

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

A regular meeting of the Yadkin County Board of Education was held on Monday, April 8, 2013 at 9:00a.m. at Boonville Elementary School.

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

Student Representatives: Kayla Smith, Milca Jarquin, Samuel Stone

Administrative: Stewart Hobbs, Donna Boyles, Karen Matthews, Celia Perry, Kathy Sommers, Denise Bullin, Rickey Oakes, Donald Hawks, Alice Connolly, Annette Johnson, Myra Cox, Chris Nichols, Cody Hemric, Denise Willis, Adam Harrelson, Kathy Hughes, Teresa Logan, Chris Fowler

Staff Members: Tammy Miller, Linda Neese, Melanie Matthews, Debby Wyant

Visitors: Brenda Perrin, Pam Harris, Gary Sheek, Stephanie Byrd, Julie Stowe, Kirkland Harris, FHS Varsity Cheerleaders, Lindsay Craven (Yadkin Ripple)

#13-023
Closed Session: On motion by Dezern, seconded by Hampton, the Board entered closed session at 9:00a.m. for reasons 1-9.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#13-024
Recess Closed Session: On motion by Dezern, seconded by Hampton, the Board recessed closed session to return to open session.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#13-025
Approval of Agenda: On motion by Brown, seconded by Allred, the Board approved the April 8, 2013 Board of Education meeting agenda after agreeing to move "TCS2-Resolution in Opposition to School Property Transfer from Local School Boards to County Commissioners" to the May agenda in order to discuss this item with the County Commissioners at the Joint Meeting scheduled for April 29, 2013.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Pledge of Allegiance: Kirkland Harris, student at Starmount High School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: Rex Baity gave the invocation.

Presentations: Debra Wyant and Melanie Matthews were recognized for obtaining their National Board Certification.

Kirkland Harris, student at Starmount High School, was recognized for being selected as the Superintendent's Choice for Governor's School.

The Forbush High School Varsity Cheerleaders were recognized for winning the ESPN World Cheerleading Competition and as the State and National Champions in their division.

Annette Johnson, Principal at Boonville Elementary School, welcomed the Board to Boonville School. She also stated that Boonville currently had 375; including 40 special needs students. She also informed the Board that the production of "The Little Mermaid" was a huge success and that they had approximately 800 people attend the performance. She stated that the school takes a lot of pride in these performances. She also informed the Board they are gearing up for EOG testing and that approximately 40 students stay after school for assistance and that the teachers volunteer their time for this.

#13-026
Approval of
Minutes: On motion by Hampton, seconded by Brown, the Board approved the March 4, 2013 minutes of the Board of Education.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#13-027
Consent Agenda: On a motion by Baity, seconded by Allred, the Board approved the consent agenda items listed below:

- Personnel – New Employees

West Yadkin Elementary School

Candidate's Name – Abigail Whitson

College/Degree – Masters

Certification – Speech Pathologists

Assignment – Speech Pathologist

Experience – 9 Years

Salary – \$4,488.00/month

Salary Source – EC Funds

New Position – N – Replacing Betty Wright

- Budget Amendments #32-41
- Contract for Courtney & West Yadkin Elementary Schools Roofing
- 2012 – 2013 School Calendar Revisions (Make-up Day)
- Audit Bids
- Building Capital Fund-NC Education Lottery

Yes: All members voted yes.

#13-028 On motion by Dezern, seconded by Brown, the Board approved

Lunch Price Increase: an increase of \$.10 for lunch prices.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#13-029 Resolution to Restore the NC Teaching Fellows: On motion by Hampton, seconded by Hemric, the Board approved the resolution to restore the North Carolina Teaching Fellows Program.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#13-030 Field Trips: On motion by Allred, seconded by Hampton, the Board approved the following field trips:

Forbush High School – DECA International Competition – April 23 - 28, 2013

Destination: Anaheim, CA

Description of Trip: Students that qualified at DECA State Competition will travel to Anaheim, CA to compete against DECA students worldwide (DECA is in 9 countries) in their event.

Number of students: 4

Number of adults: 1

Transportation: Airline

Cost per student: \$800.00

Forbush High School – FFA Camp – July 8 – 12, 2013

Destination: White Lake, NC

Description of Trip: Students will participate in various sports events throughout the week. Each morning students will attend a session on being a leader and how to work together as a team.

Number of students: 7

Number of adults: 1

Transportation: Activity Bus

Cost per student: \$200.00

Yes: All members voted yes.

Information Items:

1. Administration has received the following resignations:

Robin Stevens – Teacher at Forbush Middle School – retiring effective June 1, 2013.

Amy Donley – Teacher at Forbush High School – resigning effective March 15, 2013.

Renee Jones – EC Teacher Assistant at Jonesville Elementary School – retiring effective June 1, 2013.

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

Rhonda Cleary – EC Teacher at Boonville Elementary School – Maternity Leave beginning April 6, 2013.

Rebecca Spicer – Child Nutrition/Bus Driver at Jonesville Elementary School – Short-term Disability effective March 10, 2013.

Aaron Tuck – Teacher at Yadkinville Elementary School – Maternity Leave beginning April 25, 2013.

Susan Stone – Child Nutrition at Yadkinville Elementary School – FMLA from March 28, 2013 through May 8, 2013.

Aurelia Diaz – Teacher Assistant at West Yadkin Elementary School – FMLA from April 8, 2013 through May 31, 2013.

3. The Board reviewed the Professional, Tenure and Probationary Contract Lists and will vote on these contracts at the May 6, 2013 Board Meeting.
4. The Board reviewed student releases.
5. The Board discussed the next Joint Commissioners Meeting. This meeting will be held on April 29, 2013 at the Board of Education beginning at 6:00p.m.
6. The Board reviewed the April schedule of activities.

Comments

Dr. Hobbs stated there will be a lot going on as we near the end of school and that hopefully, spring weather is here to stay. He also asked that if anyone hasn't spoken to the legislators in Raleigh to please do so regarding funding and public education. He stated the top priority for school systems is that the discretionary cut be eliminated. In addition he informed the Board he had spoken with Representative Mark Hollow concerning all the calendar bills by have been introduced by individual school districts, as well as the two statewide bills, informed him that if he felt these bills were making progress, to include Yadkin County Schools in these bills for calendar flexibility. Dr. Hobbs also stated there was also a bill being introduced that schools could not start until after Labor Day and had to be finished before Memorial Day. This bill was being introduced for the tourism industry. He also informed the Board that to mark their calendars for the upcoming graduation dates which are: Forbush High, May 22 at Wait Chapel beginning at 5:00p.m.; Starmount High School, May 21 at Peacehaven Church beginning at 7:00p.m.; and Yadkin Early College, May 17 at Peacehaven Church beginning at 6:30p.m.

Samuel Stone thanked Boonville Elementary for hosting the Board meeting and stated the end of the school year is coming up along with several AP exams and EOC testing. He asked that everyone remember the students during this testing period. He also asked that everyone remember the safety of our students with the prom coming up.

Kayla Smith stated that Forbush High School was doing really well and that they were very proud of their cheerleaders. She also stated the March blood drive had gone well and that the band had a great opportunity to travel to Florida recently. In addition, she stated they are getting ready for the end of the year and exams.

Milca Jarquin stated that their school is working really hard and they have only four weeks of college classes left and are preparing for final exams. She also informed the Board their prom is being held this weekend and they have National Honor Society inductions next Friday. She stated that today is a stressful day as fall registration as begun. Milca also stated they had four students inducted into Surry Community College's Phi Theta Kappa.

Rex Baity thanked Annette Johnson and Boonville Elementary School for their hospitality. He stated Boonville is always a good meeting place. He also congratulated the Forbush High cheerleaders for their accomplishments and stated he was glad spring is here.

Diane Hampton thanked Annette Johnson for hosting the Board meeting. She also stated that the students were in her thoughts and prayers as they enter exams. She informed the Board she attended the “Ag in the Classroom” presentation and that this was a really good program and that she was thankful we have businesses and organizations that reach out to students and share great ideas. She also thanked Dr. Hobbs and his staff for their hard work on the budget.

Jennifer Hemric thanked Boonville School for hosting the Board meeting. She also stated that her daughter really enjoyed “The Little Mermaid” production and that she was very impressed and thankful that we had staff that would go that extra mile. She stated she also attended the “Ag in the Classroom” presentation and thought this was a good program. She stated she was proud of the Forbush High cheerleaders and that they were known all over the country. In addition, she stated she was proud of the teachers who had obtained their National Board Certification and she knew how difficult this was. She also thanked Dr. Hobbs and Denise Bullin for their work on the budget.

Lynn Allred congratulated the new National Board teachers and Kirkland Harris for Governor’s School. He stated we have a lot to be proud of. He also asked for patience and consideration as budget issues are presented over the next few months.

Frank Brown thanked the staff for what they have done and also thanked Annette Johnson for keeping Boonville Elementary School in such good shape. He stated he hope our schools finished on a strong note this year and hoped everyone had a nice rest of the year.

Joe Dezern stated he appreciated Annette Johnson’s hospitality and that he had also had the opportunity to see “The Little Mermaid” production and that it was really good. He stated he was amazed at all the work by students, parents and staff and also the involvement of students you would never expect would be on stage talking and singing. He also informed the Board that a former Yadkin County Schools’ student that attended Jonesville Elementary and graduated from Starmount High School is now the head women’s coach at East Carolina University and was named Coach of the Year in Conference USA. He stated this is just an example of our students going on and doing well.

Howard McKnight thanked Annette Johnson and her staff for hosting the Board meeting. He also stated he would like to congratulate Cody Hemric for being named the new principal at Starmount High School and that he was looking forward to Cody carrying on the good tradition at Starmount. He informed the Board that he and Donna Boyles and Myra Cox had attended the job fair at Appalachian State University. He also reminded the Board that the joint meeting with the County Commissioners would be held April 29 at 6:00p.m., and the next Board meeting would be May 6 at Yadkinville Elementary School beginning at 9:00a.m. He stated he appreciated everyone being here and looked forward to working hard the rest of the year.

#13-031 On motion by Baity, seconded by Dezern, the Board adjourned at 10:50a.m.
Adjournment:

Yes: All members voted yes.

Dr. L. Stewart Hobbs, Jr. Secretary

Motion to approve April 8, 2013 open session minutes:

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