

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

A regular meeting of the Yadkin County Board of Education was held on Monday, March 7, 2011 at 6:30p.m. in the Board office.

Present: Frank Brown, Rex Baity, Hazel Brown, Diane Hampton, Larry Vestal and Joe Dezern. Howard McKnight came in late.

Student

Representatives: Emily Winslow, Stephen Walker, Paul Rogers

Administrative: Jim Benfield, Mark Rumley, Donald Hawks, Gale Hill, Kaky Berry, Chris Lyon, Chris Fowler, Bonnie Cook, Rickey Oakes, Dawn Huggins

Staff Members: Tammy Miller, Ellen Reece, Doshia Teachey, Leah Williams, Gina Hutchens

Visitors: Breanna Bowers, Anna Hamby (YCHD), Jessica Cooper (YCHD), Monecia Thomas (YCHD), Bob Bowers, Brystal Bowers, Steve Talton

#11-017
Closed Session: On motion by H. Brown, seconded by Dezern, the Board entered closed session at 5:30p.m. for reasons 1-9

Yes: All members voted yes.

Absent: Howard McKnight

#11-018
Recess Closed Session: On motion by Vestal seconded by Dezern, the Board recessed closed session to return to open session.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Absent: Howard McKnight

Pledge of Allegiance: Breanna Bowers from West Yadkin Elementary School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: Diane Hampton gave the invocation.

Presentations: Rick Seipel was recognized for obtaining his National Board Certification.

#11-019
Approval of Minutes: On motion by H. Brown, seconded by Baity, the Board approved the February 7, 2011 meeting minutes of the Board of Education.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Absent: Howard McKnight

#11-020
Approval of
Joint Meeting
Minutes: On motion by Hampton, seconded by Dezern, the Board approved the January 31, 2011 joint commissioners meeting minutes of the Board of Education with the following correction: ***On page 12 the last sentence discussing budget cuts \$2.1 million should be changed to \$2.2 million.***

Yes: All members voted yes.
Absent: Howard McKnight

#11-021
Consent Agenda: On a motion by Vestal, seconded by H. Brown the Board approved the consent agenda items listed below:

Yes: All members voted yes.
Absent: Howard McKnight

- Budget Amendment #18
- New Employees

Yadkin County High Schools

Candidates's Name – Danny Mathis
College/Degree – Bachelor's
Certification – P.E./Health/Drivers Education
Assignment – Drivers Education Instruction
Experience – Pending
Salary – \$25.00/hour
Salary Source – State
New Position – Y

East Bend Elementary School

Candidates's Name – Linsey Miller
College/Degree – Bachelor's
Certification – K-6
Assignment – Kindergarten Teacher
Experience – 0 Years
Salary – \$3,043.00/month
Salary Source – State
New Position – N – replacing Denise Wood

Yadkinville Elementary School

Candidates's Name – Brenda Sheek
College/Degree – N/A
Certification – N/A
Assignment – School Food Service
Experience – Pending
Salary – \$10.59/hour
Salary Source – School Food Service
New Position – N – replacing Peggy York

#11-022
Mowing Bids for
YES/EBES: On motion by H. Brown, seconded by Hampton, the Board approved Ladd & Son Lawncare for the mowing of Yadkinville Elementary and East Bend Elementary Schools.

Yes: All members voted yes.
Absent: Howard McKnight

#11-023
Replacement Boiler
Alternate Bid On motion by Dezern, seconded by Vestal, the Board approved the preferred alternate bid request to replace the boilers at Jonesville Elementary School as presented.

Yes: All members voted yes.
Absent: Howard McKnight

Mr. McKnight came to the meeting late.

#11-024
Magnify
Ministries On motion by Hampton, seconded by Baity, the Board approved the request from Magnify Ministries to use Forbush Middle School and Forbush High School during the week of June 18-25, 2011 contingent upon the stipulations drawn up by Fred Johnson, Board Attorney, are met. In addition, the fee for using the facilities should be waived.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#11-025
2011-2012
YEC School
Calendar On motion by H. Brown, seconded by Baity, the Board approved the 2011-2012 School Calendar for Yadkin Early College.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#11-026
Senate Bill 8
Resolution On motion by Baity, seconded by McKnight, the Board approved the Senate Bill 8 Resolution as requested by The North Carolina School Board Association.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Information Items:

1. Administration has received the following resignations:

Nicole Bailey – OOST Group Leader at Fall Creek Elementary School resigning effective February 14, 2011

Chris Sardler – Assistant Principal at Forbush High School retiring effective July 1, 2011

Amy DeWees – Child Nutrition at Yadkinville Elementary School resigning effective March 10, 2011

Frances Wooten – EC Teacher at Starmount High retiring effective July 1, 2011

Jane Swaim – Teacher Assistant at West Yadkin Elementary resigning effective July 1, 2011

2. Administration has transferred the following employees:

Denise Wood from Suspension to Teacher at Fall Creek Elementary School.

Wendy Butler from OOST Group Leader at West Yadkin Elementary to OOST Group Leader at Fall Creek Elementary.

Lamar Russell from OOST Group Leader at Boonville Elementary to OOST Assistant Director at Jonesville Elementary.

3. Administration has granted the following leave of absences:

Jennifer Rominger – Teacher at Starmount Middle – Maternity Leave beginning March 12, 2011

Kristy Gaddis – Teacher at Starmount High School – Maternity Leave beginning April 12, 2011

Lissa Hamby – Teacher Assistant at Courtney Elementary – FMLA through May 2, 2011

Ann Crews – Teacher Assistant at West Yadkin Elementary – FMLA intermittently through March 8, 2012

4. The Board reviewed contracts/purchases.

5. The Board reviewed fundraiser requests.

6. The Board reviewed the student releases.

7. Chris Fowler presented to the Board the NCWISE Parent Assistant, which is a user-friendly web application to help parents track their child/children's progress in school. Dr. Brown asked Chris what percentage of students have computers in their home. Chris indicated he was unsure; however, he had contacted the local libraries and the YMCA so that parents could have access to computers at one of these locations. Chris informed the Board that he would be meeting with teachers and parents to train them on this new program.

8. Jessica Cooper and Anna Matthews Hamby from the Yadkin County Health Department presented to the Board the Healthy Youth Act and what the information would cover in the classrooms. Mrs. Hampton asked if the boys and girls could be in separate classrooms during this program. Ms. Cooper discussed the advantages and disadvantages to this separation, but did indicate this could be done. Dr. Brown asked if the group would be keeping data on teen pregnancy and this program. Ms. Cooper indicated she

would love to that in Yadkin County but at this time she did not receive information that she could use. She stated she would like to have access to the Youth Risk Survey.

9. The Board reviewed the March schedule of activities.

Comments

Emily Winslow thanked the Board for approving Magnify Ministries as this was close to her heart. She also stated that the FHS cheerleading team heads off to nationals next week at Myrtle Beach and she asked for prayers.

Stephen Walker stated that he was proud of the basketball team for making it to the 3rd round of playoffs and that he was excited about upcoming track and baseball. He informed the Board that the second semester at Starmount High was going very smoothly. Stephen also informed the Board that on April 1st the Starmount High Jazz Band will perform at Peace Haven Church at 6:00p.m.

Paul Rogers stated there were not too many changes recently. He informed the Board that the Yadkin Early College had recently received a shipment of E-Book readers and the students were really excited about those. They were currently putting them through a trial test to see how they can be implemented effectively in the classrooms. Paul stated this would help supplement our online capabilities, internet and textbook access and that this was a step towards technological integration.

Rex Baity asked how we are doing with our out of county students and Dr. Rumley stated we still have some requests and that he would do a full report at the May Board meeting.

Diane Hampton thanked everyone for all their hard work, especially Mr. Hawks for keeping our schools up and Gale Hill for keeping the budget straight.

Larry Vestal stated he was glad to see Yadkin County Schools had participated in the youth survey sponsored by the North Carolina Rural Center. He pointed out that 90% of students in have a personal computer at home and 47% say they plan to stay in Yadkin County or return after college.

Hazel Brown stated that the youth survey report was encouraging with regards to the fact that students thought their hometown offered a high quality of life and 64% saw themselves staying and living in Yadkin County. Dr. Brown stated she would be interested in seeing a comparison of surrounding counties.

Joe Dezern stated that he had visited West Yadkin Elementary last week and talked with Chris Lyon and that Mr. Lyon had assured him everything was going well. Mr. Dezern also stated that he had talked with teachers and office staff and they had confirmed what Mr. Lyon had stated. Mr. Dezern stated that he appreciated the work Mr. Lyon was doing at West Yadkin School.

Frank Brown thanked the Board and staff members for the support he was given during his wife's sickness and during the funeral. He also stated that he appreciated all the cards and visits.

Jim Benfield stated he would like to call attention to the Bill on the calendar. He feels this would be very helpful for the school system and encouraged everyone to contact the representatives to get this Bill passed. The Calendar Bill would allow the high schools to have exams before Christmas. He also informed the Board that Yadkin County Schools had applied for a waiver with DPI. There was discussion concerning if the Bill was passed would this be effective for the 2011-2012 school year. The Board feels employees and parents need to be notified early if the start date for students will be earlier. It was discussed to possibly not change the calendar if the Bill passes after May 1.

#11-027 On motion by McKnight, seconded by Baity, the Board adjourned the open session Adjournment meeting at 8:50p.m. to return to closed session.

Return to
Closed:

Yes: All members voted yes.

Jim Benfield, Secretary

Motion to approve March 7, 2011 open session minutes:

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