Principal Speller.

- Waiting for crew to finish classroom addition before he can proceed with his part
- More printers need to be ordered

Public Relations:

Board member P. Hodges announced the BGEF Reverse Raffle will be held Monday, March 9th, 2026 at 6:00pm.

Student Services:

- NAEP Testing
 - National Assessment of Education Progress
 - BGCS was selected at random
 - Testing date will be February 17, 2026
 - Fifty 8th graders will be tested on Civics or U.S. History (one half will test on one while the other half test on the other)
 - NAEP staff will bring their own testing supplies
 - The results will be reported through the nation's report card not through the state's report card
- ACT Prep
 - Planning is taking place
 - Pizza and Prep for the Juniors
 - March 10, 2026 testing date

Child Nutrition:

All going well after meeting with My Hot Lunch Box.

Transportation:

Minor issues with buses, nothing major.

Athletics:

A new proposed football format is being discussed. Seventh – ninth grade team and tenth – twelfth grade team. Discussion took place among the board. Are other schools going to this format, what teams can we play, can sixth grade play?

JV softball interest was enough for a team. Carrie Jones will be the coach with Richard Harper as assistant coach.

Other Discussion:

BGEF Reverse Raffle was mentioned again.

Monday, March 9, 206 at 6:00pm.

Finance:

Review of the December 2025 budget took place. Budget should be met by the end of the academic year.

Human Resources:

School Nurse and EC position are still posted on the BGCS website.

Pursuant to General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(5) and 143-318.11(a)(6), a **motion** was made by Charlotte and seconded by Leigh Ann, and passed unanimously, for the board to go into closed session for discussions. At 6:38 PM, the board entered closed session.

The board came out of closed session at 6:48 PM. **Motion:** Charlotte, Second: Pam.

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

A **motion** was made to approve and seal the November 17, 2025 closed session meeting minutes.

Motion: Charlotte, Second: Phil. Motion passed.

The next scheduled board meeting will be on February 16, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

Adjournment:

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

The meeting was adjourned by Delmas Cumbee, Chairman at 6:50 PM.

Minutes submitted by:

Pam Gibbs

Pam Gibbs, Secretary

Approved by:

Delmas Cumbee

Delmas Cumbee, Board Chairman
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