

Board of Education
Yadkin County Schools
Yadkinville, NC

A regular meeting of the Yadkin County Board of Education was held on Monday, February 4, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the board office.

Present: Chair Karin Mendenhall, Frank Brown, Rex Baity, Hazel Brown, Brock Matthews, Diane Hampton and Howard McKnight

Student
Representatives: Benjamin McKaig

Absent: Isabella Cochrane

Administrative
Staff: Jim Benfield, Donald Hawks, Gale Hill, Bonnie Cook, Rickey McCollum, Teresa Logan, Debbie Gough, Kelly Mabe, Charles Conner, Kaky Berry and Rick Swaim

Staff Present: Kim Rose, Amy Johnson, Delores Mabe, Missy Adams, Julia Brown, and Joyce Brown

Visitors: Eva Tomko, Heather Crocker, Belynda Collins, Preston Money, Sabrina Ashley, Paige Ketchie, Josephine Money, Melissa Money, Miranda Blaes and Lonnie Adamson

#08-11
Closed Session: On motion by H. Brown, seconded by McKnight, the Board entered closed session at 6:00 p.m.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-12
Re-enter Open
Session: On motion by H. Brown, seconded by Matthews, the Board returned to open session at 7:13 p.m.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Pledge of
Allegiance: Preston Money, a 6th grade student at the Yadkin Success Academy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: Hazel Brown had the invocation.

Presentations: Diane Hampton presented the attendance award to Forbush Elementary School who won 1st place in attendance for the 3rd month of school with a percentage of 96.82. Accepting the trophy and \$100.00 check for Forbush Elementary is Paige Ketchie, an 8th grader who is also student council secretary.
The Board also awarded a \$50.00 second place award to West Yadkin School with a percentage of 96.74, which was accepted by eighth grader Chloe Reavis.

#08-13
Approval of
Minutes:

On motion by McKnight, seconded by H. Brown, the Board approved the January 7, 2008 meeting minutes.

Yes:

All members voted yes.

#08-14
New
Employees:

On motion by H. Brown seconded by Matthews, the Board approved the following for employment:

Morgan Williams – Temporary 2nd grade teacher at Yadkinville School
Ms. Williams graduated from Appalachian State University and lives in East Bend.

Myra Hutchens – Temporary EC Teacher at Forbush High School replacing Erin Beatty

Amber Casstevens – Group Leader at Forbush Elementary School OOST effective 1-9-08

Ms. Casstevens graduated from Starmount High School and attended Surry Community College one year. She lives in Boonville.

James Larry Sheek – Custodian at Forbush High School – 10-month employee

Mr. Sheek graduated from Wilkes Community College and lives in Yadkinville.

Jennifer Brabham – CAP MR Assistant at ADVP

Ms. Brabham graduated from Forsyth Technical College and lives in Hamptonville.

Katie Bulluck – CAP MR Assistant at ADVP

Ms. Bulluck graduated from G. Ray Bodley High School and completed one year at Adirondack Community College. She lives in Boonville.

Nancy Gregory – filling in for Sandy Grinton who is doing his student teaching – January 3, 2008 – March 28, 2008

Tracy Anglin-Weaver – filling in for Kathy Spicer who is doing her student teaching – January 14, 2008 – May 2, 2008

David Ryan Gordon – Group Leader at Boonville OOST

Mr. Gordon graduated from Forbush High School and is presently attending Surry Community College. He lives in Yadkinville.

Jessica Howard – Assistant Director at Forbush Elementary OOST

Ms. Howard graduated from Forbush High School and Surry Community College. She lives in East Bend.

Remediation Tutors 2007-2008 School Year

Martha Sanders – Jonesville School
Mary Lou Calloway – Jonesville School
Doug Chappell – Jonesville School
Lois Ann Groce – Jonesville School
Ruth Shermer – Yadkinville School

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-15
Budget
Amendments: On motion by Matthews, seconded by Hampton, the Board approved budget amendments #27 - 35 as presented by Finance Officer Gale Hill.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-16
2008-2009
School Calendar: On motion by Baity, seconded by H. Brown, the Board approved option calendar option number 2 with uneven semesters as the 2008-2009 school calendar.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-17
Fundraiser
Request: On motion by McKnight, seconded by Matthews, the Board approved the fundraiser request as presented from East Bend School that was not included on the January Board agenda

Yes: Baity, F. Brown, Hampton, Matthews, McKnight, Mendenhall
No: H. Brown

#08-18
Robert S. Segal
Unclaimed Sales
Tax: On motion by Matthews, seconded by H. Brown, the Board approved Robert Segal, CPA PA to search for unclaimed sales tax for Fiscal Year 2004-05 as presented by Finance Officer Gale Hill.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-19
Grading/Paving
Bids/ Jonesville
School Bus Lot: On motion by Mathews, seconded by H. Brown, the Board approved the lowest bid from Carl Rose & Sons, Inc to do the grading/paving work on Jonesville School bus lot.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-20
Utility Company
New Middle
Schools: On motion by Hampton, seconded by Matthews, the Board approved Duke Energy as the utility company for Forbush Middle School and Starmount Middle School.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-21
Courtney School
Revised SIP: On motion by Matthews, seconded by Hampton, the Board approved Courtney Schools revised School Improvement Plan.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-22
East Bend School
Revised SIP: On motion by Matthews, seconded by McKnight, the Board approved East Bend Schools revised School Improvement Plan.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-23
Jonesville School
Revised SIP: On motion by Matthews, seconded by F. Brown, the Board approved Jonesville Schools revised School Improvement Plan.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-24
West Yadkin School
Revised SIP: On motion by McKnight, seconded by Hampton, the Board approved West Yadkin Schools revised School Improvement Plan.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-25
Contract for
Asst. Superintendent: On motion by McKnight, seconded by Matthews, the Board approved Gary McDonald's contract, as Assistant Superintendent from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Information Items:

1. Administration has received the following resignations:

Wanda Brown – NCWISE/Clerical Assistant at Boonville School – retiring effective 7-1-08

Terri Vestal – Director of Yadkin County ADVP – retiring June 1, 2008

Melissa Crouse – CAP MR Teacher Assistant at ADVP

Teresa Baker – Bus Driver/Custodian at Boonville School – resigning due to being approved for long-term disability
2. Administration has transferred the following employees:

Judy Dixon has transferred from a cafeteria assistant at Jonesville to the Assistant Manager at Jonesville replacing Debbie Calloway effective January 14, 2008.

3. The following employees have been granted a leave of absence:
 - Sandy Grinton – Teacher Assistant at West Yadkin School - Educational Leave of Absence to do student teaching
 - Leigh Freed – Teacher at Jonesville School – Maternity Leave
 - Lisa Wright – Media Coordinator at West Yadkin School – Maternity Leave
 - Megan Vogler – Teacher at Yadkinville School – Maternity Leave
4. The Board reviewed student transfers, field trips, contracts/purchases since the last Board meeting.
5. The Board was given the current student medication policy with procedures and forms and a new proposed policy with separate procedures and forms for review this month. Our School Nurses presented the new proposed policy. The Board decided to move the new Student Medication Policy to the action agenda.

#08-26
Move Student
Medication
Policy to Action
Agenda:

On motion by Matthews, seconded by McKnight, the Board moved the Student Medication Policy to the action agenda.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-27
Student
Medication Policy:

On motion by Matthews, seconded by H. Brown, the Board approved the new Student Medication Policy as presented by the School Nurses.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-28
Agenda
Movement:

On motion by Matthews, seconded by Baity, the Board made a motion to move Agenda Items TCS13 and TCS14 to the end of the agenda.

Yes: All members voted yes.

6. The employment of the superintendent is currently included in Board Policy GBDA “Interview Process for Employment in Yadkin County Schools (Selection of Personnel)” which also pertains to the employment of all other personnel in the school district. The revised policy for the superintendent is separated from the employment of other school district personnel. The recommended process for employment of the superintendent is the same as specified in the current policy. The Board has sole authority for the employment of the superintendent.

7. The current Board Policy GBDA “Interview Process for Employment in Yadkin County Schools (Selection of Personnel) requires that interview committees with specified membership be used in the selection process. At times the required committees are cumbersome, result in delays in the employment process and do not add to the quality of the decision. The desire is to establish a policy, supported by guidelines that place the authority and responsibility for interviewing and recommending candidates for employment at the level of the administrator who supervises the position. The administrator will recommend the candidate of choice to the Superintendent for each position. The superintendent will recommend one candidate to the Board of Education. Agenda Items TCS17, TCS18, and TCS19 were for information in February, but the Board decided to take action on the changes made to the Interview Process Policy.

#08-29
Move to Action
Agenda Personnel
Policies:

On motion by H. Brown, seconded by McKnight, the Board made a motion to move Agenda Item TCS 17, TCS18, and TCS19 to the action agenda.

Yes:

All members voted yes.

#08-30
Personnel
Policies:

On motion by Matthews, seconded by F. Brown, the Board approved the changes made to the Board Policy GBDA “Interview Process for Employment in Yadkin County Schools (Selection of Personnel). The changes involved making a separate policy on Employment of the Superintendent, a Personnel Policy and Personnel Guidelines.

Yes:

All members voted yes.

8. The Board reviewed the February schedule of activities.
9. The Board reviewed changes to the 1000s, 2000s, 3000s, and the 5000s Yadkin County School policies sent from the NC School Boards Association. The changes are to be approved by the Board of Education at its March meeting.
10. The Board reviewed the Section 4000 polices sent from the NC School Boards Association. The policies are to be approved by the Board of Education at its March meeting. The Board asked Dr. Benfield to share these new 4000 policies and changes to the 1000s, 2000s, 3000s and 5000s with Administration and Principals and to bring back changes at the next meeting.

Superintendents’ Report:

Dr. Benfield mentioned the following to the Board:

- Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new middle schools in lieu of the rain were held today. Construction is officially underway.

- On January 30, 2007, Eric Williams set in motion the calendar to funding the new middle schools. The tentative deadline for receiving quotes from the financial institution to finance bonds is noon February 5. Both quotes look favorable. The Board of Education will need to take action on this financing issue at the March 3 Board of Education meeting.
- The meeting with Forbush High School Hunter Safety Team leaders about the shooting range was a positive meeting. The architects are hesitant about drawing the shooting range on the plans, but we are working with them to get them drawn. Donald Hawks is working with a neighbor, Mr. Matthews to continue using his land.

Chairperson's Report:

Karin Mendenhall mentioned the following to the Board:

- Reiterated that the groundbreaking ceremonies in lieu of the rain were held and we were making a reality to get new middle schools built. Ms. Mendenhall stated that the County Commissioner bit the bullet to get these schools built and really put their necks out there for us. She further stated that she was glad the County Commissioners were with us today at the groundbreaking and things seem to be moving forward.
- Rickey McCollum informed the Board that Julianna Prim a student at Starmount High School recently was a state champion in the swimming meet. Julianna won the 50-meter free-style and the 100- meter butterfly events.

#08-31
Adjournment:

On motion by Matthews, seconded by H. Brown, the Board adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Yes:

All members voted yes.

Jim Benfield, Secretary