

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

A regular meeting of the Yadkin County Board of Education was held on Monday, October 5, 2009 at 7:00p.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, Donald Hawks, Gale Hill, James Bumgarner, Bonnie Cook, Kathy Hughes, Chris Fowler, Rickey Oakes, Charles Garrett, Kelly Mabe, Ida Weisner, Doug Sheek

Staff Members: Tammy Miller, Kristy Gaddis, Mike Pardue, Tammy Poindexter

Visitors: Sherri Swaim, Tom Hughes, Amy Warfel, Lorrie & Brian Gammons, Cindy Greer, Missy Adams, Jeff Adams, Madison Adams, Savannah Adams, Leann Cloudman

#09-84
Closed Session: On motion by McKnight, seconded by H. Brown, the Board entered closed session at 5:00 p.m.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#09-85
Recess Closed
Session: On motion by H. Brown seconded by Dezern, the Board recessed closed session to return to open session.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Pledge of
Allegiance: Madison Adams, 6th grader at Fall Creek Elementary and Brooke Gammons, 6th grader at Forbush Elementary School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: Hazel Brown had the invocation.

Presentations:

1. Rives and Associates Auditing firm gave the Board the audit report for Yadkin County Schools for the year ended June 30, 2009. Mr. Rives also stated that Yadkin County Schools was very lucky to have Gale Hill as our Finance Officer and that she and her staff had done an excellent job in closing the books so quickly.
2. Mike Pardue from the Maintenance Department reviewed with the Board the Energy Management Program currently in place in our schools.

3. Mike Pardue from the Maintenance Department presented Energy Star Awards to East Bend Elementary, Forbush Elementary and Fall Creek Elementary. Mr. Brown thanked the principals and Mike Pardue.
4. Gary McDonald presented a Long Leaf Pine Award to Nancy Shore.

09-86
Approval of
Minutes:

On motion by H. Brown, seconded by Baity, the Board approved the August 31, 2009 meeting minutes of the Board of Education.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#09-87
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

Boonville School

Candidates's Name – Patricia Macemore

College/Degree – N/A

Certification – N/A

Assignment – Child Nutrition

Experience – 0

Salary – \$10.59/per hour

Salary Source – School Food Services

New Position – No – replacing Tammy Stinson

Candidates's Name – Laurie Powell

College/Degree – N/A

Certification – N/A

Assignment – Child Nutrition Assistant Manager

Experience – 0

Salary – \$11.29/per hour

Salary Source – School Food Services

New Position – No – replacing Debbie Haynes

Candidates's Name – Alisha Leonard (rehire)

College/Degree – N/A

Certification – N/A

Assignment – Title I Teacher Assistant

Experience – Pending

Salary –

Salary Source – Title I Funds

New Position – N – vacant

Candidates's Name – Andrea Stewart (rehire)

College/Degree – N/A

Certification – N/A
Assignment –Teacher Assistant
Experience –
Salary –
Salary Source –
New Position – Y

Candidates's Name – Randy Davis (rehire)
College/Degree – N/A
Certification – N/A
Assignment –Teacher Assistant
Experience – Pending
Salary –
Salary Source –
New Position – Y

Candidates's Name – Laura Williams
College/Degree – N/A
Certification – N/A
Assignment – Temporary Part-time EC Bus Monitor
Experience –
Salary – \$10.59/hr.
Salary Source – EC Funds
New Position – Y

Boonville School OOST

Michele Buckingham – Group leader Boonville Elementary School OOST
Begins 9-1-09 – 15-17 hours/week

Candidates's Name – Mayghan Watson (rehire)
College/Degree – N/A
Certification – N/A
Assignment – EC Teacher Assistant
Experience –
Salary –
Salary Source –
New Position – Y

Courtney School

Candidates's Name – Julia Hare (rehire)
College/Degree – N/A
Certification – N/A
Assignment – Teacher Assistant
Experience – 2 years
Salary –
Salary Source –
New Position – N – replacing Debra Shearon

East Bend School

Candidates's Name – Susan Johnson (rehire)
College/Degree – N/A
Certification – N/A
Assignment – EC Teacher Assistant
Experience – Pending
Salary –
Salary Source – Exceptional Children
New Position – Y

Candidates's Name – Tammy Temple (rehire)
College/Degree – N/A
Certification – N/A
Assignment – Title I Teacher Assistant
Experience – Pending
Salary –
Salary Source – Title I School Improvement Funds
New Position – Y

East Bend School OOST

Amber Starnes – Group leader East Bend School OOST
Begins 9-14-09 – 15-18 hours/week

Emily Harris – Director East Bend School OOST
Begins 9-8-09 – 32.5 hours/week

Fall Creek Elementary School

Candidates's Name – Kevin Thomas (rehire)
College/Degree – N/A
Certification – N/A
Assignment – Teacher Assistant
Experience – Pending
Salary –
Salary Source –
New Position – Y

Candidates's Name – Kaitlan Linstead
College/Degree – Master's
Certification – School Counselor
Assignment – Guidance Counselor
Experience – Pending
Salary –
Salary Source –
New Position – N – replacing Suzanne Kelly

Candidates's Name – Kelly Hauser (Interim)
College/Degree – Bachelor's
Certification – K-6

Assignment – K-6 Interim Teacher
Experience –
Salary –
Salary Source –
New Position – N – temporary for Angie Brown

Forbush Elementary School OOST

Heather Hodges – Assistant Director Forbush Elementary OOST
Begins 9-14-09 – 25 hours/week

Stephanie Bruce – Group Leader Forbush Elementary OOST
Begins 9-15-09 – 15-18 hours/week

Forbush High School

Candidates's Name – Kimberly Phoenix
College/Degree – Bachelor's
Certification – 9-12 English
Assignment – English
Experience – 1 year
Salary –
Salary Source –
New Position – Y

Jonesville Elementary School

Candidates's Name – Dustin Aycoth
College/Degree – Bachelor's
Certification – Spanish
Assignment – ESL Teacher
Experience – 1 year
Salary –
Salary Source –
New Position – N - vacant

Starmount Middle School

Candidates's Name – Beverly Talley
College/Degree – N/A
Certification – N/A
Assignment – NCWISE Data Mgr.
Experience –
Salary –
Salary Source – Title I Stimulus
New Position – N – replacing Vicky Birdwell

West Yadkin

Candidates's Name – Regina Draughn (rehire)
College/Degree – N/A
Certification – N/A
Assignment – Title I Teacher Assistant

Experience – Pending
Salary –
Salary Source –
New Position – Y

Candidates's Name – Ashley Dezern (rehire)
College/Degree – N/A
Certification – N/A
Assignment – Teacher Assistant
Experience – 1 year
Salary –
Salary Source –
New Position – N – replacing Arlamae Cutts

Yadkin Early College

Candidates's Name – Steve Talton
College/Degree – Master's
Certification – N/A
Assignment – ESL Tutor Part Time
Experience – Pending
Salary – \$25.00/hour
Salary Source – ESL Funds
New Position – Y

Yadkinville School

Candidates's Name – Dana Sloan (rehire)
College/Degree – N/A
Certification – N/A
Assignment – Title I Teacher Assistant
Experience – Pending
Salary –
Salary Source – Title I Stimulus
New Position – Y

Candidates's Name – Melinda Reich (rehire)
College/Degree – N/A
Certification – N/A
Assignment – EC PreK Teacher Assistant
Experience –
Salary –
Salary Source –
New Position – N-replacing Jane Swaim

- Approval of Substitute Teacher List for 2009-2010

#09-88
Interim Principal
East Bend School

On motion by Baity, seconded by Hampton, the Board approved Lavonne Fortner as the Interim Principal at East Bend Elementary School during Kelly Byrd-Johnson's maternity leave.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#09-89
School Treasurers

On motion by Vestal, seconded by McKnight, the Board approved the following employees as School Treasurers:
Tonya Shumate – Courtney Elementary School
Elizabeth Hefner – Forbush Middle School
Jennifer Money – Starmount Middle School

Yes: All members voted yes.

#09-90
Assistant Principal
Starmount High

On motion by Dezern, seconded by Hampton, the Board approved Timothy Samsel as Assistant Principal at Starmount High School.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#09-91
2009-2010
Budget

On motion by H. Brown, seconded by Vestal, the Board approved the 2009-2010 budget as presented.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#09-92
E-Rate Consulting
Contract

On motion by McKnight, seconded by Dezern, the Board approved the E-Rate Consulting Contract with Brian Davidson for funding year 2010, 2011 & 2012.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#09-93
Cell Phone Policy

On motion by Hampton, seconded by Dezern, the Board approved the Cell Phone Policy presented with the stipulation that Yadkin County Schools provide proper etiquette training on phone usage in middle and high schools. It was also agreed that the Board would discuss how the new policy was going with input from principals at the March 2010 Board meeting.

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

Information Items:

1. Administration has received the following resignations
Debra Shearon – Technology Facilitator at Courtney Elementary School resigned August 10, 2009
Paula Watts – Child Nutrition Manager at Boonville Elementary School resigned August 18, 2009

Jeanine Kimmer – Media Assistant at Yadkinville Elementary School resigning September 18, 2009.

Helen Hobson – Child Nutrition at Fall Creek Elementary retiring effective 10-1-0.

Michael Poindexter – Custodian at Jonesville Elementary resigning February 1, 2010.

Delores Mabe – School Nurse at Jonesville, Starmount Middle and West Yadkin retiring December 31, 2009.

2. Administration has transferred the following employees:
Arlamae Cutts – from Teacher Assistant at West Yadkin to Teacher Assistant at Yadkinville
3. Administration has granted the following leaves of absences:
Melissa Ledbetter – Yadkinville Elementary Preschool Teacher – Maternity Leave
Julia Hare – Yadkin Success Academy Teacher Assistant - Maternity Leave
Kelly Byrd-Johnson – East Bend Elementary Principal – Maternity Leave
4. Sanitizers in Schools
Donald Hawks presented information to the Board with regards to placing foamy hand sanitizers in schools. He has ordered 15 sanitizing units per school and those should be delivered by October 13, 2009.
5. Rex Baity informed the Board that the County Commissioners have supported Yadkin County Schools over the long run. Mr. Baity attended the County Commissioner meeting on October 5. During this meeting, Commissioner Wagoner made a motion to give Yadkin County Schools \$141,057.00 for libraries in the middle schools. Commissioner Wagoner advised Mr. Baity that he wanted the money to be used appropriately. Commissioner Wooten asked that Yadkin County Schools continue to look for grants – perhaps a 50-50 grant. Commissioner Garner indicated to Mr. Baity to not let Washington Street use this money for anything other than books. Commissioner Austin asked that at the next joint meeting he would like to see library books in the library at Forbush Middle School. There was discussion concerning using this type of money for media books; however, Gale Hill indicated that the statute would allow this. Mr. Brown asked if there was a need for a motion. The Board indicated there was not but there was a need to send a thank you letter to the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Brown also thanked Rick Swaim for his help in this.
6. The Board reviewed student release information for students being released to other school systems.
7. Acceptance of Out of County Students
Mr. McDonald shared with the Board information that obtained from other districts with regards to accepting out of county students. He indicated other districts either have reciprocal agreements on the amount to charge or they are charging what the county commissioners allocate to their schools per child. Mr. McDonald indicated to the Board that he needed guidance on the amount to charge, should there be a cutoff date of when to allow transfers, and discipline issues with regards to out of county students. There was discussion concerning space limitations at our high schools. A parent in the audience spoke up that she would not like to see our classes become overcrowded. Mr. Brown asked the Board if they wanted to pursue this at this time. The Board indicated they would like to pursue this with restrictions such as a background check and all transfers must be approved by the Board. Mr. McDonald will work on this policy.

8. The Board reviewed upcoming field trips.
Starmount High School –April 2 – 4, 2010
Destination: Milton, WV
Description of Trip: Softball team will be traveling to play in a tournament. We will play one game on Friday night and then two on Saturday. We have made this trip the past six years. It is a good experience for our team to play at a different competition level. It is also a great team bonding trip.
Number of students: Varsity Softball Members (20 would be the maximum number)
Number of adults: 5
Transportation: Activity Bus
Cost per student: no cost
9. The Board reviewed contracts/purchases.
10. SAT Performance – Bonnie Cook discussed with the Board the SAT results from 2007-2009. She indicated the results are not what we would like. Yadkin County is below the state in Math, but not as significant as Critical Reading & Writing. She discussed with the Board the initiatives that we are working on this year that should help to increase SAT scores. (SAT prep class, K-12 writing initiative and K-3 reading initiative, a consultant is working with high school English teachers to show a different way to look at writing in high school). Mr. Brown asked Ms. Cook to do a comparison of surrounding counties.
11. The Board reviewed the acceptance of a Smart Board bid from *Smarter Systems* which will be \$3,150.54 per Smart Board.
12. The Board reviewed the October Schedule of Activities

Board Comments

Jennifer Jones, FHS student representative stated that good things were happening at Forbush High. During the Unifi Bowl festivities the student council challenged each grade level to decorate a building. She indicated the buildings showed a lot of creativity. In addition they had a pep rally and it was very exciting. Forbush also held their Bush Bash and all the students really enjoyed this. Jennifer stated that typically when it was time for the bell to ring that students are lined up at the gate to go home, but this year everyone was having so much fun they were not lined up. Also, Jennifer informed the Board that over 100 seniors had travelled to see “A Midsummer’s Night Dream” and they had acted this out in class. She thought it was interesting to see how people put different twists on this play.

Kathy Hughes informed the Board that she had placed an information sheet in their folders concerning the Career Academy proposal that was in the works.

#09-94 With no further business, On motion by McKnight, seconded by Baity, the Board
Adjournment: adjourned the open session meeting to return to closed session at 9:00p.m.
Return to
Closed Session

Yes: All members voted yes.

Jim Benfield, Secretary