

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

A regular meeting of the Yadkin County Board of Education was held on Monday, February 4, 2013 at 9:00a.m. at Starmount High 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, Teresa Logan, Celia Perry, Kathy Sommers, Denise Bullin, Adam Harrelson, Kathy Hughes, Rickey Oakes, Donald Hawks, Chris Lyon, Alice Connolly, Chris Nichols, Eddie Karriker, Cody Hemric

Staff Members: Tammy Miller, Chris McDaniels, Suzie Thomasson, Brenda Holyfield, Matthew Parunak

Visitors: Bradley Hardy, Jeanie Houston, Rick Houston, Jesse Houston, Adam Houston, Nathan Trivette, Spencer Brown

#13-007
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.

#13-008
Recess Closed
Session: On motion by Hemric, seconded by Hampton, the Board recessed closed session to return to open session.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Public Comments: Bradley Hardy, a graduate of Forbush High School, addressed the Board concerning a Forbush High School alumni, Honorable Mo Cowan, who was recently appointed the interim Senator for Massachusetts. Mr. Hardy informed the Board that prior to this appointment Honorable Cowan was the Chief of Staff for the Senator and he was the 8th African American to be in the Senate and only the 2nd from Yadkin County. He stated he would like to encourage the Board to honor Senator Cowan in some way by maybe naming the media center at Forbush High School or some other classroom or building. Mr. Hardy thanked the Board of Education for their time. Mr. McKnight thanked Mr. Hardy for his comments and stated he also was proud of this accomplishment by a Forbush High School graduate and that he had been fortunate to teach Senator Cowan.

#13-009
Approval of
Agenda: On motion by Hemric, seconded by Hampton, the Board approved the February 4, 2013 Board of Education meeting agenda with the addition of the action item to revise the 2012-2013 school calendar.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Pledge of
Allegiance: Adam Houston, a student at West Yadkin Elementary School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: Dr. Lynn Allred gave the invocation.

Presentation: Dr. Hobbs asked Chris Lyon, principal of West Yadkin Elementary School, to recognize two students at his school. Mr. Lyon recognized Adam Houston and Nathan Trivette for placing 1st and 2nd respectively in the VFW Post #10346 Patriots Pen competition.

Matthew Parunak, Band Director at Forbush High School, recognized Spencer Brown for being selected to march with the Honor Band in the Rose Bowl Parade in California. Spencer was required to send an audio to the band in order to be selected. The band was made up of 299 members from 37 states and Canada. Spencer stated that he was honored to be able to learn music from some of the best music directors. He also stated this was a life changing experience for him and that this experience was incredible. Mr. Parunak shared with the Board a presentation highlighting Spencer and sharing a section of the parade of Spencer marching and playing.

The Starmount High School show choir sang two numbers for the Board.

Trey Money, Starmount High School Student Council President, introduced the following students:

Hunter Welborn – 2A State High Jump Champion
Maria "Lupe" Carachure – Homecoming Queen

Asia Martin and Emily Brown thanked the Board of Education. They also stated that no matter what the situation was at Starmount we always come together as a family. They stated their school has had great losses with Meme and Austin; however, they have grown together not only at Starmount, but also with Forbush High as well. In addition, they stated that everyone cares for each other at Starmount and that with all the things Starmount offers, everyone can find a place.

Matthew Norman (HOSA President and District Treasurer) and Shyann Ringgold (HOSA & District Reporter) spoke to the Board. They stated their group won \$250.00 in scholarship from the Red Cross which would be used to help pay for the State Conference in April. They stated they are very excited about attending this conference and hoping to qualify for the nationals. They informed the Board they currently had 125 members that

were very busy with a lot of activities and they had recently collected 172 pints of blood at their Fall Blood Drive.

Trey Money stated he would like to touch on academics. He stated that Starmount has an outstanding faculty and staff who interact well with the students. He also stated he would like to brag on the administration and people in the office. He stated that Starmount will miss Mr. Luffman but that the school will be in great hands with Mr. Hemric and Mr. Karriker. He also stated that Starmount had a new SRO Officer, Trent Shore. Trey also stated that in the Language Department the hot topic was Chris Petree winning Regional Teacher of the Year and that he was a fantastic teacher. He also stated Starmount had a great Foreign Language Department and that Ms. Matthews does a great job in the Business Computer and Marketing classes. He also stated that the Math Department had a great staff and that while he knew many kids struggled with Math that you could always find Mr. Carter tutoring students. He stated that Starmount was grateful to have the Mechanics class to prepare students and that Mr. Bryant and Mr. Bray from the Science and History Department knew the curriculum very well. He stated that Starmount had an excellent Show Choir and that Dr. Wingler, the Art teacher, is very dedicated. He stated that the teachers at Starmount are excellent and dedicated which makes the students dedicated. He informed the Board he is proud to say he is from Starmount High School and that he feels the Board has done a fantastic job running Yadkin County Schools and providing our fantastic staff.

#13-010
Approval of
Minutes:

On motion by Hampton, seconded by Allred, the Board approved the January 7, 2013 minutes of the Board of Education.

Yes:

All members voted yes.

#13-011
Consent Agenda:

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

- Personnel – New Employees

Courtney Elementary School

Candidate's Name – Hannah Cox (Interim)

College/Degree – Bachelor's

Certification – Elementary Education

Assignment – 1st Grade Teacher

Experience – 0 years

Salary – \$3,080/year

Salary Source – Local

New Position – N – Replacing Paige Hauser

- Budget Amendments #17-21

Yes:

All members voted yes.

#13-012

On motion by Hampton, seconded by Hemric, the Board approved

Yadkin Early College: the 2013-2014 school calendar for the Yadkin Early College.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#13-013
2012-2013 School Calendar Revision: On motion by Hemric, seconded by Hampton, the Board approved revision of the 2012-2013 school calendar to make-up the missed snow day on March 11, 2013. Dr. Hobbs also advised the Board that any future days missed due to weather would be considered “no days” and these days would be made up at the end of the year.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Information Items:

1. Administration has received the following resignations:

Deanna Smitherman – Teacher at Yadkinville Elementary School – resigning effective December 31, 2012.

Phyllis Macemore – EC Guidance at Forbush High School – resigning effective January 11, 2013.

Harry Carter – Teacher at Starmount High School – retiring effective June 1, 2013.

Morgan Gilbertson – OOST Group Leader at Forbush Elementary School – resigning effective January 8, 2013.

Brenda Lucas – Teacher Assistant at Yadkinville Elementary School – retiring effective June 1, 2013.

Karen Matthews – Executive Director Human Resources – retiring effective July 1, 2013.

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

Kim Reavis – Teacher Assistant at Forbush Elementary School–Education Leave from January 14, 2013 – May 3, 2013.

Denice Potter – Teacher at Yadkin Success Academy-Medical Leave effective January 11, 2013.

3. The Board reviewed student releases.
4. The Board reviewed field trips. The Forbush Middle School trip to Disneyland, Epcot, and Hollywood Studios was approved with provisions that Dr. Hobbs will explain to the principal.
5. The Board reviewed contracts/purchases.
6. The Board reviewed the February schedule of activities.

Comments

Dr. Hobbs informed the Board that we are working on security technology for doors and thanked the County Commissioners for providing funding to see how we can better secure our

facilities. He also stated that the Legislators are in session and if anyone is interested in going to Raleigh to let him know. He stated that the NCSBA has asked Boards to go to Raleigh to share their concerns. He informed the Board that he would provide the first semester test scores to the Board. He stated that we were concerned about our high school EOC test scores, but our students do what they always do when challenged, and the scores were actually a little better. He stated the students did a tremendous job.

Milca Jarquin informed the Board that the Honor Society is doing a great job. They had raised money for Meme Brown family and were also raising money for the Austin Macemore family. She also stated that 80% of the college classes taken had been passed.

Samuel Stone thanked Starmount High School for today's presentations and the educational opportunities they provided to students. He stated that this is a great place to be. He also thanked the students who spoke and stated the show choir did a really good job. He asked everybody to remember the Macemore family and stated that Austin was a great guy. Samuel informed the Board that the school had a blood drive coming up in March. He also thanked the administration at Starmount High School and wished Mr. Luffman the best in his retirement.

Kayla Smith stated that Forbush High School was doing well even though it had been a tough week; the students at Forbush and Starmount had come together and reached out to community with the Race for Macemore. She also informed the Board that the cheerleaders were preparing to go to Florida to compete and that the National Honor Society was raising money to purchase books for 3rd and 4th grade students.

Rex Baity thanked Starmount High School for doing an excellent job. He also thanked Bradley Hardy for sharing his comments to the Board. He informed the Board that two weeks ago he and Diane Hampton and Jennifer Hemric had attended the Chamber of Commerce banquet and had enjoyed this. He also stated that Dr. Hobbs was currently serving on the Chamber Board.

Diane Hampton thanked Starmount High School for hosting the Board meeting and that it was excited to see great things happening. She also stated she was overwhelmed by the support from students for Meme Brown and Austin Macemore. She thanked the Yadkin County Schools' staff for doing a great job helping children.

Jennifer Hemric thanked Starmount High School and stated she was a proud parent of two students at Starmount and that the teachers and administration cares about the students. She wished the best to Mr. Luffman in his retirement. She also thanked Bradley Hardy for speaking about Mo Cowan and stated he was a senior when she was a freshman and that he was an outstanding leader then.

Lynn Allred thanked Nathan Trivette and Adam Houston for their essays and that he had happened to see Nathan at West Yadkin Elementary and that he is an outstanding young man. He congratulated Spencer Brown for representing Forbush High School so well at the Rose Bowl Parade in California. In addition, he stated that if the Board of Education ever needs a public relations person that Trey Money is our man. He informed the Board that he participated in the Race for Macemore and that it is true, that out of tragedy a lot of good can come as he saw a relationship building between the Forbush High and Starmount High communities and that his thoughts and prayers to out to the Macemore family. In addition he encouraged everyone to contact representatives concerning the educational policy making in Raleigh. He stated you could reach Jeffrey Elmore through the House of Representatives website and that he is a former

officer in NC public teachers association and has interests in our school systems. He also stated to contact our Representative, Mark Hollow.

Frank Brown stated in regards to Maurice Cowan that it was amazing a minority child from Huntsville can make their way to the Senate and be able to sit behind the desk that Kennedy once sat behind. He also stated that Heather Macy had become a coach at East Carolina University and now we have a student participating in the Rose Bowl parade. He stated it is amazing what kids in Yadkin can do, and it is up to the Board to see these kids have opportunities to enhance growth and we should be mindful not to place personal restrictions on what we do for the majority of our students. He stated it is amazing what students can do if given the chance and the support.

Joe Dezern stated that he feels Mr. Luffman has done a great job at Starmount High School in addition to serving as principal at Boonville and Jonesville Elementary. He stated he is really pleased with what he has accomplished and that we are going to miss him. He also stated that he also feels very confident with the administration in place right now, and with Brad Storie and the staff at Starmount High things will continue to go smoothly. In addition, he stated that Dr. Hobbs made a decision about dismissing school the next day at noon and the weather didn't cooperate and he had to dismiss at 9:30a.m.--an hour or so after dismissal he saw two students and asked them how their day was, once student said it was not a good school day because first of all they didn't have time to eat lunch and they didn't have time to learn anything. Mr. Dezern stated we do have students concerned about learning, but they must have lunch first.

Howard McKnight thanked Starmount High School and Mr. Luffman's staff for hosting the meeting today and that it has been a pleasure to be here. He also informed the Board that he attended the county spelling bee on Friday and enjoyed watching the students; however, he stated he wasn't sure if he could have spelled the words correctly as well as the winner from Starmount Middle School. He informed the Board that the next meeting was scheduled for March 4 at the Yadkin Early College.

#13-014 On motion by Baity, seconded by Allred, the Board adjourned at 10:35a.m.
Adjournment:

Yes: All members voted yes.

Dr. L. Stewart Hobbs, Jr. Secretary

Motion to approve February 4, 2013 open session minutes:

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