

Board of Education
Yadkin County Schools
Yadkinville, NC

A regular meeting of the Yadkin County Board of Education was held on Monday, March 2, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in the board office.

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

Absent:
Student

Representatives: Wesley Norman, Mary Hopper

Administrative Jim Benfield, Mark Rumley, Donald Hawks, Rickey McCollum, Cindy McMurray, James Bumgarner, Chris Fowler, Kathy Sommers and Wayne Price

Staff Members: Kim Rose and Ellen Reece

Visitors: Leanne Cloudman – Yadkin Ripple

#09-14 On motion by McKnight, seconded by Dezern, the Board
Closed Session: entered closed session at 1:00 p.m.

Yes: All members present voted yes.

#09-15 On motion by Baity, seconded by McKnight, the Board returned
Re-enter Open Session: to open session.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Pledge of Allegiance: Joe Dezern, School Board Member led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: Frank Brown had the invocation.

Presentations: Lewis and Daggett Attornys were to do a presentation on Safe and Sober Prom Night. Due to inclement weather, they cancelled.

#09-16 On motion by Hampton, seconded by Vestal, the Board approved
Approval of Minutes: the February 2, 2009 meeting minutes of the Board of Education.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#09-17 On motion by H. Brown, seconded by Vestal, the Board approved
Approval of Joint Meeting Minutes: the February 2, 2009 Joint Meeting minutes between the Yadkin County Commissioners and the Yadkin County Board of Education with corrections to be made to the minutes.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#09-18
Consent Agenda:

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

- Personnel: New Employees

Central Office

Candidate's Name – Wendy Tucker

College/Degree – BS

Certification – NA

Assignment – Nutritionist – Temp. Part-time Position

Experience – Pending

Salary - \$18.00 per hour not to exceed 19 hours per week for 12 months

Salary Source – School Food Service Funds

New Position - Yes

Boonville School

Candidate's Name – Patricia Speer

College/Degree – Bachelor's

Certification –

Assignment – Temp. Reading Title I Teacher Assistant

Experience – 29 years

Salary – \$2,696.00/month

Salary Source – Title I

New Position – N – replacing Jackie Tahtinen

Remediation Teacher Assistants

East Bend School

Brenda Morton

Virginia Rudolph

New Principal at Courtney School – Diane Jones

New Principal at Jonesville School – Junior Luffman

- Budget Amendments # 26 - 32
- Mowing Contracts
- Change Order Approval Numbers 4, 5 and 6
- Water-Sewer Utility Bids for All Schools
- Starmount High School Denmark Trip

Yes:
No:

F. Brown, H. Brown, Dezern, Hampton, McKnight, Vestal
Baity

#09-19
School Day
Middle Schools:

On motion by Baity, seconded by Hampton, the Board approved the school day for middle schools. The school day will be 7:55 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#09-20
Rock
Construction
Work at
FMS and SMS:

On motion by Vestal, seconded by Baity, the Board approved the road construction work at Forbush Middle School and Starmount Middle School.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#09-21
Dell Quote –
Middle Schools:

On motion by McKnight, seconded by Dezern, the Board approved the Dell quote for Dell computers for the new middle schools.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Information Items:

1. Administration has received the following resignations:
Diane Holding – Counselor at West Yadkin School – retiring effective July 1, 2009

Janice Shore – Teacher at Yadkinville School – retiring effective July 1, 2009
2. Administration has transferred the following employees:

Caitlynn Finney – from FCOOST group leader to YOOST assistant director

Amanda Doss – from FOOST assistant director to FOOST director

Adam Harrelson – from FHS 100% Tech Facilitator to FHS 50% Tech II Technician and SHS 50% Tech II Technician
3. Administration has granted the following leave of absences:

Vanessa Swaim – Teacher Assistant /Bus Driver at West Yadkin School – Medical Leave for Bus position only

Sandra Todd – Child Nutrition at Forbush High School – FMLA request – Medical Leave

Ann Crews – Teacher Assistant at West Yadkin School – FMLA request – Medical Leave
4. The Board reviewed student release information for students being released to other school systems.

5. The Board reviewed a Pre-School Brochure for the Yadkin County Pre-School Program. Cindy McMurray and Sara McCall worked together collecting suggestions from pre-school and kindergarten teachers to develop this brochure. This brochure will be placed in schools, churches, Yadkin County Health Department, Yadkin County Social Services Department, and area doctors' offices. This is an attempt to attract more pre-school age children to the district's pre-school program.
6. The Board reviewed several fundraiser requests that Starmount High School students and parents are planning in order to raise money for their trip to Denmark.
7. The Board reviewed a list of the contracts and purchases since the last board meeting.
8. The Board reviewed field trip information from our schools.
9. The Board reviewed the March schedule of activities.

Superintendent's Comments:

Superintendent Benfield mentioned the following to the Board:

- Yadkin County Schools had received information on the consolidated reporting of discipline and dropout data permits. Yadkin County was the only LEA on all three of the "top ten" lists for lowest rates of crime, short-term suspensions and dropouts in grades 9-12.
- Gave a middle school update on Forbush Middle and Starmount Middle.

Chairperson's Comments:

Frank Brown mentioned the following to the Board:

- Appreciates all the hard work that the staff is doing. Thanked The Yadkin Ripple for what they were doing in providing the schools with ½ page space in the ripple every 2 weeks. There is also a Ask the Superintendent column in which readers may ask questions to the Superintendent and the Superintendent responds. Thanked the staff and board members for coming out on a bad weather day.
- Mr. Brown asked the Board if they were attending the 2009 Spring School Law Academy to let Kim know.

Board Member Comments:

Rex Baity – thanked everyone for all their hard work.

Diane Hampton – Appreciated everyone's hard work and informed the Board that on April 7-9 would be a Department of Transportation Construction Career Day.

Larry Vestal – stated he would like to recognize the DOT for cleaning our roads on bad weather days like today.

Howard McKnight – stated that he, Rickey and Dr. Benfield had attended the state swim meet. He attended the middle school basketball tournament and enjoyed it. McKnight stated the No Parent Left Behind meeting was successful.

Joe Dezern – mentioned he had visited Jonesville School on career and enjoyed his visit.

Hazel Brown – stated she was glad that she got to come to the meeting today. She felt if the principals were ok with the Safe and Sober Prom Night information, to let them go ahead with it.

Mr. Baity asked about the date for the April board meeting since this was the week our schools had spring break. After some discussion it was decided to leave the board meeting on April 6 with closed session at 5:30 p.m. and open session at 6:00 p.m.

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

#09-22
Adjournment:

On motion by McKnight, seconded by Baity, the Board adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Yes:

All members voted yes.

Jim Benfield, Secretary

Approval of March 2, 2009 Board of Education Open Session Minutes:

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Motion by: _____	Baity	_____	_____
	Brown, F.	_____	_____
Second by: _____	Brown, H.	_____	_____
	Dezern	_____	_____
	Hampton	_____	_____
	McKnight	_____	_____
	Vestal	_____	_____