

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

A regular meeting of the Yadkin County Board of Education was held on Monday, February 3, 2014 at 9:00a.m. at West Yadkin Elementary School.

Present: Frank Brown, Howard McKnight, Jennifer Hemric, Rex Baity, Joe Dezern, Lynn Allred, Diane Hampton

Administrative: Dr. Martin, Chris Lyon, Myra Cox, Kristi Gaddis, Chris Fowler, Kathy Hughes, Kelly Byrd-Johnson, Chris Nichols, Donald Hawks, Cody Hemric, Rickey Oakes, Jona Atkins, Denise Bullin, Jill Logan

Student Reps: Colton Horn, Madison McLellan

Staff Members: Tammy Miller, Eva Tomko

Visitors: N/A

#14-010
Closed Session: On motion by Dezern, seconded by Allred, the Board entered closed session at 9:00a.m. for reasons 1-9.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#14-011
Recess Closed
Session: On motion by Allred, seconded by Baity, the Board recessed closed session to return to open session.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#14-012
Approval of
Agenda: On motion by Hemric, seconded by Baity, the Board approved the February 3, 2014 Board of Education meeting agenda with the following changes:

- Move the voucher litigation resolution on the action consent agenda to an information item.
- Add to the action agenda to name Myra Cox as Assistant Superintendent.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Pledge of
Allegiance: Kindergarten student Rodger Luna, Kaly Adams, Shaun Gregory Jena Widener, Amir Adams and Yariet Fuentes led the Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Howard McKnight gave the invocation.

Jona Atkins welcomed the Board. She informed the Board that their Talent for Technology night had been moved to March 15 at 7:00p.m. She also stated that the 2nd and 3rd graders would be performing at the February PTO meeting. In addition, she stated that West Yadkin had been approved by NC State University to begin a Juntos group for the 6th grade class.

The Board recognized Eva Tomko from West Yadkin Elementary School for publishing articles in Yadkin Valley Living. The Board also recognized East Bend Elementary School for being named a Signature School by the Piedmont Triad Education Consortium.

#14-013
Approval of
Minutes:

On motion by Hampton, seconded by Allred, the Board approved the January 6, 2014 minutes of the Board of Education.

Yes:

All members voted yes.

#14-014
Consent Agenda:

On a motion by Hampton, seconded by Hemric, the Board approved the consent agenda items listed below:

- Personnel - New Employees

Forbush Elementary School

Candidate's Name – Heather Haley
College/Degree – N/A
Certification – N/A
Assignment – OOST Assistant Director
Experience – Pending
Salary – \$10.72/hour
Salary Source – OOST
New Position – N – Replacing Sarah Dowd

Forbush High School

Candidate's Name – Russell Westrich
College/Degree – N/A
Certification – N/A
Assignment – Custodian
Experience – 0 Years
Salary – \$1,857/month
Salary Source – State
New Position – N – Replacing Guy Pardue

Candidate's Name – Sarah Frazier
College/Degree – Master's
Certification – Media Coordinator
Assignment – Media Coordinator
Experience – 16 Years
Salary – \$4,417/month
Salary Source – State
New Position – N – Replacing Mary Carter

Starmount High School

Candidate's Name – Amelia Baity

College/Degree – Bachelor's

Certification – 9-12 Music

Assignment – Music Teacher (Interim)

Experience – 0 Years

Salary – \$3,080/month

Salary Source – State

New Position – N – Replacing Brenda Hollyfield

- Budget Amendments #28-41
- Field Trips

Starmount Middle School – 8th Grade Trip – February 11-14, 2014

Destination: Washington, DC

Description of Trip: To enhance student learning by providing this hands-on experience.

Number of students: 92

Number of adults: 10

Transportation: Charter Bus

Cost per student: \$420.00

Starmount Middle School – 7th Grade Trip – February 19-21, 2014

Destination: Washington, DC

Description of Trip: To enhance student learning by providing this hands-on experience.

Number of students: 96

Number of adults: 10

Transportation: Charter Bus

Cost per student: \$280.00

Forbush Elementary School – 5th Grade Trip – March 26-28, 2014

Destination: Salter Path, NC (Sound to Sea)

Description of Trip: Provides hands-on Science experience that correlates with North Carolina Essential Standards.

Number of students: 33

Number of adults: 13

Transportation: Charter Bus

Cost per student: \$215.00

- District Technology Plan

Yes: All members voted yes.

#14-015
2014-2015
Calendar: On motion by Hemric, seconded by Allred, the Board approved the 2014-2015 school calendars.

Yes: Allred, Hampton, Hemric, McKnight

No: Baity, Brown, Dezern

#14-016 On motion by Hampton, seconded by Hemric, the Board approved to name
Assistant Myra Cox as Assistant Superintendent.
Superintendent:

Yes: All members voted yes.

Information Items:

1. Administration has received the following resignations:

Aleshia Rohrer – Guidance at Forbush High School – resigning effective February 2, 2014.

Terecia Talley – School Food Service Manager at Forbush Middle School – retiring effective February 1, 2014.

Jonathan Hoff – Network Engineer at Central Office – resigning effective January 31, 2014.

William Hodges – Teacher at Starmount High School – resigning effective January 31, 2014.

Jeannine Lundy – Teacher at Yadkinville Elementary School – retiring effective July 1, 2014.

Debra Macemore – Teacher Assistant at Yadkinville Elementary School – resigning effective July 1, 2014.

Kristi Matthews – OOST Group Leader at Forbush Elementary School – resigning effective January 17, 2014.

Rebecca Zachary – Bus Driver at Forbush Middle and Forbush High School – resigning effective January 15, 2014.

Brian McKenzie – Technician III at Central Office – resigning effective January 23, 2014.

2. Administration has transferred the following employees:

Guy Pardue – Custodian at Forbush High School to Custodian at Starmount High School.

3. Administration has received the following leave of absence:

Ashley Miller – Teacher at Boonville Elementary School – maternity leave beginning January 14, 2014.

4. The Board reviewed the Frontier Natural Gas Contract.

5. The Board discussed the voucher litigation resolution. The NCSBA is requesting that LEAs join them in the pending litigation against Senate Bill 402 that would appropriate \$10 million to provide private school vouchers and would reduce funding to public schools.

Joe Dezern stated that he is opposed to vouchers and charter schools as this takes money away from public schools. He stated he was a public school student, a public school employee and now a Board member representing public schools. He also stated

that he believes if parent wants to pursue a private or charter school that is their choice, but they should have to pay for this and that if the State continues to put money in these types of programs, we won't have a school system that is public.

Frank Brown this simply takes money away from public schools. In addition, he stated this is part of a continued attack on public education just like taking tenure and making sure teachers don't get a pay raise and saying only 25% of teachers should receive a bonus. He stated that we need to stand up for public schools.

Rex Baity stated he sees this as a budgetary disaster.

Jennifer Hemric stated she thinks that parents have a right to send their child wherever they want to and that tax money should follow them.

Lynn Allred stated there is an income restriction on receiving the vouchers and he feels this is an attempt to give those people a free choice and an option. He also that this is a complicated manner and while the intent is good, he is not sure if the outcome will be good.

Diane Hampton stated she has a lot of concerns about the bill and how the money will be used. She also stated that you could see charter schools popping up on every street corner and that we needed to preserve the integrity of public schools.

Howard McKnight stated he hated to see money going away from public schools; however, he could see how it can work and there were advantages to both sides.

6. Frank Brown asked questions as to where our school system was regarding the 25% tenure process. Chris Lyon stated a committee has been formed to help develop the criteria for this process. In addition, he informed the Board we had surveyed our faculty and provided them with information. He also stated he and Dr. Martin have met with surrounding counties. There was discussion concerning could we vote not to take part in this process and Chris Lyon stated that our attorney had informed us that this is a law and we have to offer this; however, teachers can refuse to take part.
7. Frank Brown asked how our third grade students were doing on the new reading tests that were now required. Myra Cox informed the Board that she was meeting with 3rd grade teachers this afternoon to discuss the success rate and how appropriate it is for every student. She stated we were told the passages would be "mini"; however, when the packets arrived the passages were hard and very difficult. She did state that Dr. Atkinson had informed school systems that instead of students passing 80% of each of the three passages we can look at 15 questions and have a 75% passing rate. In addition, school districts can create an alternate assessment and if a system gets their alternate assessment approved then any system could use this assessment. There was discussion concerning what funds would cover the summer camp that students would be required to attend and Myra stated that we have been given money from the State based on a projection that 55% of our 3rd graders would be attending. She stated at this time she feels there are approximately 60% of our students not passing the tests.
8. The Board reviewed contracts/purchases.

9. The Board reviewed the February schedule of activities.

Comments

Dr. Martin stated that the weather has been the big topic over the last few weeks and has presented us with many challenge. He also stated he would like to thank Rickey Oakes, Donald Hawks and their staffs for getting out and checking the roads and providing accurate information. He also thanked maintenance for scraping snow and ice off sidewalks and parking lots. In addition, he thanked Jona Atkins and Amy Walker for hosting the Board meeting. He also asked that everyone please keep the Jonesville Elementary student in your prayers who was injured in a car accident as she was really struggling.

Colton Horn informed the Board that the wrestling team was doing good and that the regional competition was coming up next Friday. He also stated he thought the chrome book meetings had gone well and that the students were grateful for all the days off.

Madison McLellan stated that their new assistant principal, Mr. McCann, has settled in and doing a great job and they had two newly hired social studies teachers who had begun today. She also stated that the students were grateful for the days off and that basketball and wrestling are doing well.

Rex Baity thanked Jone Atkins for a good morning at West Yadkin Elementary School and stated he was going to be glad when spring arrived.

Jennifer Hemric thanked West Yadkin Elementary for their hospitality and stated it was kind of like a reunion since she had worked at West Yadkin previously. She also congratulated Myra Cox for being named Assistant Superintendent. In addition, she stated she attended the Chamber of Commerce annual meeting and Chris Hauser received the community service award.

Lynn Allred thanked Jona Atkins and West Yadkin Elementary for hosting the Board meeting. She also congratulated Jill Logan and East Bend Elementary School for being named a Signature School. In addition, he stated he had attended West Yadkin and that his principal was one of the first one, C.C. Wright.

Frank Brown thanked Jona Atkins and West Yadkin Elementary for the great breakfast. He also stated he appreciate Chris Lyon's remarks concerning the 25% tenure status and thanked Myra Cox for working so close with our 3rd graders. In addition, he stated he was quite disappointed that the Board cut days in the calendar for students and he thinks it is a great disservice to students and parents. He also stated that if we continue with this calendar, by the time our students graduate they will have two years less than other students they compete against for college acceptance.

Joe Dezern thanked the West Yadkin administration for their hospitality. He also stated this was a great school when he was here and it still is. He stated he appreciates the contributions that the administration makes. He congratulated East Bend Elementary for receiving an award as a Signature School. In addition, he stated he would like to mention the student Jonesville Elementary is very serious and there is a fund set up if anyone would like to donate. He also

stated that the parents were students when he was principal at Jonesville. He also informed the Board there was recently a segment on Channel 4 about common core and in the segment they had one of our former student, Catherine Pardue, giving a presentation. He stated that Catherine went to Jonesville and her mother is a teacher there. He stated that we do have some good end results in Yadkin County. In addition he stated that Heather Macy, former student, is the head women's basketball coach at ECU and currently has an 18-2 record.

Howard McKnight stated he would like to give a special thank you to Jona Atkins and her staff for the good work they are doing at West Yadkin School. He also congratulated Myra Cox and Jill Logan and thanked them for their hard work and dedication they give to our school system. He also stated he would like to thank the two voices that are waking up the Yadkin County people when there is bad weather and he appreciates all the work that is involved in making these tough weather decisions. He stated that he went to Courtney Elementary for Meet the Principal night and got to meet Miss North Carolina. He informed the Board that the next Board meeting is scheduled for March 3 at Forbush Elementary School beginning at 9:00a.m.

#14-017 On motion by Baity, seconded by Allred, the Board adjourned
 Adjournment: at 10:55a.m.

Yes: All members voted yes.
 Absent: Diane Hampton

Dr. Todd Martin, Secretary

Motion to approve February 3, 2014 open session minutes:

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Motion by: _____	Allred	_____	_____
	Baity	_____	_____
	Brown	_____	_____
	Dezern	_____	_____
	Hampton	_____	_____
	Hemric	_____	_____
Second by: _____	McKnight	_____	_____