

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

A regular meeting of the Yadkin County Board of Education was held on Monday, November 2, 2009 at 6:30 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: Jennifer Jones

Administrative: Jim Benfield, Gary McDonald, Mark Rumley, Cindy McMurray, Wayne Price, Chris Fowler, Rickey McCollum, Rickey Oakes, Bonnie Cook, Donald Hawks, Gale Hill, Kelly Mabe

Staff Members: Tammy Miller, Mary Carter, Suzie Thomasson

Visitors: Patty Spicer, Kelly Snow (Yadkin Ripple)

#09-95
Closed Session: On motion by McKnight, seconded by Dezern, the Board entered closed session at 5:30 p.m.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#09-96
Recess Closed Session: On motion by H. Brown seconded by Vestal, the Board recessed closed session to return to open session.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Pledge of Allegiance: Dr. Wayne Price, Principal-Forbush High School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: Frank Brown had the invocation.

09-97
Approval of Minutes: On motion by Hampton, seconded by McKnight, the Board approved the October 5, 2009 meeting minutes of the Board of Education.

Yes: All members voted yes.

09-98
Approval of Joint Commissioners Minutes: On motion by Baity, seconded by Vestal, the Board approved the September 28, 2009 joint meeting minutes of the Board of Education and the Yadkin County Commissioners.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#09-99
Consent Agenda:

On a motion by Vestal, seconded by Dezern, the Board approved the consent agenda items listed below:

Yes: All members voted yes.

- Personnel – New Employees

Courtney School

Candidates’s Name – Susan Macemore
 College/Degree – N/A
 Certification – N/A
 Assignment – Temporary Teacher Assistant
 Experience –
 Salary –
 Salary Source –
 New Position – N – replacing Julia Hare who is on maternity leave

East Bend School

Candidates’s Name – Leigh Anne Shore
 College/Degree – Bachelor’s
 Certification – ESL & K-6
 Assignment – ESL Teacher 50%
 Experience – 8 years
 Salary –
 Salary Source – ESL Funds
 New Position – N - vacant

- Approval of Substitute Teacher List Additions for 2009-2010

NAME	PHONE	Site	PAY	GRADE
Brim, Lauren A.	336-416-8457	304	90.00	K-6
Hollar, Kathy	336-367-3583	304	90.00	K-6
Labine, Robin	336-692-1897	336	69.00	K-6
Tuck, Matthew	704-245-5235	322	90.00	9-12

- Budget Amendments #1-2
 - Transferring textbook funds into instructional funds.
- Starmount Middle School Change Order #004
 - Grading for water tank and adding a catch basin
- Forbush Middle School Change Order
 - Furnish and install hydro tank and controls

#09-100
High School
Graduation Date

On motion by H. Brown, seconded by Hampton, the Board approved June 10, 2009 as the graduation date for Forbush and Starmount High Schools. Starmount will hold their graduation at 6:00 p.m. and Forbush at 8:00 p.m.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#09-101 On motion by Baity, seconded by Dezern, the Board approved the Destiny
Follett Software Software upgrade through Follett for the elementary and high schools.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Information Items:

1. Administration has received the following resignations

Amanda Knight – EC Teacher Assistant at Fall Creek Elementary School resigned October 16, 2009

Reba Mounce – Teacher Assistant at Yadkinville retiring November 1, 2009

David Brown – *Principal Boonville Elementary retiring February 1, 2010*

2. Administration has transferred the following employees:

Laurie Powell from Child Nutrition Assistant Manager at Boonville Elementary to Child Nutrition Assistant Manager at Forbush Middle

Tami Brown from Child Nutrition at Forbush High to Child Nutrition Assistant Manager at Boonville Elementary

Terecia Talley from Child Nutrition Assistant Manager at Yadkin Early College to Child Nutrition Manager at Forbush Middle

Sherry Harrold from Child Nutrition at Jonesville Elementary to Child Nutrition Assistant Manager at Yadkin Early College

Twila Johnson from Teacher Assistant at Jonesville to NCWISE/Clerical position at Jonesville

Judy Adams from Child Nutrition at Forbush High to Child Nutrition at Fall Creek

Sandra Todd from Child Nutrition at Forbush High to Child Nutrition at Forbush Middle

Cynthia Potts from Child Nutrition at Forbush High to Child Nutrition at Forbush Middle

Linda Matthews from Child Nutrition at East Bend to Child Nutrition at Forbush High

Charity Hernandez from Child Nutrition at Jonesville to Child Nutrition at Starmount Middle

Kelly Casstevens from Child Nutrition at West Yadkin to Child Nutrition at Starmount Middle

Carolyn Jester from Child Nutrition at Yadkinville to Child Nutrition at Forbush Middle

Andra Hunter from Child Nutrition at Courtney to Child Nutrition at Forbush Middle

Amy Childress from Child Nutrition at Forbush Elementary to Child Nutrition at Yadkinville

Karen Dinkins from Child Nutrition at Forbush High to Child Nutrition at Forbush Elementary

Rinda Jester from Child Nutrition at East Bend to Child Nutrition at Forbush High

Linda Martin from Child Nutrition at Yadkinville to Child Nutrition at East Bend

Joyce Brown from School Nurse at Boonville and Starmount High to School Nurse at West Yadkin, Jonesville and Starmount Middle

3. Administration has granted the following leaves of absences:

Brenna Dickerson –Boonville Elementary School Teacher– Maternity Leave

4. Professional Learning Update for 2009-2010
Mark Rumley presented the following professional learning topics for the 2009-2010 school year:

- Professional Learning Communities – (Solution Tree)
- Reading Program – (ASU)
- (Training for selected teachers; training for all administrators)
- SAT – (Princeton Review)
- (Training for selected high school teachers)
- Scheduling –
- (High school scheduling-study 09-10)
- (Ongoing implementation for elementary schools-intervention/enrichment; literacy blocks)
- Piedmont Triad Education Consortium
- Northwest Regional Educational Service Alliance

5. High School Exam Schedule
Bonnie Cook presented the high school exam schedules for the fall and spring testing.

FALL TESTING

Standard Testing – January 12 – 15, 2010

Retest 1 – January 19 – 22, 2010

(or doing next standard administration)

Rest 2 – Completed by February 5 after 90 minutes of remediation

SPRING TESTING

Standard Testing – June 1 – 4, 2010

Retest 1 – June 7 – 10

(or doing next standard administration)

Retest 2 – (ALL) – completed by June 16 after 90 minutes of remediation

6. Elimination of Competency and Computer Skills Testing
Mark Rumley and Bonnie Cook discussed the elimination of the competency and computer skills testing. The legislature decided to eliminate these test and those students who were at high school and met all other criteria can now petition for a diploma if the reason they did not receive a diploma was due to not passing these tests.
7. Cell Phone Etiquette Guidelines
Bonnie Cook shared with the Board she is currently working with principals to create a committee to develop guidelines for the use of cell phones. The group's intent at this time is to write a letter to parents and put together information to share with students at the beginning of the second semester.
8. Flu Update
Dr. Benfield presented the following vaccination update to the Board:
Vaccinations given through Yadkin County Schools
FHS-students 164
SHS-students 150
Early College -7 students
YSA -5 students
Faculty/Staff – 512

9. The Board reviewed student transfers.

10. The Board reviewed upcoming out of state field trips:

Forbush High School –November 12-15, 2009

Destination: Orlando, Florida

Description of Trip: Southern Region Leadership Conference. Students will choose a path (entrepreneurship, marketing communications, sports & entertainment marketing, or travel and tourism) and attend workshops that will enhance their skills in these areas. At the end of the conference, students will receive certification in the area they choose.

Number of Adults: 1

Number of Students: 10

Transportation: Charter Bus

Cost per student: \$275.00

Yadkin Early College – November 6-7, 2009

Destination: Charlottesville, VA

Description of Trip: Visit Monticello, Ashlawn-Highlands, University of Virginia, and Virginia Tech. Students will learn about US History, homes of Presidents, and visit/tour college campuses.

Number of Students: 46

Transportation: Charter Bus

Cost per student: \$115.00

11. Teacher of Excellence

Dr. Benfield advised the Board that Amy Mathis has been selected as a Teacher of Excellence to represent Yadkin County Schools at the 59th Annual Conference on Exceptional Children to be held in Greensboro on November 2-4. She will be honored at a banquet at Koury Convention Center on Monday, November 2. Amy teaches at Courtney Elementary School in the self-contained classroom for students with autism. She has been teaching for 8 years.

12. The Board reviewed contracts/purchases.

13. Code of Ethics Policy for Board Members

On August 5, 2009, Governor Perdue signed H.B. 1452 – the Local Government Ethics Act – into law. The new law creates two new requirements for local board of education and their individual members.

- a. All local boards of education must adopt a policy containing a code of ethics.
- b. All school board members are required to receive two hours of ethics education within twelve months after initial appointment or election, and again within 12 months of each subsequent appointment or election.

The Board will discuss this in further detail at the March, 2010 meeting.

14. Dedication ceremony for new middle schools

The Board decided to hold the dedication ceremony for Starmount Middle School and Forbush Middle School following the December 7 Board meeting which has been changed to a morning meeting. The ceremony will be held at Starmount Middle at 10:00 a.m. and Forbush Middle at 11:00 a.m. with lunch to follow.

15. Anti-bullying Policy

Gary McDonald presented to the Board for review our anti-bullying policy which has been reworked to go along with the new state statute on bullying. This policy will be voted on at the December 7, 2009 Board meeting.

16. Student Accountability Policy IHE

Chris Fowler presented to the Board for review changes to the student accountability policy. These changes were made to encompass the deletion of the competency and computer skills testing that is no longer required. One noted change was that the State requires that all Level II's be retested and Level I's only at the parent's request. Our policy is to retest those students scoring a Level I unless the parent requests that we not do this.

17. The Board reviewed the November Schedule of Activities

Board Comments

Dr. Benfield informed the Board of the upcoming visit to Highlands Academy. He indicated he thought it would be beneficial if anyone could go visit this career academy. He asked the Board to let him or Tammy Miller know if they planned to visit Highlands Academy. Dr. Benfield also thanked Gary McDonald for all his work with Yadkin County Schools. He indicated Gary has been a wealth of knowledge for him, very supportive, and always had a caring attitude for people. Dr. Benfield stated he couldn't have asked for a better person coming into the district.

Jennifer Jones indicated to the Board that she was not in favor of the high school exam schedule. She felt that students taking the higher level courses needed all the days they could get to review at the end of the semester.

Rex Baity thanked Mr. McDonald for the work he has done for Yadkin County Schools. Mr. Baity also stated that he went to the School Law Conference and gained information. He also indicated he went to the County Commissioners meeting today and heard positive comments concerning the middle schools. He indicated the few that didn't want them to begin with had nice comments to say. Chairman Wagoner also brought up the Hunter Safety team winning in New Mexico. In addition he stated there was the possibility of someone coming from *The Journal* to the ribbon cutting ceremonies at the middle schools.

Diane Hampton wished Gary McDonald a happy retirement and indicated that she has enjoyed working with him as a board member and a parent. She also stated that she went to the open house at Forbush Middle School and enjoyed seeing the smiling faces. Ms. Hampton also donated two boxes of books to the new middle schools.

Hazel Brown stated she was thinking about when Gary McDonald came in with his football group and took Yadkin County by storm. She indicated she had enjoyed working with Gary and has a lot of respect for him. She also stated she enjoyed the open house at Forbush Middle Schools and thought the school was beautiful.

Joe Dezern stated that he has enjoyed working with Gary in the many capacities he has worked in for Yadkin County Schools. Mr. Dezern also thanked Rickey Oakes for working with transportation and the job he does. He asked Rickey Oakes how the first day went with Forbush Middle School and Rickey indicated it had gone well.

Larry Vestal stated he will miss Mr. McDonald and hopes he enjoys retirement and speaking from experience he will. He indicated he enjoyed the law conference along with Rex. He also stated that he accompanied Dr. Benfield to the Chamber of Commerce meeting last week and thought this was a good

meeting. Mr. Vestal also stated that the toured Forbush Middle School and had an excellent tour guide (Kelly Mabe) and that everyone in Yadkin County should be proud of this new school.

Howard McKnight indicated he has known Gary McDonald since he walked into Forbush High School and that they had worked at all levels together doing various things. Mr. McKnight stated he has enjoyed working with Gary as a faculty member and as a board member. He indicated that Mr. McDonald always had our students' interest at heart. He wished Gary well, but stated as a retired person you will still be busy. Congratulations! Mr. McKnight stated he visited Forbush Middle School and enjoyed the open house. The thing that struck him the most was the positive comments he heard from parents and students. He also indicated he enjoyed going with Gary to ASU to talk with perspective teachers and saw some high quality candidates there. It was a very interesting trip.

Frank Brown stated he had known Gary a long time and that he has been a credit to the school system. Frank also indicated that Rickey Oakes had done a great job with transportation and a special thanks to Donald Hawks and his group for all the work they have done on the middle schools. Mr. Brown indicated that a few years ago most people would not phantom the idea that we would have these schools. He stated he was proud of the two new middle schools. He also thanked Kelly Mabe for all her hard work in opening Forbush Middle School.

Gary McDonald informed the Board that he has appreciated the opportunity to work for Yadkin County Schools. He feels our biggest asset is the people we have working in this system. He stated that people were willing to help him in whatever position he had. Gary said we are very fortunate to be in Yadkin County and the people are one of the greatest resources we have. He also stated that he is proud of the new middle schools.

#09-102 With no further business, On motion by Baity, seconded by H. Brown, the Board
Adjournment: adjourned at 7:30p.m.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Jim Benfield, Secretary

Approval of November 2, 2009 Board of Education Open Session Minutes:

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