

Board of Education
Yadkin County Schools
Yadkinville, NC

A regular meeting of the Yadkin County Board of Education was held on Monday, December 1, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the board office.

Present: Chair Frank Brown, Rex Baity, Hazel Brown, Diane Hampton, Howard McKnight, Larry Vestal and Joe Dezern

Student
Representatives: Wesley Norman and Mary Hopper

Administrative Jim Benfield, Gary McDonald, Donald Hawks, Gale Hill, Bonnie Cook, Sara McCall, Chris Fowler, Teresa Logan, Rickey McCollum, Kathy Hughes, Karen Matthews, Celia Davis and Wayne Price

Staff Members: Kim Rose and Amy Johnson

Visitors: Marlana Wood

#08-145
Closed Session: On motion by McKnight, seconded by Baity, the Board entered closed session at 5:30 p.m.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-146
Re-enter Open
Session: On motion by Baity, seconded by H. Brown, the Board returned to open session after a break.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Pledge of
Allegiance: Taylor Moxley, a student at Starmount High School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: Diane Hampton gave the invocation.

Presentations:
1. Marlana Wood, Health Educator for the Yadkin County Health Department shared with the Board information on Abstinence until Marriage. This information will be shared to the 9th graders as an addition to the Sexually Transmitted Disease unit.

#08-147
Approval of
Minutes: On motion by H Brown, seconded by Vestal, the Board approved the November 3, 2008 meeting minutes of the Board of Education.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-148
Consent
Agenda:

On motion by H. Brown, seconded by Dezern, the Board approved the consent agenda items listed below:

Personnel: New Employees
Three-year School Improvement Plans
Approval of New Policy 4260 – Student Sex Offenders
Approval of New Policy 5022 – Registered Sex Offenders

Yes: All members voted yes.

New Employees recommended for employment.

East Bend School

Candidates' s Name – Monna Hudspeth
College/Degree –
Certification –
Assignment – Temporary Remediation Teacher Assistant
Experience –
Salary – \$12.00 per hour
Salary Source – Remediation Funds
New Position – N

Candidates' s Name – Virginia Ross
College/Degree – Bachelors
Certification –
Assignment – Temporary Remediation Teacher Assistant
Experience –
Salary – \$15.00 per hour
Salary Source – Remediation Funds
New Position – Y

West Yadkin School/Central Office

Candidates' s Name – Ann Talton
College/Degree – Master's Education
Certification – ESL, Elem, Principal
Assignment – ESL Teacher/Translator
Experience – 17 years
Salary – \$46,150.00
Salary Source – ESL Funds
New Position – N – Replacing Paul Middleton

Yadkinville School

Candidates' s Name – Harvey Urieta
College/Degree –
Certification –
Assignment – ESL Teacher Assistant
Experience –
Salary – \$1913.00 month
Salary Source – ESL Funds
New Position – N – replacing Leigh Anne Shore – position changed from teacher (½ time) to teacher assistant (fulltime)

Candidates' s Name – John Watts
College/Degree –
Certification –
Assignment – Head Custodian
Experience – 6 years
Salary – \$2145.00 per month
Salary Source – State Funds
New Position – N – replacing Scott Holden

Substitute Teachers Added to List
Marcelina Edwards
Jessie Minton
Tamara Mentz
George Hutchinson

#08-149
2009-10 Course
Curriculum Guide:

On motion by Hampton, seconded by Baity, the Board approved the 2009-10 Course Curriculum Guide for high school students.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-150
Alternative School
Local Option:

On motion by McKnight, seconded by Vestal, the Board approved the Yadkin Success Academy local options that are submitted to DPI each year.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-151
Budget Amendments

On motion by Baity, seconded by Dezern, the Board approved budget amendments # 1 – 2 as presented by Finance Officer Gale Hill.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-152
Change Order –
Forbush Middle
School:

On motion by Hampton, seconded by McKnight, the Board approved the change order for Forbush Middle School.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-153
Change Order –
Starmount Middle
School:

On motion by Dezern, seconded by Vestal, the Board approved the change order for Starmount Middle School.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Information Items:

1. Administration has received the following resignations:
No resignations.
2. Administration has transferred the following employees:
No transfers.
3. Administration has granted the following leave of absences:
Tonya Moss – Teacher at Forbush Elementary School – maternity leave
4. The Board reviewed contracts/purchases since the last Board meeting.
5. Sara McCall, Director of Pre-K-6 Learning gave a report to the Board on the elementary schools' teacher-parent conference schedule.
6. Superintendent Benfield and Gale Hill, Finance Officer shared with the Board information on budget reductions to comply with the required reversion of \$239,823.00 to the state. Dr. Benfield stated that he and Gale had worked with all administrators in indentifying the money to revert to the state.
7. Sara McCall, Director of Pre-K-6 Learning, provided the Board with the Limited English Proficient Report Headcount for Yadkin County Schools.
8. Bonnie Cook, Director 6-12 Learning, shared a short presentation regarding writing (a state system and Yadkin County's plan for a 14-K writing plan).
9. Superintendent Benfield and Maintenance Director Donald Hawks gave the board members a middle school update.
10. It was discussed at the August 4, 2008 Board of Education meeting about scheduling Board of Education meetings during the day every other month. The Board decided that the January Board Meeting will be a morning meeting with closed session beginning at 8:00 a.m. and open session beginning at 9:00 a.m. The Board will then travel to Forbush High School to visit and have lunch, then touring the Forbush Middle School site. Mr. Brown stated he would contact Chad Wagoner, Chairman of the Yadkin County Commissioners, and invite the Commissioners to eat lunch, and visit Forbush High School and Forbush Middle School. Mr. Brown shared with the Board that the County Commissioners wanted to have the next joint meeting on February 2, 2009 at 12:00 noon and the Board of Education would meet in regular session that evening with closed session at 5:30 p.m. and open session at 6:30 p.m.
11. Superintendent Benfield shared policy information with the Board on consideration of admitting out-of-county students into our school district. After some discussion, it was decided that the Board would discuss further at a later date.

12. The Board was given information on the “Be There” effort. This is sponsored by the Piedmont Triad Consortium. The goal in every school is to provide a quality education for a quality life. To be successful, the Consortium states they need a team effort with strong connections between parents and teachers. The “Be There” invitation is a profoundly simple way to connect with children in meaningful ways during the every day moments of life.
13. The Board reviewed the December schedule of activities.

Superintendent’s Comments:

Superintendent Benfield mentioned the following to the Board:

- Stated that the Department of Public Instruction is considering a new plan for a new accountability and assessment system for North Carolina public schools. The proposed changes to the assessment system will focus more attention on formative assessment and benchmark assessments. The required summative assessments at year’s end will move toward performance items and toward the use of technology for assessing student learning. In terms of school accountability, they are proposing a refocused system that will measure what is most important: student academic growth and performance over time at all grade levels; and, work-ready courses at the high school.
- Assistant Superintendent, Gary McDonald introduced Celia Davis to the Board. Ms. Davis is the EC Program Specialist for Yadkin County Schools.

Chairperson’s Comments:

Frank Brown mentioned the following to the Board:

- Congratulated Starmount High School’s football program on their successful season. Mr. Brown stated that if we all continue to work together we can have the best school system.

Student Representative Comments:

Mary Hopper invited the Board to Starmount High School’s student talent show to be held on Saturday, December 6 at 7:00 pm.

Wesley Norman informed the Board that Principal Wayne Price had invited the seniors and their parents for morning coffee on December 12. The parents will be able to ask questions concerning any issues about which they want more information.

Board Member Comments:

Rex Baity – stated he attended the Starmount football game on Friday night. Informed the group about Sandra Vestal, a teacher assistant at Boonville School who was involved in an accident and needs our prayers.

Diane Hampton – stated that she had attended the NCSBA conference. She learned about a Communities and Schools Program, which is a non-profit program that helps with dropout problems, and pregnancies. There is communication with parents at no cost. Ms. Hampton congratulated the Starmount football program and the Forbush High School cheerleaders who placed 2nd in the state.

Larry Vestal – stated that he attended the NCSBA conference and they had excellent speakers. He enjoyed meeting other school board members and getting ideas that were very beneficial. Mr. Vestal will try to prepare a written report on the conference and provide a copy to all board members.

Howard McKnight – stated he was very pleased on the progress of the middle schools and wanted to congratulate the Starmount football program.

Joe Dezern – wanted to congratulate the Starmount football program and the Starmount volleyball team.

Hazel Brown – stated she attended the NCSBA conference. Dr. Brown informed the other board members that the SBA passed a motion that will require each board member to get 12 hours board development training or pay \$100.00 penalty for each hour of board development that is less than the required 12 hours.

- With no further business, Chair Frank Brown asked for a motion to adjourn.

#08-154
Adjournment:

On motion by Baity, seconded by McKnight, the Board adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Yes:

All members voted yes.

Jim Benfield, Secretary