

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

A regular meeting of the Yadkin County Board of Education was held on Monday, November 1, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board office.

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

Student

Representatives: Emily Winslow, Stephen Walker, Paul Rogers

Administrative: Jim Benfield, Mark Rumley, Donald Hawks, Rickey Oakes, Gale Hill, Chris Fowler, Kathy Hughes, Doug Sheek, Celia Davis, Rickey McCollum, Kelly Mabe

Staff Members: Tammy Miller, Mary Sale

Visitors: Tim Bullard (Yadkin Ripple), Ralph Hutchens, Tony Gagliardi, Dale Couch, Lindsey Hutchens, Wanda Doss, Allison Hutchens, Amy Hutchens, Haley Dotson, Zachary Hutchens, Gene Doss

#10-108
Closed Session: On motion by McKnight, seconded by Baity, the Board entered closed session at 5:30 p.m.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#10-109
Recess Closed
Session: On motion by Baity seconded by Dezern, the Board recessed closed session to return to open session.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Pledge of
Allegiance: Haley Dotson – 6th grade student and Student Council President from Forbush Elementary School
Lindsey Hutchens, kindergarten student and Zachary Hutchens, 4th grade student from East Bend Elementary School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: Diane Hampton gave the invocation.

Presentations: 1. Rives and Associates Auditing firm gave the Board the audit report for Yadkin County Schools for the year ending June 30, 2010. Mr. Rives informed the Board that Yadkin County Schools received the highest marks that a CPA firm can give. He also stated that Ms. Gale Hill did a great job as Yadkin County School's Finance Officer. Mr. Brown and Dr. Benfield both thanked Ms. Hill for her

hard work and Ms. Hill thanked her accounting department and the payroll department for their work.

#10-110
Approval of
Minutes: On motion by Hampton, seconded by Vestal, the Board approved the October 4, 2010 meeting minutes of the Board of Education.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#10-111
Consent Agenda: On a motion by Baity, seconded by Dezern the Board approved the consent agenda items listed below:

Yes: All members voted yes.

- Personnel – New Employees

Courtney Elementary School

Candidates's Name – Brittany Cain
College/Degree – Bachelor's
Certification – K - 6
Assignment – Temporary Teacher Assistant
Experience – 0 years
Salary – Pending
Salary Source – State
New Position – N – replacing Heather Harrell

Forbush Elementary School

Candidates's Name – Linda Smith
College/Degree – N/A
Certification – N/A
Assignment – OOST Director
Experience – Pending
Salary – \$11.04/hour
Salary Source – OOST
New Position – N – replacing Kala Allen

Jonesville Elementary School

Candidates's Name – Heather Harrell
College/Degree – Bachelor's
Certification – K - 6
Assignment – Teacher Assistant
Experience – Pending
Salary – Pending
Salary Source – State
New Position – N – replacing Tonya Livengood

Yadkinville & Forbush Elementary Schools

Candidates's Name – Leah Ireland
College/Degree – Bachelor's
Certification – Art
Assignment – K-6 Art Teacher
Experience – 2 years
Salary – \$3,043.00/month
Salary Source – State
New Position – N – replacing Melody Eller

- Approval of School Improvement Plans
- Approval of Dust Mops/Uniform Contract with Cintas
- Agreement with Forbush Volunteer Fire Department with the following stipulations:
 1. Yadkin County Schools would not provide water or sewage to the site.
 2. If the Forbush Fire Department should choose to move the satellite station, the building would become the property of the school system.
 3. The building will be placed 30 feet from the roadway.
 4. Administration will determine if county commissioner approval is required

#10-112
Maintenance
Department Labor: On motion by Baity, seconded by McKnight, the Board approved the \$400.00 payment to 18 maintenance staff employees for their special effort to minimize the water damage at Starmount Middle School. The Board indicated this Payment would be in lieu of comp time.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Information Items:

1. Administration has received the following resignations:
 - Christina Long** – Teacher at Yadkinville Elementary resigning effective September 30, 2010
 - Melody Eller** – Art Teacher at Yadkinville Elementary and Forbush Elementary resigning effective October 28, 2010
 - Nancy Steelman** – Secretary/Bookkeeper at Forbush Elementary retiring effective December 31, 2010
 - Mary Reavis** – School Food Service at Yadkinville Elementary retiring December 31, 2010
 - Kathy Hefner** – Custodian at Courtney Elementary resigning effective November 5, 2010
2. Administration has granted the following leave of absences:
 - Patricia Calloway** – Payroll Specialist at Central Office: FMLA as needed beginning October 4, 2010 through October 4, 2011

3. Administration has separated from Yadkin County Schools the following employee:
Charlie Ellis – OOST Group Leader at Fall Creek Elementary School
effective October 15, 2010
4. Celia Davis presented to the Board the exceptional children’s continuous improvement plan (CIPP) that was submitted to the state. This plan was developed by representative members of Yadkin County Exceptional Children’s program and presented for review and discussion to the EC CIPP Stakeholder’s Committee on October 12, 2010. The purpose of this monitoring is to focus federal, state, and local resources on improved results for children with disabilities and their families.
5. Dr. Rumley presented to the Board the procedures that had been established by administrators, principals, district attorney’s office and local law enforcement with regards to the reporting of criminal acts. Dr. Rumley stated that the Board attorney, Fred Johnson, and the North Carolina School Boards Association had reviewed the policy and feels this policy puts us in compliance with the new laws concerning the reporting of criminal acts.

#10-113 On motion by Baity, seconded by H. Brown, the Board moved that the School
Addition Safety Policy 1510/4200/7270 – Reporting Criminal Acts be moved to an action
Action item: item.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#10-114 On motion by Baity, seconded by Hampton, the Board approved the School
School Safety Safety Policy 1510/4200/7270 – Reporting Criminal Acts as presented.
Policy:

Yes: All members voted yes.

#10-115 On motion by Hampton, seconded by H. Brown, the Board moved that the Out-
Addition of-County Student Policy 4130 be moved to an action item.
Action item:

Yes: All members voted yes.

#10-116 On motion by H. Brown, seconded by McKnight, the Board approved the Out-
Out-of- of-County Student Policy 4130 as presented.
County
Student Policy:

Yes: All members voted yes.

6. Kelly Mabe gave an update to the Board regarding the Race to the Top (RttT) funds that Yadkin County Schools will be receiving. She reported the following plan:

Total allotment: \$587,811
Share of Cloud: \$101,807
Available RttT allocation: \$486,004

Year 1

\$40,000	Essential Standards and Common Core professional development
\$25,000	4-12 Writing training
\$150,000	High School wireless infrastructure
Total Year 1:	\$215,000

Year 2

\$25,000	Writing training
\$67,000	Elementary Wireless Infrastructure
\$40,000	Professional Development- Incorporating technology into classroom instruction
Total Year 2:	\$132,000

Year 3

\$25,000	Writing training
\$114,000	Technology
Total:	\$139,000

Grand Total: \$486,000

7. Chris Fowler reported to the Board the NC Report Cards for Yadkin County Schools. He informed the Board this information was released on October 28, 2010 and each student received a copy of the report to take home. Mr. Brown asked Chris Fowler if he noticed any significant changes and Chris responded that the trends showed an upward incline; however the spike was due to counting the retest scores.
8. The Board reviewed contracts/purchases.
9. The Board reviewed fundraiser requests.
10. The Board reviewed field trips.
11. The Board reviewed the November Schedule of Activities.

Board Comments

Emily Winslow – Mr. Brown asked Emily the status of the computer problems at Forbush High. Emily stated the computers have sped up and she has not heard as many complaints. She stated that she had just finished a project in senior English and all was done online and it seemed to move smoothly.

Stephen Walker stated he also had heard fewer complaints regarding the computers. He also informed the Board that the volleyball team and football team were doing well this year

Paul Rogers stated there were no extreme changes at Yadkin Early College. He stated they had recently done a fundraiser for the first prom. He also informed the Board they had a program come to the school called the Real World Program. He stated this program was like a workshop teaching the basic application of basic life skills like insurance, banking, etc. and that students were given a budget and matched with careers. He stated that most students found it entertaining and helpful.

James Benfield stated that after considerable thought he would retire effective July 1, 2011. He also stated that he was grateful for the opportunity to work for Yadkin County Schools and excited about the improvements that have been made. He also stated he looked forward to continued success for Yadkin County Schools. He wished the Board the very best and thank them for the opportunity to work for Yadkin County Schools.

Frank Brown thanked Dr. Benfield and wished him the best for the future. He stated that the Board attorney, Fred Johnson, will begin advertising for a superintendent this week and accept applications through December. He advised the Board that sometime in January applicant names would be given to Board and that at that time the Board would narrow the names to probably six.

Rex Baity informed the Board that he had attended the school law conference and that he had learned a lot and really enjoyed the conference.

Diane Hampton thanked Dr. Benfield for his years of service. She stated she enjoyed working with him and wished him the best. She also informed the Board that she had attended the law conference. Ms. Hampton also thanked the teachers, coaches and administrators who had been a part of her son, Daniel's, education and he had just found out he was accepted to Wake Forest Medical School.

Larry Vestal stated he hoped everyone would vote and that he also wished Dr. Benfield the best.

Hazel Brown stated she had enjoyed working with Dr. Benfield and thanked him for the work he had done for Yadkin County Schools.

Joe Dezern wished Dr. Benfield the best and stated that he had made a difference in Yadkin County School. He also thanked Gale Hill for her hard work. He informed the Board that he had the opportunity to visit SHS, SMS and JES and he thought things were on task, going smoothly and that the behavior was appropriate. He also encouraged parents to attend the upcoming parent-teacher conferences and he appreciated what staff members to each day.

Howard McKnight informed the Board he had attended the ASU job fair and had seen very good candidates for teaching positions. He also wished Dr. Benfield well in his retirement.

Frank Brown thanked the staff and Board members for what they do.

Rex Baity informed the Board that Mark Rumley had finished his doctorate.

Rickey McCollum encouraged everyone to attend the Starmount High volleyball regional finals on Tuesday and informed the Board that the Starmount High football team would begin the state playoffs next Friday.

#10-117 On motion by Baity, seconded by McKnight, the Board adjourned the open session
Adjournment: meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Jim Benfield, Secretary

Motion to approve November 1, 2010 open session minutes:

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