

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

A regular meeting of the Yadkin County Board of Education was held on Monday, November 5, 2012 at 9:00a.m. at Starmount Middle School.

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

Student
Representatives: Samuel Stone, Kayla Smith, Milca Jarquin

Administrative: Stewart Hobbs, Donna Boyles, Karen Matthews, Teresa Logan, Myra Cox, Kelly Mabe, Chris Nichols, Donald Hawks, Kathy Hughes, Chris Fowler, Kathy Sommers, Marea Ewers, Denise Bullin, Rickey Oakes, Adam Harrelson, Rick Swaim

Staff Members: Tammy Miller, Brittany Shaud, Suzy Stammetti, Nicole Rodriguez, Shelly Sharpsteen, Jennifer Harris

Visitors: Brian Davidson, Steven Smith, Leon Rives, Lacy Cockerham, Cindi Dixon, Pam Livengood, Donnie Livengood, Van Hemric, David Webb, Cameron Cockerham, Kenzi Harris,

#12-090
Closed Session: On motion by Dezern, seconded by Baity, the Board entered closed session at 9:00a.m. for reasons 1-9.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#12-091
Recess Closed
Session: On motion by Baity, seconded by Brown, the Board recessed closed session to return to open session.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Public Comments: Brian Davidson spoke to the Board asking that they consider him to handle the E-rate program for Yadkin County Schools.

Host School
Comments: Rick Swaim, principal-Starmount Middle School, thanked the Board for being at Starmount Middle School and stated the last time they were here was at a joint meeting with the commissioners to discuss funding for books for the Media Center. He stated that Starmount Middle was an awesome facility and because of the commissioner's efforts, the Media Center was filled with books. He also stated this was a great place to work and a great place to be. He also stated that while the school had been to

peak and have seen our valleys, the staff all has the same goals, lay other agendas aside and do the most important thing for kids. In addition, he stated there are bright days ahead for Starmount Middle and they have lots of successful things happening.

Shelly Sharpsteen spoke to the Board and stated they had worked really hard to raise money for the Yadkin County United Fund and through the efforts of students, parents, faculty and staff, Starmount Middle had raised \$2,012.00. Cindi Dixon, Yadkin County United Way Director, presented Ms. Sharpsteen with a plaque thanking Starmount Middle School for their contribution and indicated how much she appreciated their support to United Way. Ms. Sharpsteen informed the Board that they had asked students to write letters to our troops thanking them for their service. At this time Cameron Cochran and Joseph Godfrey shared their letters with the Board. Ms. Sharpsteen stated the students were hoping the soldiers would write them back.

Brittany Shaud, Guidance Counselor, shared with the Board the anti-bullying campaign that was going on and that she wanted the students to learn more about what bullying looks like. She stated they held a “stand up for bullying” day where students wore orange and signed that they would stand up against bullying. Claire Maske, Samantha , McKinsey and Kinsey shared with the Board what they had learned through this program.

Howard McKnight thanked each one for their presentation to the Board and their hard work.

Dr. Hobbs requested that the Board approve the November 5, 2012 meeting agenda.

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| #12-091
Approval of
Agenda: | On motion by Hemric, seconded by Allred, the Board approved the November 5, 2012 Board of Education meeting agenda after removing Information Item TCS9 – Policy 3460-Graduation Requirements from the agenda. |
| Yes: | All members voted yes. |
| Pledge of
Allegiance: | Claire Maske, 7 th grade student at Starmount Middle School, led the Pledge of Allegiance. |
| Invocation: | Lynn Allred gave the invocation. |
| Presentation: | Leon Rives of Rives and Associates Audit Firm reviewed the audit of Yadkin County Schools’ financial records ending June 30, 2012. The firm |

informed the Board that they had no findings. The Board thanked the Finance Department for their hard work.

#12-092 On motion by Hampton, seconded by Hemric, the Board approved the
Approval of October 1, 2012 minutes of the Board of Education.
Minutes:

Yes: All members voted yes.

#12-093 On a motion by Hemric, seconded by Dezern, the Board approved the
Consent Agenda: consent agenda items listed below:

- Petty Cash at Forbush High School & Starmount High School
- Personnel – New Employees

Maintenance Department

Candidate's Name – Brandon Hinshaw
College/Degree – N/A
Certification – P1 Plumbing License
Assignment – Maintenance – Plumber II
Experience – 7 years
Salary – \$2,794.00/month
Salary Source – Local
New Position – N – Replacing Steven (Johnny) Swaim

West Yadkin Elementary School

Candidate's Name – Betty Wright
College/Degree – Masters
Certification – Speech-Language Pathology
Assignment – Speech Pathologist
Experience – 22 years
Salary – \$5,177.00/month
Salary Source – State
New Position – N – Replacing Steven Abigail Whitson

Yadkin Success Academy

Candidate's Name – Bradley Davis
College/Degree – Associate
Certification – N/A
Assignment – Teacher Assistant
Experience – 0 years
Salary – \$1,936.00/month
Salary Source – State
New Position – N – Replacing Tina Long

- New Hope Technology Foundation Agreement

The Board discussed the 2013-2014 school calendar. Dr. Hobbs explained the surveys that were sent to staff members and the new legislation for school calendars. He also discussed with the Board the amount of savings we would have with students going 168 days. Frank Brown indicated he felt that this calendar would do students a great injustice as he hasn't seen literature that fewer days were better. He also stated he would not be able to support this calendar. Joe Dezern asked if the amount of time being added to the day was 20 or 30 minutes and Dr. Hobbs stated it was 20 minutes. There was also discussion concerning exams being held before the Christmas break.

#12-094
2013-2014
School Calendar: On motion by Hampton, seconded by Alred, the Board approved the 2013-2014 School Calendars for Teachers and Teacher Assistants.

Yes: Lynn Allred, Joe Dezern, Diane Hampton, Jennifer Hemric, Howard McKnight

No: Frank Brown, Rex Baity

Information Items:

1. Administration has received the following resignations:

Joyce Long – Teacher at Courtney Elementary School – resigning effective October 11, 2012.

Abigail Whitson – Speech Pathologist at West Yadkin Elementary School – resigning effective October 24, 2012.

Donnie Livengood – Teacher at Starmount Middle School – retiring effective December 31, 2012.

Tina Long – Teacher Assistant at Yadkin Success Academy – resigning effective October 18, 2012.

Tami Brown – Child Nutrition Assistant Manager at Boonville Elementary School – resigning effective November 5, 2012.

Shelby Reavis – Secretary/Bookkeeper at Yadkinville Elementary School – retiring effective February 1, 2013.

JR Luffman – Principal at Starmount High School – retiring effective March 1, 2013.

2. Administration has transferred the following employees:

Russ Pardue – P.E. Teacher at Forbush Middle School to P.E. Teacher at Starmount Middle School.

Tammy Brown – Child Nutrition Assistant Manager at Courtney Elementary School to Child Nutrition Assistant Manager at Boonville Elementary School.

3. Administration has granted the following employees a leave of absence:

Rebecca Zachary – Bus Driver – Short Term Disability

4. The Board reviewed the following policies. These policies will be voted on at the December 3, 2012 Board of Education meeting.

- Policy 1310/4002 – Parental Involvement
- Policy 1320/3560 – Title I Parent Involvement
- Policy 1510/4200/7200 – School Safety
- Policy 2430 – Dissemination & Preservation of Policies
- Policy 3300 – School Calendar and Time for Learning
- Policy 3405 – Students at Risk of Academic Failure
- Policy 3430 – School Improvement Plan
- Policy 3460 – Graduation Requirements
- Policy 4050 – Children of Military Families
- Policy 4150 – School Assignment
- Policy 4152 – Unsafe School Choice Transfer
- Policy 4153 – School Improvement Choice Transfer
- Policy 4155 – Assignment to Classes
- Policy 4331 – Assaults, Threats and Harassment
- Policy 4335 – Criminal Behavior
- Policy 4700 – Student Records
- Policy 5020 – Visitors to the Schools
- Policy 5030 – Community Use of Facilities
- Policy 5120 – Relationship with Law Enforcement
- Policy 6220 – Operation of Student Food Services
- Policy 7120 – Employee Health Certificate
- Policy 7510 – Leave
- Policy 3200ap – Selection of Instructional Media
- Policy 3210ap – Parental Inspection/Objection
- Policy 3230/7330ap – Copyright Administrative Procedures

5. The Board reviewed contracts/purchases.

6. The Board reviewed the following field trip:

Forbush High School – March 14-17, 2013

Destination: Myrtle Beach, SC

Description of Trip: High School National Cheerleading Championships

Number of students: 26

Number of adults: 3

Transportation: Cars

Cost per student: \$0.00

7. The Board reviewed the teacher turnover report.

8. The Board reviewed fundraiser requests.
9. The Board reviewed the November schedule of activities. Dr. Hobbs added the Literacy Fair which will be held November 9 from 9:00a.m. – 11:00a.m. and the Board was invited to the Christmas Breakfast on December 14.

Comments

Dr. Hobbs congratulated Jackie McCarn as Yadkin County's math teacher of the year. He also stated we would be having our CTE audit on November 14. He also informed the Board that Starmount High Schools was still in the football playoffs.

Milca Jarquin stated that the Early College is doing well. She stated they recently had a fall festival and are currently planning a winter dance. She also stated the school was proud of the National Honor Society for providing the Early College with over 50 books.

Kayla Smith stated the Forbush High is doing well. She stated that this past Saturday FHS had two individuals to go to the state competition in cross county. She stated the National Honor Society is doing an Angel Tree as a service project also participating in the Christian Hurt fundraiser. In addition, Forbush High are kicking off their Friends Feeding Friends Campaign.

Samuel Stone stated that the football team at Starmount High School had a successful game against Carver. He also congratulated the volleyball team for their run in the state playoffs. Samuel stated that winter sports are coming up and everyone is working hard. In addition, he stated they are starting a Ram TV show to announce good things happening at Starmount. He also stated that the National Honor Society has concluded their doughnut sales where they raised money for St. Judes and are also kicking off their Friends Feeding Friends Campaign.

Rex Baity thanked Mr. Swaim and Starmount Middle School for hosting the Board meeting this month. He also stated he attended the school law conference a few weeks ago in Asheville. In addition, he stated that Mr. Swaim had talked about the library and he remembers the night we met here there were no books in the library and it looks really good now.

Diane Hampton thanked Starmount Middle School for hosting the meeting. She also stated she wants everyone to cheer on the Rams at the next game. In addition, she thanked the teachers and staff for all the work they do and the support they give community.

Jennifer Hemric thanked Mr. Swaim and Starmount Middle School. In addition, she thanked Coach Livengood, who has retired, for what he has meant to our kids. She read a letter from her daughter to Coach Livengood and also shared information that Coach Livengood shares with all his students. She stated she knows the lessons he has taught our students will go on for generations to come. She thanked Coach Livengood for his service to Yadkin County Schools.

Lynn Allred stated he would like to give kudos to the Finance Department for the glowing audit report. He also thanked the students at Starmount Middle School for their presentations and to the faculty who went above and beyond. In addition, he wished Mr. Swaim a Happy Birthday.

Frank Brown stated that the Starmount Middle School students did a great job with their presentations. He also thanked Mr. Swaim for hosting the Board meeting. In addition, he stated that tomorrow is Election Day and who gets elected will have a great deal to do with the funding received by public schools.

Joe Dezern thanked Mr. Swaim for the use of Starmount Middle School's facilities and he appreciated the students and staff sharing valuable information about what is going on at the school. In addition, he wished Mr. Swaim a Happy Birthday. He also stated he had the opportunity to go to Courtney Elementary School a few weeks ago when they shared their academic success with their community. He stated this was a good way to involve the community and parents in achieving academic success. He also stated he felt really good about the teacher turnover report as Yadkin County Schools had one of the lowest in the state. He stated this speaks well for Yadkin County School. He also stated he was happy about the audit report.

Howard McKnight thanked everyone for being here and all their hard work. He also thanked Mr. Swaim for hosting the Board meeting and for the reports from the staff and students. He also wished Samuel well in the football playoffs and hoped they continued to take it all the way to the state. In addition, he wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. He also thanked everyone again for their hard work and dedication to the school system.

#12-095 On motion by Baity, seconded by Hemric, the Board adjourned at 10:40 a.m.
Adjournment:

Yes: All members voted yes.

Dr. L. Stewart Hobbs, Jr. Secretary

Motion to approve November 5, 2012 open session minutes:

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