

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

A regular meeting of the Yadkin County Board of Education was held on Monday, March 5, 2012 at 6:30p.m. at East Bend Elementary School.

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

Student
Representatives: Grayson Fulp, Brinsley Stewart, Keaton Greer

Administrative: Stewart Hobbs, Donna Boyles, Karen Matthews, Kathy Hughes, Bonnie Cook, Gale Hill, Rickey Oakes, Donald Hawks, Teresa Logan, Kathy Sommers, Kelly Byrd-Johnson, Chris Nichols

Staff Members: Tammy Miller, Kim Eldridge

Visitors: Peyton Eldridge, Cathryn Prim, Lindsay Craven, Michael Vanhoy, Travis Baity, David Renegar, Clyde Fulp, Leah Williams, Istra Jones, Sharon Yale, Donald Kivet.

#12-018
Closed Session: On motion by McKnight, seconded by Dezern, the Board entered closed session at 5:35p.m. for reasons 1-9

Yes: All members voted yes.

#12-019
Recess Closed
Session: On motion by H. Brown seconded by Vestal, the Board recessed closed session to return to open session.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Pledge of
Allegiance: Cathryn Prim and Peyton Eldridge, students at East Bend Elementary School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: Diane Hampton gave the invocation.

#12-020
Approval of
Minutes: On motion by Hampton, seconded by McKnight, the Board approved the February 6, 2012 meeting minutes of the Board of Education.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#12-021
Approval of
Joint Meeting
Minutes: On motion by Vestal, seconded by Baity, the Board approved the February 6, 2012 Joint Commissioners meeting minutes.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#12-022
Consent Agenda: On a motion by Baity, seconded by Hampton the Board approved the consent agenda items listed below:

- Budget Amendments # 38-43

Yes: All members voted yes.

#12-023
Policy 7335
Employee Use of
Social Media: On motion by Hampton, seconded by McKnight, the Board approved Policy 7335 – Employee Use of Social Media.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#12-024
Policy 3227/7322
Web Page
Development: On motion by Vestal, seconded by Hampton, the Board approved Policy 3227/7322 – Web Page Development.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#12-025
Mowing Bids: On motion by H. Brown, seconded by Vestal, the Board approved the mowing bids as follows:

Bobby Atkins – Yadkinville, Forbush High, Starmount High
Ladd & Son – Boonville, CDR, Fall Creek, Jonesville, West Yadkin
River Hill Landscaping – East Bend, Forbush Elementary, Forbush Middle
Roadrunner – Courtney, Starmount Middle

Yes: All members voted yes.

#12-026
Roofing Bids: On motion by Baity, seconded by Hampton, the Board rejected the roofing bids for Starmount High School as presented and asked that the bidders resubmit their bids for the roofing project at Starmount High School.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Information Items:

1. Administration has received the following resignations:

Kathy Brown – OOST Group Leader at Fall Creek Elementary School resigning effective February 3, 2012.

Crystal Salmon – EC Teacher at West Yadkin Elementary School retiring effective July 1, 2012.

Sherry Blankenship – Child Nutrition at Yadkinville Elementary School resigning effective April 7, 2012.

Jayne Spauth – EC Teacher at Forbush Middle School retiring effective July 1, 2012.

Brenda Money – Teacher at Boonville Elementary School retiring effective July 1, 2012.

Gale Hill – Finance Officer at Central Office retiring effective August 1, 2012.

Suzanne Kelly – Guidance Counselor at Forbush High School retiring effective July 1, 2012.

2. Administration has approved the following Leaves of Absence:

Susan Matthews – Child Nutrition at Forbush High School – Maternity Leave/FMLA from March 6, 2012 to May 28, 2012.

Brittany McDaniel – Teacher at East Bend Elementary School – Maternity Leave beginning March 12, 2012.

Denice Potter – Teacher at Yadkin Success Academy – Medical Leave extended to March 11, 2012.

Candice Wagoner – EC Teacher Assistant at Courtney Elementary School – Maternity Leave beginning February 1, 2012.

3. The Board reviewed the request from the West Yadkin Elementary School PTA to pave the walking track at West Yadkin School. The Board asked Donald Hawks to ensure this is done to the correct specs.
4. The Board reviewed field trips.
5. The Board reviewed student releases.
6. The Board reviewed contracts/purchases.
7. The Board reviewed the following policies. These policies will be voted on at the April 9, 2012 Board meeting.
 - TCS9 Policy 1310/4002-Parental Involvement
 - TCS10 Policy 1320/3560-Title I Parent Involvement
 - TCS11 Policy 1710/4021/7230-Prohibition Against Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying

- TCS12 Policy 1720/4015/7225-Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying Complaint Procedure
- TCS13 Policy 1730/4022/7231-Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disabilities
- TCS14 Policy 2342-Voting Methods
- TCS15 Policy 3000-Goals and Objectives of the Educational Program
- TCS16 Policy 3220-Technology in the Educational Program
- TCS17 Policy 3230/7330-Copyright Compliance
- TCS18 Policy 4110-Immunization and Health Requirements for School Admission
- TCS19 Policy 4150-School Assignment
- TCS20 Policy 4155-Assignment to Classes
- TCS21 Policy-4202/5029/7272-Service Animals in Schools
- TCS22 Policy 5026/7250-Smoking and Tobacco Products
- TCS23 Policy 5030-Community Use of Facilities
- TCS24 Policy 5070/7350-Public Records
- TCS25 Policy 6120-Student Health Services
- TCS26 Policy 6305-Safety and Student Transportation Services
- TCS27 Policy 6315-Drivers
- TCS28 Policy 6320-Use of Student Transportation Services
- TCS29 Policy 6321-Bus Routes
- TCS30 Policy 6340-Transportation Service/Vehicle Contracts
- TCS31 Policy 7405-Extracurricular and Non-Instructional Duties
- TCS32 Policy 7425-School Administrator Contracts
- TCS33 Policy 7500-Workday and Overtime
- TCS34 Policy 7540-Voluntary Shared Leave
- TCS35 Policy 7900-Resignation
- TCS36 Policy 9400-Sale, Disposal and Lease of Board-Owned Real Property

8. The Board reviewed the March schedule of activities.

Comments

Grayson Fulp stated everything was going good at Forbush High School. He stated that tomorrow the ACT test would be given to all juniors. He also stated that spring sports are in full swing and that Nick Kiter won a state championship in wrestling. Grayson informed the Board he was still waiting on the Naval Academy for acceptance.

Brinsley Stewart stated things were going well at Starmount High School and that all the juniors at Starmount would also be taking the ACT tomorrow and that the sophomores have the option to take the ASSET test to determine what careers might be good for them. She also stated that the spring blood drive is scheduled for March 16. Brinsley informed the Board that the preparation for the international festival is going good and that the Danish exchange students would be at Starmount at the end of the month which would be approximately 30 students.

Keaton Greer stated that things were going well at the Yadkin Early College. She informed the Board that a lot of seniors are doing mock interviews to learn more about applying for jobs. He also stated that spring break is next week for Surry Community College and that a lot of mid-terms are going on right now. Keaton also stated that the New York trip was coming up.

Hazel Brown thanked East Bend Elementary School for hosting the Board meeting and for the wonderful meal. She also stated she appreciated all the visitors that were at the meeting and for talking and listening to the Board as we move on policies.

Joe Dezern thanked East Bend Elementary school for the great food and he also stated he appreciated them hosting the Board meeting. He also stated he had a follow-up to the senior citizens cards not being honored at athletic events as he had a chance to talk to Mr. Carter at Starmount High School. He shared an example with the Board that Starmount High had 250 cards presented at an event and that most of those presenting the cards were not 50 years old. He also spoke with a person who had obtained the card and whenever he went to get the card he got a half of dozen for other family members and they did not confirm they were senior citizens. Mr. Dezern stated that the abuse of cards is the reason for them not being honored. Larry Vestal stated that he hated that people with honor and integrity were unable to use the cards. Dr. Hobbs stated he had talked to the middle schools and they will honor the cards; however, they would ask for IDs along with the card which would show the person's age. He also stated that this problem is not only in Yadkin Count but other counties were seeing the same abuse. Mr. Dezern also stated that Mr. Carter did say if there was senior citizen who needed a card or pass that he would work with them. He also shared a success story for a graduate of Starmount High School. He sated that Jacob Cook graduated in 2008 or 2009 and that he was a member of the School of Music at Appalachian State University. He stated that one requirement was that he had to perform a private recital in opera. Mr. Dezern stated he was invited to attend this recital and was greatly impressed with what he saw. He stated that Jacob performed 14 songs and three were in English and the other 11 were in six different foreign languages. He stated that Jacob will be doing his student teaching next semester and that he was also a Teaching Fellows recipient.

Howard McKnight expressed his appreciation to East Bend Elementary School and staff for hosting the Board meeting. He also stated he attended the Hunter Safety banquet at Forbush Middle School on Saturday night. He stated the event was very successful, well attended and they did a tremendous job. He informed the Board that Austin Caviness of WXII was also at the banquet.

Larry Vestal stated it was good to be in different areas of the county for the Board meeting. He thanked East Bend Elementary School for hosting the Board meeting. He also thanked the visitors for attending the Board meeting and Ellen Reece for the presentation on Math Counts. Mr. Vestal also stated that he and Rex Baity had attended the backpack event at Boonville Elementary School and that this event was well attended and was being sponsored by Boonville Methodist Church.

Diane Hampton thanked East Bend Elementary School for hosting the Board meeting. She also stated that she appreciated what Ms. Reece had presented and thanked her for her work. Ms. Hampton also stated that the dinner provided by East Bend School was very good.

Rex Baity thanked East Bend Elementary School for their hospitality and for the great food. He also thanked the employees for their hard work on the policies that had been revised. Mr. Baity thanked Ms. Reece for her presentation and stated that he remembered when his son went to Math Counts and this was also a great thing for elementary schools. He also thanked Ms. Craven from the Yadkin Ripple for attending the Board meeting. He also thanked everyone for their calls when he missed last month's Board meeting due to illness and that he was glad to be back.

Frank Brown stated that East Bend Elementary School had provided a wonderful meal and that hopefully Jonesville would be just as good. He also stated that employees had done a great job this year and would like to see Yadkin County Schools finish like they had started.

Dr. Hobbs stated that the bad news is the discretionary cut of 1.9 million dollars is what we have to send back to the State. He stated that the North Carolina School Board Association is asking legislators to help us with this cut. He stated that last year we sent back 32 teaching positions. He also stated that at the next Board meeting he would be asking the Board to sign a resolution to send to the State asking that they not have discretionary cuts this year. He stated we are working on the budget and that he is hopeful that we will still only cut positions and not people. Dr. Hobbs stated there are a lot of state initiatives going on at this time. He also stated that it looked like we had dodged the bullet with weather and that we only had one day to make up which would be March 9. Dr. Hobbs stated that it was hard to believe we are already in March. He stated that Yadkin County had great schools and if the 1st semester is an indication, he was sure everyone would be pleased with 2nd semester.

#12-027 On motion by Baity, seconded by Hampton, the Board adjourned at 7:45p.m.
Adjournment:

Yes: All members voted yes.

Dr. L. Stewart Hobbs, Jr. Secretary

Motion to approve March 5, 2012 open session minutes:

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