

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

A regular meeting of the Yadkin County Board of Education was held on Monday, June 29, 2009 at 7:20 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:

Administrative: Jim Benfield, Mark Rumley, Donald Hawks, Gale Hill, Sara McCall, Teresa Logan, Bonnie Cook, James Bumgarner, Kathy Hughes, Chris Fowler, Wayne Price

Staff Members: Tammy Miller, Derrick James, Nanette Shover, Mary Anne Allen, Kristi Gaddis

Visitors: Lori Murdock, Kathleen Childress, Nikki Santiago, Ashley Payne, Lois Allen, Homer Allen, John Allen, Jr., Angela Westmoreland, Antonio McClelland, Sharon Westmoreland, Karen Martin - Yadkin Ripple/Tribune

#09-52
Closed Session: On motion by McKnight, seconded by Dezern, the Board entered closed session at 5:31 p.m.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#09-53
Recess Closed
Session: On motion by H. Brown, seconded by McKnight, the Board recessed closed session to return to open session.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Pledge of
Allegiance: Chairman Frank Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: Howard McKnight had the invocation.

Presentations: Chairman Frank Brown and Joe Dezern presented a certificate to Antonio McClelland, a student at Starmount High School, for winning the state championship in the long jump for track.

Chairman Frank Brown and Joe Dezern presented a plaque and certificate to the following teachers for receiving their National Board Certification:

Kristi Gaddis – Starmount High School

Nan Shover – Starmount High School

Mary Allen – Yadkinville Elementary School

#09-54
Approval of
Minutes: On motion by McKnight, seconded by Dezern, the Board approved the June 1, 2009 meeting minutes of the Board of Education.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#09-55
Consent Agenda: On motion by H. Brown, seconded by Vestal, the Board approved the consent agenda items listed below:

- Personnel – New Employees
- Budget Amendments – 52 – 66
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- Continuing Budget Resolution
- FMS Change Order for new well work and waterline along the road
- SMS Change Order for middle school projects

Yes: All members voted yes.

#09-56
Agreement
Between YCS &
Surry Community
College: On motion by McKnight, seconded by Hampton, the Board approved the agreement between Yadkin County Schools and Surry Community College for the purpose of housing the Yadkin Early College High School.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#09-58
Road Widening
Bid: On motion by Vestal, seconded by Dezern, the Board approved the road widening bid from Carl Rose & Son in the amount of \$381,908.00. The Department of Transportation will pay \$250,000.00 which leaves Yadkin County Schools a balance of \$131,908.00.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#09-59
Surry Insurance
Contract: On motion by Baity, seconded by H. Brown, the Board recommended approval of the new Surry Insurance premium which is guaranteed at a rate of \$198,830.00 for three years as long as the cumulative loss ratio is Below 45%.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Information Items:

1. Administration has received the following resignations:

Debra Pendergrass – Teacher Assistant at Yadkinville School retiring July 1, 2009
Carmin Brown – Teacher Assistant at Boonville School retiring July 1, 2009
Kim Rose – Administrative Assistant/Office Manager – Central Office retiring July 1, 2009
Cathern Comer – Child Nutrition – resigning due to being accepted for long term disability
Sara McCall – Director of ESL, Title II and K-6 Instruction retiring September 1, 2009

2. Administration has transferred the following employees:

Annette Johnson will be transferring from the central office to assistant principal at Boonville Elementary School.

3. Administration has granted the following leave of absences:

Cindy McMurray – OOST/Community Preschool Director – Medical Leave
Nicole Rodriguez – Teacher at East Bend School – Maternity Leave

4. Chairman Frank Brown thanked Sara McCall for everything she had done for Yadkin County Schools and wished her the best of luck in her future retirement.
5. Amend Homebound/Hospital Instruction Policy Code 3132 – Teresa Logan asked the Board to amend the current policy for students to begin receiving homebound services from 4 weeks to 2 weeks.
6. The Board reviewed student release information for students being released to other school systems.
7. Middle School update – Dr. Benfield indicated that we are still anticipating that Starmount Middle School will be open on time. Donald Hawks stated that there is no indication that we will not be able to open on time. Mr. Hawks also reported that we should receive a temporary certificate of occupancy in the first week of August. Dr. Benfield informed the Board that at this time there is an open house planned for August 14 and August 21 will be a mock schedule walk through for students and parents. Dr. Benfield also indicated to the Board that at this time the official ribbon cutting would be held after both middle schools are open unless the Board wanted to do the schools at different times. Dr. Benfield stated that we are still looking at occupying Forbush Middle School by the second 9 weeks(November 3), and that Mr. Hawks is working very hard to ensure this happens.
8. Course Additions – Bonnie Cook presented information for the Board to review concerning Honors/AP courses at Forbush High School and Starmount High School. The following classes were discussed:

Starmount High – Music Theory I, AP Music Theory
Forbush High – Honors Forensics, AP Biology, AP US History, AP English

#09-60
Addition to
Action item: On motion by Baity, seconded by Hampton, the Board moved that the course addition information item be moved to an action item.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#09-61
High School
Course
Additions: On motion by H. Brown, seconded by Vestal, the Board approved the course addition information as presented.

Yes: All members voted yes.

9. The Board reviewed contract/purchases.
10. The Board reviewed the July schedule of activities.

Board Members' Comments:

Rex Baity– He indicated he thinks it is time to get with principals and come up with a solution to combat the cell phone usage in schools – work on policy and move toward eliminating. Chairman Frank Brown and Hazel Brown agreed. Diane Hampton asked Wayne Price if they have a problem with cell phones. Dr. Price indicated they deal with 1-3 cell phones daily. Mr. Baity reiterated that we need to come up with a solution and deal with this problem.

Diane Hampton–She indicated she is happy about all the AP classes at FHS and hopes SHS can also move in that direction.

Hazel Brown–She stated she is 200% for not having cell phones and that the last time we discussed cell phones she was not in favor of the cell phone policy. She indicated if we let them use cell phones in high school we are setting them up to fail in business world.

Joe Dezern–He stated that as a principal he hardly ever got phone calls and letters telling what a great job he was doing and that as a board member he gets even fewer calls. Joe Dezern shared positive comments he had received from a parent regarding Teresa Logan and the EC program. The parent had indicated to Mr. Dezern that if they have questions or concerns Teresa was readily available to talk with them and help. Chairman Frank Brown indicated he had heard lots of good things about Teresa and the EC Department as well.

Howard McKnight– He stated he wished school principals and administrators well as they planned for a new school year and he hoped to have a good start to a new year.

Frank Brown–He indicated he was also happy about the increase in AP classes and that this was a step in the right direction to help raise test scores. He also stated he was encouraged with Forbush High School's test scores and that he appreciated all they had done

#09-62 On motion by H. Brown, seconded by Baity, the Board adjourned at 8:00 p.m.
Adjournment:

Yes: All members voted yes.

Jim Benfield, Secretary