

**YADKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
YADKIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Joint Meeting – Monday, January 30, 2017**

The Yadkin County Board of Commissioners met in Joint Session with the Yadkin County Board of Education on Monday, January 30, 2017 at 8:45am at Forbush High School. The Yadkin County Board of Education was the hosts for this meeting.

Present for the meeting:

**Representing the Board of Commissioners**

Chairman Kevin Austin  
Vice Chairman Frank Zachary  
Commissioner Marion Welborn  
Commissioner David Moxley  
Ed Powell, Attorney

**Representing the Board of Education**

Chairman Howard McKnight  
Rex Baity  
Vice Chairman Jennifer Hemric  
Tim Weatherman  
Sam Crews  
Sharon Yale  
Lynn Allred

**Yadkin County Personnel**

Lisa Hughes, County Manager  
Tanya Gentry, Deputy Clerk to the Board  
Finance Director

**Yadkin County School Personnel**

Dr. Todd Martin, Superintendent  
Wayne Duggins, Assistant Superintendent  
Tammy Miller, Adm. Asst. to Superintendent  
Denise Bullin, Executive Director - Finance  
Chris Lyon, Director-Human Resources  
Kathy Hughes, Director-CTE  
Donald Hawks, Director-Maintenance

After the invocation given by Sam Crews, breakfast was served.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Howard McKnight called to order the Board of Education at 8:45a.m.  
Chairman Austin called to order the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners at 8:45a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Forbush High School JROTC presented the colors and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jennifer Hemric.

**DISCUSSION**

**1. Report from County Manager:**

Lisa Hughes introduced Tom Sarratt, the new county Financial Officer to the group. She informed the group that the county was going through a re-evaluation with property taxes mid

to late April. She stated that they would be holding a budget retreat on February 20. She also stated that the county is constructing the East Bend water line at this time and this should be completed in approximately one year.

Kevin Austin stated that they are waiting to see what the state will do with budget. He stated he feels optimistic about budget and that the two Board do a good job of communicating together and achieve great things.

## **2. Report from Superintendent:**

Dr. Martin introduced Wayne Duggins, the new Assistant Superintendent to the group and stated his first official day is February 13. He stated that Mr. Duggins is the current principal at Southwest Guilford High School and was named the regional Principal of the Year last year. He stated that the lighting project is winding down for the most part and they still have a few things to finalize. Dr. Martin stated he would like to thank the county manager and commissioners for supporting the project financially as we could not have done this without you. He stated we have worked with CW Electric and were able to light the gyms in the county. He stated the Lego League wound up in November. He stated we had 14 teams and enjoyed support from community and local businesses. He informed the group that the Forbush Elementary team competed at the state and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Robot Performance out of 120 teams. He also stated that the county spelling bee was being held today at 1:00pm at Yadkinville Elementary School. Dr. Martin discussed legislation and the class size restrictions they are trying to impose in the K-3 classrooms. He stated we currently have limits; however, we do have flexibility and this legislation is removing this flexibility. He also stated that when funding doesn't follow new legislation we have to take care of the positions and have to pull the money from somewhere. He stated that some districts have talked about pulling Art and P.E. from elementary schools to fund these positions. He also stated that there is a bill out there now to help alleviate this and he hopes this is done sooner than later. He stated that if this legislation stays in place we are taking about 13 additional teachers, not including additional teacher assistants.

Kevin Austin discussed this bill and stated this was put into a 209 page budget and several did not even know it was there. He stated this was reintroduced last week and he feels the issue has been recognized. He stated that beyond the 13 teaching positions, this will have a huge impact space wise. Dr. Martin stated that we have some classroom space in some schools due to middle schools being built.

Lisa Hughes asked about the situation with the mobile units at Yadkinville Elementary School and was the town still asking that these be moved. Dr. Martin stated he will shut down two of the units which house our technology team. He stated that because of the cost of the inventory that is stored there, we are looking at space to use at the Yadkin Success Academy for the tech team. He stated he has offered to move these two and clean the others up and this was not accepted by the town. He stated that our attorney is communicating with the town attorney at this time. Dr. Martin stated the town wants us to build another building to house the programs we are currently using the mobile units for and that we could ask the county for money to build the new facility at Yadkinville. Kevin Austin stated we all have needs we are trying to meet

and cooperation from others would be much appreciated. Dr. Martin stated he would talk to our attorney to see where we are with this situation.

Dr. Martin discussed with the group the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade bonuses that were awarded this year in the appropriations act. He stated that teachers in the top 25% of the LEA were awarded bonuses and those who were in the top 25% in the state. He stated we were told this bonus would be paid in January and we found out some time in November that those teachers who taught 3<sup>rd</sup> grade last year and were in the top 25% would not receive the bonus if they were moved to another grade level and were not teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> grade this year. He stated there was talk the legislators would fix this; however, it has not been. Dr. Martin stated we have a few teachers who would have got the bonus, but are not teaching in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade this year and we have one teacher who would have earned both the local and state bonuses. Dr. Martin stated some districts are using local money to pay those teachers but we do not have that privilege. He stated he feels sorry for those teachers and had we known this would happen, we could have tried to leave those teachers at that grade level. He stated that another issue with this was that the money was allotted based on ADM and a small district could have received \$9,000 and only had one teacher who qualified and would receive the entire amount. He stated that the teachers in Yadkin County who qualified for the bonus received approximately \$3,500. Howard McKnight stated that those teachers worked hard and it would be nice to see those teachers receive this bonus.

### 3. **Other**

Marion Welborn asked if we have noticed a change in the power bill since the lights have been changed. Donald stated we are looking for a good average bill coming in and we will need to compare a month from year to year because of each month being different due to circumstances that are different each month.

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN @ 9:15a.m.**

**Board of Education member Jennifer Hemric made a motion, seconded by Tim Weatherman to recess and to hold their monthly Board of Education meeting. All members voted yes.**

**On motion by Commissioner David Moxley, seconded by Marion Welborn, the Board of Commissioners adjourned. All members voted yes.**

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Dr. Todd Martin, Secretary

**Motion to approve January 30, 2017 Joint Commissioners Meeting Minutes:**

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Motion by: _____	Allred	_____	_____
	Baity	_____	_____
Second by: _____	Crews	_____	_____
	Yale	_____	_____
	Hemric	_____	_____
	McKnight	_____	_____
	Weatherman	_____	_____