

**YADKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
YADKIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Joint Meeting – Tuesday, May 30, 2017**

The Yadkin County Board of Commissioners met in Joint Session with the Yadkin County Board of Education on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at 6:30pm in the County Commissioner's Board Room. The Yadkin County Board of Commissioners was the hosts for this meeting.

Present for the meeting:

Representing the Board of Commissioners

Chairman Kevin Austin
Vice Chairman Frank Zachary
Commissioner Marion Welborn
Commissioner David Moxley
Commissioner Gilbert Hemric

Ed Powell, Attorney

Yadkin County Personnel

Lisa Hughes, County Manager
Tanya Gentry, Deputy Clerk to the Board
Tom Sarratt, Finance Director

Representing the Board of Education

Chairman Howard McKnight
Rex Baity
Vice Chairman Jennifer Hemric
Tim Weatherman
Sam Crews
Sharon Yale
Lynn Allred

Yadkin County School Personnel

Dr. Todd Martin, Superintendent
Wayne Duggins, Assistant Superintendent
Tammy Miller, Adm. Asst. to Superintendent
Denise Bullin, Executive Director - Finance
Chris Lyon, Director-Human Resources

After the invocation given by Kevin Austin, dinner was served.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Howard McKnight called to order the Board of Education at 6:30p.m.
Chairman Austin called to order the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners at 6:30p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Kevin Austin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION

1. Report from County Manager:

Lisa Hughes stated she was glad everyone was safe from the tornado at Courtney Elementary School. She also stated her life has been consumed with the budget and she hopes to finalize the budget very soon.

2. Report from Superintendent:

Dr. Martin stated he would like to thank those who helped with the cleanup at Courtney Elementary School. He stated they have had an outpouring of support from the community. He also stated that was a long day as we also had a few buses out during this storm. He stated he would like to thank all the emergency personnel who responded and that they did a great job.

Dr. Martin shared the following successes with the group:

- Increasing graduation rates, including YEC with 100% grad rate
- Increasing numbers of students taking advantage of CCP courses - creation of Yadkin Virtual Academy
- More students than ever before pursuing two and four year degrees
- One of the five lowest teacher turnover rates in the state
- Increasing EOG/EOC results
- Thirteen of fourteen schools met or exceeded growth expectations - no school had a letter grade lower than C
- Have successfully implemented 1:1 initiative at all middle schools - already in place at the high schools
- Professional development more focused on needs

He also shared a budget presentation showing the historical funding levels of the State and Local money. He stated we have had to dip into our fund balance to maintain our current expenses and he would like to maintain as much as possible of what we have now. He informed the Boards that for the 2017-18 fiscal year, Yadkin County Schools is facing reductions in state allotments which include:

- The loss of five teaching positions
- The loss of principal/assistant principal months of employment
- The loss of an instructional support position
- The loss of a CTE position
- The loss of two TA positions
- The decrease in funding for non-instructional support, disadvantaged student supplemental funding, low wealth (almost \$100,000), AIG, at-risk, LEP, textbooks, instructional support.

In addition, he shared the capital needs with the commissioners that there are some serious capital need and that the Yadkin County Board of Education has requested an increase in order that it may address some of the more critical capital needs. Dr. Martin shared a list of capital requests.

Dr. Martin thanked the commissioners for listening to our concerns. He stated we have worked very hard to maintain as much as possible. Over the past few years, since budgets were cut so significantly years ago, YCS, like many other districts, has relied upon fund balance to maintain and that we can no longer rely on fund balance to meet all our needs.

Lastly, he stated that Yadkin County Schools has worked to be good stewards of the public's trust and taxpayer money and will continue to do so.

There was discussion concerning the well at Forbush High and Forbush Middle. Dr. Martin stated there is one good well for both schools and we need to be proactive with this before there is no water. There was also a question regarding what a UST was. Dr. Martin stated we have a fuel storage tank underground at the maintenance building that our insurance carrier will no longer insure. This tank has been there for 40 years and needs to be removed before a leak occurs. In addition, the commissioners asked how much we have save on the lighting. Dr. Martin stated we are still getting accurate data and will have a better understanding once the lights have been in place for at least one year.

3. Other

Kevin Austin stated he hopes that the best parts of the House and Senate's budget ends up being the final budget. He also stated he had recently been to Raleigh to work on the school calendar bill and there was a lot of good discussions about the calendar. In addition, he stated there was the possibility of a school bond which could mean 8.2 million for Yadkin County. He stated this could be on the 2018 ballot. He also discussed other possible sources of revenue from the State such as sales tax flexibility which would allow us to put a 1/2 cent tax on the ballot to use for what is needed which would equate to approximately 1/2 million dollars. Lisa Hughes stated anytime a referendum is placed on the ballot they cannot promote this and it would be critical for others to support and lobby for this.

MOTION TO ADJOURN @7:05p.m.

Board of Education member Lynn Allred made a motion, seconded by Sam Crews to recess and go into closed session at the Central Office. All members voted yes.

On motion by Commissioner Marion Welborn, seconded by Gilbert Hemric, the Board of Commissioners adjourned. All members voted yes.

Dr. Todd Martin, Secretary

Motion to approve May 30, 2017 Joint Commissioners Meeting Minutes:

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Motion by: _____	Allred	_____	_____
	Baity	_____	_____
Second by: _____	Crews	_____	_____
	Yale	_____	_____
	Hemric	_____	_____
	McKnight	_____	_____
	Weatherman	_____	_____