

Board of Education  
Yadkin County Schools  
Yadkinville, NC

A regular meeting of the Yadkin County Board of Education was held on Monday, January 5, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in the board office.

Present: Chair Frank Brown, Rex Baity, Hazel Brown, Diane Hampton, Howard McKnight, Larry Vestal and Joe Dezern

Student Representatives: Wesley Norman

Absent: Mary Hopper

Administrative Staff: Jim Benfield, Gary McDonald, Mark Rumley, Donald Hawks, Gale Hill, Bonnie Cook, Sara McCall, Chris Fowler, Rickey McCollum, Kathy Hughes, Karen Matthews, Celia Davis, James Bumgarner, Cindy McMurray and Annette Johnson

Staff Members: Kim Rose and Amy Johnson

Visitors: Marlana Wood, Susan Tolley, Karen Rodriguez and April Pardue

#09-01  
Closed Session: On motion by McKnight, seconded by Dezern, the Board entered closed session at 8:04 a.m.

Yes: All members present voted yes.

#09-02  
Re-enter Open Session: On motion by McKnight, seconded by Dezern, the Board returned to open session.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Pledge of Allegiance: Rex Baity, School Board Member led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: Larry Vestal asked the group to say a silent prayer and he would end with an audible amen.

#09-03  
Approval of Minutes: On motion by Vestal, seconded by McKnight, the Board approved the December 1, 2008 meeting minutes of the Board of Education.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#09-04  
Consent  
Agenda:

On motion by H. Brown, seconded by Dezern, the Board approved the consent agenda items listed below:

- Personnel: New Employees

***Boonville School***

Candidate's Name – Judy Hall

College/Degree – Advanced Degree

Certification – Principal, Primary, Elementary Education, Curriculum Instructional Specialist, and Reading

Assignment – Reading/Literacy

Experience – 35 years

Salary – 5288.00/month

Salary Source – State

New Position – N – Replacing Kathy Hollar

- Budget Amendments # 3 – 11
- Change Order – Starmount Middle School
- Abstinence until Marriage information to be shown to 9<sup>th</sup> grade students

Yes: All members voted yes.

#09-05  
Bids for  
Middle Schools:

On motion by Hampton, seconded by Vestal, the Board approved the bid for the Data Control Wiring and the wiring of the telephone system for \$18,000.00 per middle school. The bid for the Data Control Wiring went to Allen & Associates with a bid of \$116,490.00 per middle school. The board agreed to hold the other bid items until the February agenda.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Information Items:

1. Administration has received the following resignations:  
  
Lisa Boyer – Teacher Assistant at Fall Creek School - resigning
2. Administration has transferred the following employees:  
  
No transfers.
3. Administration has granted the following leave of absences:  
  
Amanda Brewer – School Counselor at Boonville School – maternity leave  
Kelly Hauser – Teacher Assistant at East Bend School – Educational Leave  
Belynda Collins – Pre-School Teacher at Jonesville School – Educational Leave
4. The Board reviewed student release information for students being released to other school systems.
5. Superintendent Benfield and Maintenance Director Donald Hawks gave the board members a middle school update.

6. Mark Rumley, Assistant Superintendent shared with the Board the Exceptional Children Headcount report for each school.
7. Bonnie Cook, Director of 6-12 Learning shared with the Board information on the principal and select teachers from Roskilde High School in Denmark will be visiting our school system April 15<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup>. Board members are invited to meet our visitors and participate in a panel discussion on education in the United States and North Carolina in the morning of April 16<sup>th</sup>. Bonnie stated more information would be provided about the session.
8. Mark Rumley, Assistant Superintendent briefly discussed the Framework for change document concerning the Accountability and Curriculum Reform Effort.
9. Mark Rumley, Assistant Superintendent briefed the Board on the 2007-08 reading scores. The Board reviewed information on longitudinal data/performance for Yadkin County Schools in both reading and math. Frank Brown, Board Chair stated he would like to see the comparison test data from the county, state and the averages from surrounding counties.
10. Jim Benfield, Superintendent was going to brief the Board on Policy 4150 – School Assignment. It was stated to hold this item to a later meeting.
11. Gary McDonald, Assistant Superintendent briefly discussed the Title II Audit and the Teacher Turnover Report. He stated that the Title II Audit was completed and Yadkin County Schools received a good report. He gave the Board numbers and percentages for Yadkin County Schools’ turnover and retention rates.
12. The Board reviewed some fundraiser requests for the second semester of school.
13. The Board reviewed the January schedule of activities.

Superintendent’s Comments:

Superintendent Benfield mentioned the following to the Board:

- Thanked the staff and Board for everyone’s hard work.

Chairperson’s Comments:

Frank Brown mentioned the following to the Board:

- Stated that Yadkin County can have the best facilities in the state and it takes a lot of hard work. He expressed appreciation for all we do.

Student Representative Comments:

Wesley Norman stated that he had a good Christmas and enjoyed his Christmas break. He said he was depressed about going back to school.

Board Member Comments:

Rex Baity – stated he hoped everyone had a good Christmas and New Year.

Diane Hampton – stated she went by Forbush Middle School and was pleased with the progress. She stated that she liked the Curriculum Newsletter and suggested that a newsletter could be sent out as a form of communication to parents by email.

Larry Vestal – stated that he appreciated the comments from Mr. McDonald on the retention rates and stated on a personnel note that he has a new grandchild as of December 23.

Howard McKnight – Thanked everyone for all their hard work and hope 2009 will be a good year for Yadkin County Schools.

Joe Dezern – shared he was looking forward to visiting Forbush High School and viewing the Forbush Middle School site. He also stated that the teacher turnover rate speaks well for our school system.

Hazel Brown – stated she had a wonderful holiday. She informed the Board about her niece Amanda that has been ill with liver failure.

Gary McDonald, Assistant Superintendent asked the group to remember the Tom Wylie family as Tom passed away on Christmas Day.

- With no further business, Chair Frank Brown asked for a motion to adjourn.

#09-06  
Adjournment:

On motion by Baity, seconded by McKnight, the Board adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Yes:

All members voted yes.

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Jim Benfield, Secretary

