

Board of Education
Yadkin County Schools
Yadkinville, NC

A regular meeting of the Yadkin County Board of Education was held on Monday, August 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

Administrative Jim Benfield, Gary McDonald, Mark Rumley, Donald Hawks, Gale Hill, Bonnie Cook, Sara McCall, Kathy Hughes, Rickey McCollum, Karen Matthews, Chris Fowler, James Bumgarner and Herb Baker

Staff Members: Kim Rose

Visitors: Joe Dezern, Debbie Dezern, Larry Vestal, Susan Vestal, Leonard Brown and Lynette Baity, Rex and Gail Norman and Wayne Dixon

#08-112
Closed Session: On motion by Matthews, seconded by McKnight, the Board entered closed session at 5:36 p.m.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-113
Re-enter Open Session: On motion by Baity, seconded by Hampton, the Board returned to open session.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Note: Brock Matthews left at 6:30. p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Wesley Norman, Forbush High School's student representative and Mary Hopper, Starmount High School's student representative led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: Hazel Brown gave the invocation.

#08-114
Approval of Minutes: On motion by H. Brown, seconded by F. Brown, the Board approved the June 30, 2008 and the July 21, 2008 meeting minutes of the Board of Education.

Yes: Mendenhall, H. Brown, F. Brown, Baity, McKnight, Hampton
Absent: Matthews

Out-going Board Members: Out-going board member Karin Mendenhall gave her out-going comments to the group.

Oath of Office: Wayne Dixon, Yadkin County Clerk of Court, administered the Oath of Office to new Board Members Joe Dezern and Larry Vestal and to re-elected Board Members Rex Baity and Hazel Brown.

Oath of Office: Wesley Norman, Forbush High School and Mary Mariah-Hopper, Starmount High School was administered the Oath of Office by Wayne Dixon, Yadkin County Clerk of Court, to serve as Student Representatives on the board of Education during the 2008-09 school year.

#08-115
Nominations & Motion to Approve: Dr. Benfield asked for nominations for Chairperson. Howard McKnight nominated Frank Brown. Hearing no other nominations, Dr. Benfield asked for a motion that Frank Brown be elected as the chairperson for the Yadkin County Board of Education after a motion by H. McKnight, seconded by Baity.

Yes: H. Brown, Dezern, McKnight, Vestal, Hampton and Baity
Abstaining: F. Brown

Nominations: Dr. Benfield asked for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Joe Dezern nominated Howard McKnight and Diane Hampton nominated Hazel Brown. Dr. Benfield asked for all those in favor of Howard McKnight for Board Vice-Chairperson, please raise their hand. Frank Brown, Joe Dezern, Larry Vestal and Rex Baity were in favor of Howard McKnight. Dr. Benfield asked for all those in favor of Hazel Brown for Board Vice-Chairperson, please raise their hand. Diane Hampton was in favor of Hazel Brown. Dr. Benfield declared Howard McKnight as the vice chairperson for the Yadkin County Board of Education.

Re-organization of Board: The Board took a five-minute break to re-organize and move seats.

Presentations: The Board reviewed an annual Athletic Department report presented by Rickey McCollum.

Address the Board: The Board heard from Teresa Ford concerning making an exemption to current policy and naming the gym at West Yadkin School in honor of Donnie Livengood before his retirement. Frank Brown stated that the Board will look at the recommendation being made to the Board.

#08-116
New Employees: On motion by H. Brown, seconded by McKnight, the Board approved the following for employment:

Kimberly Eckard – Summer Group Leader at Yadkinville OOST

Brian Henderson – Teacher at Yadkin Success Academy
Mr. Henderson graduated from Wilkes Community College and Appalachian State University. He lives in Ronda.

Brittany Jones – Teacher at Fall Creek School
Ms. Jones graduated from Wilmington College and currently lives in Dayton, Ohio.

Todd Lockhart – Teacher at Forbush High School
Mr. Lockhart graduated from Radford University. He currently lives in Martinsville, VA.

Douglas Sheek – Teacher at Forbush High School
Mr. Sheek graduated from Appalachian State University and lives in East Bend.

Natalie Bishop – Teacher at Boonville School
Ms. Bishop graduated from Piedmont Baptist College and High Point University. She lives in Yadkinville.

Amanda Sparks – School Social Worker
Ms. Sparks graduated from Appalachian State University and Wilkes Community College. She lives in Hamptonville.

Kelly Knight – Forbush High School/Starmount High School ESL Teacher
Ms. Knight graduated from Wake Forest University and lives in Winston-Salem.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-117
Report Card
Revisions: On motion by H. Brown, seconded by Baity, the Board approved the revisions to the Kindergarten, First and Second Grade Report Cards and to be effective for the 2008-09 school year.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-118
Change Order #2
Matthews Const.: On motion by McKnight, seconded by H. Brown, the Board approved change order #2 from Matthews Construction.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-119
Lawful
Abandonment Policy: On motion by Baity, seconded by Hampton, the Board approved the changes made to the Counseling Program policy which was changed to comply with the new law on Lawful Abandonment. It was suggested that this information be shared with the middle grade students as well.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Information Items:

1. Administration has received the following resignations:

Matt Payne – Group Leader at West Yadkin OOST
Tom Wylie – Has been approved for long-term disability – officially resigning from position

2. Administration has transferred the following employees:

Robin Shore from Receptionist at Forbush High School to Secretary at Yadkin Early College

Cheryl Dinkins from ½ Title I Teacher Assistant at Courtney to 100% Teacher Assistant at Courtney

Ann Matthews from Child Nutrition at Boonville to Child Nutrition at Yadkin Early College

Terecia Talley from Child Nutrition Worker Yadkin Early College to Child Nutrition Asst. Manager at Yadkin Early College

Tracy Myers – from Boonville/Jonesville EC Teacher Assistant to Courtney Teacher Assistant

3. There were no employees asking for a leave of absence.
4. The Board reviewed student transfers, field trips, contracts/purchases since the last Board meeting.
5. Mark Rumley, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum informed the Board on Curriculum and Instruction Leadership for the 2008-2009- school year.
6. Mark Rumley, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum discussed with the Board Yadkin County Schools' preliminary results of the ABC's accountability program as established for the 2007-08 school year.
7. Mark Rumley, Assistant Superintendent and James Bumgarner, Title I Director shared with the Board information on Yadkin County School's Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Status for 2007-2008. The district staff is responding to mandates necessary to comply with federal law as it related to serving students' academic needs for the start of the 2008-2009 school year.
8. The Board reviewed the August schedule of activities.

Superintendent's Report:

- Dr. Benfield shared with the Board that September's Board meeting would be September 1, which is the Labor Day holiday. He stated typically, the meeting has been moved to the 2nd Monday, which is September 8. The Board chose to move the meeting to Monday, September 8, due to the Labor Day holiday.

Chairperson's Report:

Frank Brown mentioned the following to the Board:

- He was embarrassed by the APY reports published for our schools.
- Would like for the Pyramid of Learning be explained to the new board members.
- Would like for the Board to get periodically updates on what we are doing to improve test scores.

- Suggested the Board meeting change its meeting date and time to daytime every other month. This will allow the Board members to possibly have lunch in our schools and also arrange for the County Commissioners to attend as well with the Board of Education. Discussion will follow at next board meeting.
- Suggested at the end of the agenda to include a place for board member comments.

Board Member Comments:

Rex Baity - mentioned that he had visited Boonville School and Starmount High School. He expressed to new board members Joe Dezern and Larry Vestal that if they needed anything to call on him.

Diane Hampton – thanked the new student representatives and new board members for serving on the Board of Education. She also thanked Donald Hawks for all his hard work on the middle school projects.

Larry Vestal – appreciated the opportunity to make a few comments. Stated there were challenges ahead for next school year and the community needs to hear positive comments and not negative ones. He agrees on needing to work closely with the County Commissioners and stated he was looking forward to this term as a Board member.

Howard McKnight – welcomed the new student representative and new board members. Stated he had visited several schools this summer and it was good to see dirt moving at the new Forbush Middle School location.

Joe Dezern – stated he was looking forward to serving on the Board of Education and asked for everyone’s patience. He also expressed concern on the test scores.

Hazel Brown – stated what was in the newspapers on test scores for Yadkin County was embarrassing and difficult to understand. She thinks the Education system needs to improve and would like for Dr. Benfield, Mark Rumley and the Education Team to begin working on this. She stated that the next two years will be critical years for the school system.

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

#08-91
Adjournment:

On motion by Baity, seconded by Hampton, the Board adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Yes:

All members voted yes.

Jim Benfield, Secretary

Approval of August 4, 2008 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	_____	_____