

Board of Education
Yadkin County Schools
Yadkinville, NC

A regular meeting of the Yadkin County Board of Education was held on Monday, April 7, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the board office.

Present: Chair Karin Mendenhall, Frank Brown, Rex Baity, Hazel Brown, Brock Matthews, Diane Hampton and Howard McKnight

Student
Representatives: Benjamin McKaig, Isabella Cochrane

Administrative Jim Benfield, Donald Hawks, Gale Hill, Bonnie Cook, Sara McCall, Kathy Hughes, Chris Fowler, Charles Conner, Jeff Wallace, Angie Choplin, Kelly Mabe, Debbie Gough and Dawn Huggins

Visitors: Kayla Chilton, Sarah Stanley, Danny Hutchens, Melissa Hutchens, Madison Hutchens, Wayne Moore, Tanner Moore, Jessi Moore, Charles Teague, Emily Parrish, Lois Everidge, Ashley Everidge, Mary Johnston, Wayne Johnston, Matthew Zachary, Justin Sharpe, Kevin Austin, Dale Holcomb, Tina Dalton, Church Dalton, Joyce Dalton, Amy Dalton, Tom Hughes

#08-49
Closed Session: On motion by McKnight, seconded by H. Brown, the Board entered closed session at 5:35 p.m.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-50
Re-enter Open
Session: On motion by H. Brown, seconded by Hampton, the Board returned to open session.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Pledge of
Allegiance: Madison Hutchens, a 4th grader at Courtney School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: Hazel Brown gave the invocation.

Presentations: Rex Baity presented the attendance award to Forbush High School, the 1st place attendance winner for the 5th month of school with a percentage of 96.47. Accepting the trophy and a \$100.00 check for Forbush High School were seniors who currently hold perfect attendance.

The Board also awarded a \$50.00 second place award to Fall Creek School with a percentage of 96.24, which was accepted by Jessi Moore, an eighth grader at Fall Creek

Brock Matthews presented certificates to student winners in the Soil and Water Contest.

Dr. Benfield and Karen Mendenhall presented Angie Choplin an award for being chosen the 2008 Wachovia Principal of the Year.

#08-51
Approval of
Emergency Meeting
Minutes:

On motion by F. Brown, seconded by McKnight, the Board approved the March 18, 2008 emergency meeting minutes of the Board of Education.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-52
Approval of
Minutes:

On motion by Matthews, seconded by H. Brown, the Board approved the March 31, 2008 joint meeting minutes of the Board of Education and the County Commissioners.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-53
New
Employees:

On motion by Matthews, seconded by Hampton, the Board approved the following for employment:

Emma Garrison – Group Leader at Jonesville OOST

Amanda Coram – Group Leader at Fall Creek OOST

Brad Storie – Temporary Personal Care Assistant at West Yadkin School

Edward Vogler – 4 hr/day Custodian at Boonville School

Mr. Vogler graduated from North Forsyth Senior High School and completed one year from Forsyth Technical College. He lives in East Bend.

Remediation Tutors:

Mona Hudspeth – West Yadkin

Angela Sorrell – Fall Creek

Executive Director/Assistant Superintendent of Learning and Teaching – pulled from the agenda with more information next month.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-54
Forbush Middle
School Principal:

On motion by Matthews, seconded by McKnight, the Board approved Kelly Mabe as the new principal of Forbush Middle School effective July 1, 2009.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-55
Starmount Middle
School Principal:

On motion by F. Brown, seconded by Baity, the Board approved Rick Swaim as the new principal of Starmount Middle School effective July 1, 2009.

Yes: All members voted yes.

- #08-56
Year Leave
of Absence: On motion by H. Brown, seconded by McKnight, the Board approved Jennifer Hemric, teacher at West Yadkin Schools request to take an educational leave of absence next school year to work on her master degree.
- Yes: All members voted yes.
- #08-57
Year Leave
of Absence: On motion by H. Brown, seconded by Hampton, the Board approved Melissa Shoaf, math teacher at Forbush High Schools request for a one-year leave of absence to go to Peru to teach in a school for missionary kids.
- Yes: All members voted yes.
- #08-58
Budget
Amendments: On motion by H. Brown, seconded by Matthews, the Board approved budget amendments #36-45 as presented by Finance Officer Gale Hill.
- Yes: All members voted yes.
- #08-59
MACTEC
Proposal – FMS: On motion by Hampton, seconded by McKnight, the Board approved the revised cost estimate construction materials testing services for Forbush Middle School from MACTEC.
- Yes: All members voted yes.
- #08-60
MACTEC
Proposal – SMS: On motion by F. Brown, seconded by Hampton, the Board approved the revised cost estimate construction testing services for Starmount Middle School from MACTEC.
- Yes: All members voted yes.
- #08-61
Contracts-
Receipt Funding
Plant Operation
Section: On motion by Matthews, seconded by Hampton, the Board approved the contracts-receipt funding for plant operation section division of school support (2008-2009).
- Yes: All members voted yes.
- #08-62
Audit Proposal
Rives and Assoc.: On motion by Matthews, seconded by F. Brown, the Board approved to accept Rives & Associates, LLC's five year proposal for auditing services.
- Yes: All members voted yes.

Information Items:

1. Administration has received the following resignations:
 - Brenda Crook – Teacher at Forbush High School – retiring effective July 1, 2008
 - Debbie Gough – Principal at East Bend School – retiring effective July 1, 2008
 - Jane Hatfield – PE Teacher for Yadkin County Schools – retiring effective July 1, 2008
 - Myra Hutchens – Interim EC Teacher at Forbush High School – resigning effective April 4, 2008
 - Sherry Matthews – Media Assistant at Forbush High School – retiring
 - Mary McEwen – Child Nutrition at Courtney School - retiring
 - Dorothy Vinay – Remediation at Yadkinville School – resigning effective March 14, 2008
 - Jessica Bates – Group Worker OOST at Yadkinville School
 - Marie Redmond – Group Leader OOST at Fall Creek
 - Jessica Garner – Assistant Director at Boonville OOST
2. Administration has transferred the following employees:
 - Danyelle Brown from Group Leader at Boonville OOST to Assistant Director at Boonville OOST
 - Meagan Cockerham from Courtney OOST to East Bend OOST as Assistant Director
 - Betty Jester from East Bend OOST to Courtney OOST as Assistant Director
 - Rebecca Winans from Courtney OOST to Yadkinville OOST as Assistant Director
3. The following employees have been granted a leave of absence:
 - Tammy Poindexter – Media Coordinator at East Bend School – Maternity Leave
 - Amanda Price – Teacher at Yadkin Success Academy – Maternity Leave
 - Rhonda Finney – Extension to Maternity Leave

Ann Crews – Teacher Assistant at West Yadkin School – Family Medical Leave as needed for a period of time beginning April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009.

4. The Board reviewed student transfers, field trips, contracts/purchases since the last Board meeting.
5. The Board reviewed the February schedule of activities.
6. The Board was given information on professional, tenure and probationary contracts for our teachers. Administration recommended that the Board vote on issuing these contracts at the May board meeting.
7. The Board was given school advisory council replacement information for review with approval at the May meeting. The Board decided to move this item to the action agenda for approval.

#08-63
Move to
Action Agenda:

On motion by McKnight, seconded by F. Brown, the Board moved the School Advisory Council Replacement information to the action agenda.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-64
School
Advisory Council
Replacements:

On motion by Matthews, seconded by H. Brown, the Board approved the 2008-2009 School Advisory Council Replacements.

Yes: All members voted yes.

8. The Board was given information concerning end of course results for Forbush High School and Starmount High School. The Board was also given information on the end of course results for Yadkin County Schools.
9. The Board was given information on the renorming of Reading Comprehension EOG's. The Reading Comprehensive tests for grades 3-8 will be renormed during the summer of 2008. Individual student and school data will not be available until October 2008. Accountability section at DPI is predicting that the percentage of students who are proficient at grade level will decline.
10. The Board reviewed the April schedule of activities.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Benfield commented on the new middle school principals and discussed the curriculum for the new schools.

The Board was informed about the Teacher of the Year Banquet – May 8 at 6:00 p.m. – Village Inn Conference Center in Clemmons.

Chairperson's Report:

Karin Mendenhall mentioned the following to the Board:

- The Joint meeting with the County Commissioners held on Monday, March 31, 2008 at Boonville School went well.
- Recognized Larry Vestal, candidate for Board of Education.
- Chair Mendenhall stated to the group that during closed session, the board gave Dr. Benfield direction on purchasing land for the Forbush Hunter Safety Team.
- With no further business, Chair Mendenhall asked for a motion to adjourn.

#08-65
Adjournment:

On motion by Baity, seconded by Matthews, the Board adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Yes:

All members voted yes.

Jim Benfield, Secretary

Approval of April 7, 2008 Board of Education Open Session Minutes:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Motion by: _____	_____	_____
Second by: _____	_____	_____
Baity	_____	_____
Brown, F.	_____	_____
Brown, H.	_____	_____
Hampton	_____	_____
Matthews	_____	_____
McKnight	_____	_____
Mendenhall	_____	_____