

**Board of Education  
Yadkin County Schools  
Yadkinville, NC**

A regular meeting of the Yadkin County Board of Education was held on Monday, April 4, 2011 at 6:30p.m. in the Board office.

- Present: Frank Brown, Howard McKnight, Rex Baity, Hazel Brown, Diane Hampton, Larry Vestal and Joe Dezern.
- Student Representatives: Emily Winslow, Stephen Walker, Paul Rogers
- Administrative: Jim Benfield, Mark Rumley, Gale Hill, Bonnie Cook, Donald Hawks, Celia Davis, Marea Ewers, Jona Atkins, Adam Harrelson, Karen Matthews, Dr. Nichols, Kathy Sommers, Chris Fowler, Rickey McCollum, Teresa Logan, Rickey Oakes, Dawn Huggins, Kaky Berry, James Sheek
- Staff Members: Tammy Miller, Lisa Wagoner
- Visitors: David Moxley, Angie Bell, Michael & Angela Spillman, Tim & Lisa Cook, Tammie & Jamie Pardue, Samantha Pardue, Karen Martin-Ripple, Jennifer Shore, Tammy Shore, Zola Sheek, Ava Sheek, Sharon Sheek,
- #11-028  
Closed Session: On motion by McKnight, seconded by Baity, the Board entered closed session at 5:30p.m. for reasons 1-9
- Yes: All members voted yes.
- #11-029  
Recess Closed Session: On motion by Dezern seconded by Vestal, the Board recessed closed session to return to open session.
- Yes: All members voted yes.
- Pledge of Allegiance: Ava Sheek and Zola Sheek from Yadkinville Elementary School led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Invocation: Howard McKnight gave the invocation.
- Presentations: Jessica Baity, William Bell and Jennifer Shore were recognized for being Teaching Fellows recipients.
- Kara Pardue and Taylor Spill were recognized for being selected as Attendees for Governor School.
- #11-030 On motion by H. Brown, seconded by Hampton, the Board approved the

Approval of Minutes: March 7, 2011 meeting minutes of the Board of Education with the following correction:  
***Page 8 under comments by Larry Vestal---this should read "the youth survey sponsored by the North Carolina Rural Center".***

Yes: All members voted yes.

#11-031 Consent Agenda: On a motion by Baity, seconded by Vestal the Board approved the consent agenda items listed below:

Yes: All members voted yes.

Absent: Howard McKnight

- New Employees

**Forbush Elementary School**

Candidates's Name – Lavonia Burgess  
College/Degree – N/A  
Certification – N/A  
Assignment – OOST Group Leader/Substitute  
Experience – 0 years  
Salary – \$7.25/hour  
Salary Source – OOST  
New Position – Y

**Forbush High School**

Candidates's Name – Linda Steelman  
College/Degree – Bachelor's  
Certification – English 9-12/French 9-12  
Assignment – Temporary English 9-12  
Experience – 38 years  
Salary – Pending  
Salary Source – State  
New Position – N-replacing Kim Phoenix

**Yadkin Success Academy**

Candidates's Name – Stephen Lowe  
College/Degree – Masters  
Certification – 9-12 Social Studies, EC: Mental/Behavior Handicapped  
Assignment – Temporary Middle Grades Teacher  
Experience – 8 years  
Salary – Pending  
Salary Source – State  
New Position – Y – student numbers are up

#11-032 On motion by Hampton, seconded by McKnight, the Board approved

Employment Of Superintendent: a four-year contract for Dr. L. Stewart Hobbs to serve as superintendent of Yadkin County Schools.

Yes: F. Brown, H. Brown, Dezern, Hampton, McKnight, Vestal  
No: Rex Baity

### Information Items:

- Administration has received the following resignations:
  - Shannon Seagraves** – Teacher at Forbush High School resigning effective March 18, 2011
  - Pauline Wiles** – Custodian at Yadkinville Elementary School retiring effective July 1, 2011
  - Ava Hall** – Teacher Assistant at West Yadkin Elementary School retiring effective May 1, 2011
  - Donna Martin** – Child Nutrition at Starmount High retiring effective July 1, 2011
  - Judith Brown** – Teacher at Starmount High School retiring effective July 1, 2011
  - Jane Weisner** – Teacher at Courtney Elementary School retiring effective July 1, 2011
  - Megan Vogler** – Teacher at Yadkinville Elementary School resigning effective approximately May 25, 2011 (this resignation will follow the use of all leave days used for maternity)
  - Kim Phoenix** - Teacher at Forbush High School resigning effective March 16, 2011
  - Chris Peoples** – Teacher at Starmount High School resigning effective Jun 14, 2011
- Administration has transferred the following employees:
  - Patricia Moser** from Cafeteria Assistant Manager at Forbush High School to Cafeteria Manager at Forbush High School.
  - Stephanie Phillips** from OOST Group Leader at East Bend Elementary to OOST Assistant Director at East Bend Elementary.
  - Denise Wood** – from Teacher at Fall Creek Elementary to Teacher at West Yadkin Elementary.
- Administration has granted the following leave of absences:
  - Tammy Stinson** – Child Nutrition at Forbush High School – FMLA beginning February 2, 2011
  - Erica Ireland** – Teacher at Yadkinville Elementary School – Maternity Leave beginning March 21, 2011
  - Karen Seipert** – Teacher at Forbush High School – FMLA beginning January 4, 2011
  - Dottie Shore** – Child Nutrition at Starmount High School – Disability effective March 11, 2011
  - Megan Vogler** – Teacher at Yadkinville Elementary School – Maternity Leave beginning March 24, 2011
  - Jan Vogts** – Teacher Assistant at Forbush Elementary School – Education Leave for the 2011-2012 school year.

4. The Board reviewed Professional, Tenure and Probationary Contracts. These contracts will be voted on at the May 2, 2011 Board meeting.
5. The Board reviewed contracts/purchases.
6. The Board reviewed the student releases.
7. The Board discussed the next Joint Board of Commissioners meeting. It was decided to work with the county commissioners and schedule the next joint meeting for August 29, 2011.
8. The Board reviewed field trips.
9. The Board reviewed the April schedule of activities.

### **Comments**

**Emily Winslow** stated that everything was going well at Forbush High School and they had their prom this past weekend and had no problems. She also thanked Dr. Nichols for being at the Board meeting.

**Stephen Walker** apologized for a mistake he made in his comments last month. He stated the jazz concert was at Starmount Middle School. He also informed the Board there was another upcoming concert on Thursday, April 7 beginning at 7:00p.m. at Starmount High School.

**Paul Rogers** informed the Board that students were getting prepared for finals and college classes. He also stated that their first prom was being held on Saturday, April 9 at Tanglewood and they had held fundraisers to cover the cost and everyone was looking forward to attending.

**Dr. Stewart Hobbs** thanked the Board of Education for the opportunity to work in Yadkin County and that he was looking forward to this opportunity. He stated he was just a good ole country boy and he had been doing this for a long time. He informed the group that he was very excited about working in Yadkin County and that he firmly believes it is all about relationships and building those with community, staff, teachers and the Board of Education. Dr. Hobbs stated he will lead Yadkin County Schools and that he was not the most important person in this system and that the most important was the bus driver, the cafeteria workers, the teachers and all those who came in contact with each student. He reiterated that he looked forward to working with everyone beginning July 1.

**Rex Baity** informed the Board he had been to 8 different schools and had enjoyed his visits, especially at Forbush High and Yadkin Early College.

**Diane Hampton** stated she was looking forward to going to the Regional Career Academy meeting and was excited to see what information she could bring back to the Board.

**Larry Vestal** stated he had attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting recently and that he

looked forward to working with Dr. Hobbs.

**Hazel Brown** welcomed Dr. Hobbs to Yadkin County Schools. She stated we have a really good system and want to continue the good work that is being done.

**Joe Dezern** welcomed Dr. Hobbs to Yadkin County and also thanked Yadkin County Schools' employees for the work they did each day.

**Howard McKnight** also welcomed Dr. Hobbs. He stated that he had attended a job fair with Karen Matthews that he enjoyed and they had seen good potential teachers. He also informed the group he had visited Forbush High School and had thoroughly enjoyed his visit.

**Jim Benfield** congratulated Dr. Hobbs and welcomed him to Yadkin County Schools. He also stated he would like to compliment the Board for the way they handled the superintendent search.

**Frank Brown** thanked the Board for their work and also thanked the student representatives for what they do for the school system. He also stated he was looking forward to working with Dr. Hobbs and he felt fortunate to get someone with his background, experience and demonstrated abilities to run a school system

#11-033      On motion by H. Brown, seconded by Baity, the Board adjourned the open session  
Adjournment      meeting at 6:50p.m.

Yes:            All members voted yes.

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Jim Benfield, Secretary

**Motion to approve April 4, 2011 open session minutes:**

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Motion by: _____	<b>Baity</b>	_____	_____
	<b>Brown, F.</b>	_____	_____
Second by: _____	<b>Brown, H.</b>	_____	_____
	<b>Dezern</b>	_____	_____
	<b>Hampton</b>	_____	_____
	<b>McKnight</b>	_____	_____
	<b>Vestal</b>	_____	_____