

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

A regular meeting of the Yadkin County Board of Education was held on Monday, December 3, 2012 at 9:00a.m. at Forbush High School.

Present: Frank Brown, Howard McKnight, Jennifer Hemric, Rex Baity, Joe Dezern, Diane Hampton, Lynn Allred

Student Representatives: Samuel Stone, Kayla Smith, Milca Jarquin

Administrative: Stewart Hobbs, Donna Boles, Karen Matthews, Kaky Berry, Eddie Karriker, Chris Fowler, Chris Nichols, Alice Connolly, Myra Cox, Teresa Logan, Celia Perry, Kathy Sommers, Rickey Oakes, Adam Harrelson, Kathy Hughes, Candice Dinkins, Kelly Mabe, Donald Hawks, Denise Bullin

Staff Members: Tammy Miller, Paul Clark, Jackie McCarn, Mary Carter, Wes Athan, Beth Figuracian

Visitors: Paul Clark,

#12-096  
Closed Session: On motion by Dezern, seconded by Allred, the Board entered closed session at 9:00a.m. for reasons 1-9.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#12-097  
Recess Closed Session: On motion by Hampton, seconded by Hemric, the Board recessed closed session to return to open session.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Public Comments: None

Host School Comments: Dr. Nichols informed the Board that they were wrapping things up and getting ready for exams. He stated that Forbush High had a lot of things going on.

Presentations were given by Dylan Edwards, Maria Martinez and Bethany Hunter with the HOSA Club. They stated that HOSA wasn't just a club that they help build leadership characteristics. They also stated that we don't help people because we have to; we help people because we want to.

They also informed the Board they had recently attending their Fall Leadership conference and that Dylan Edwards was elected as District 7 Parliamentarian. In addition, they stated they had recently assisted with

the fall blood drive and would be working with the Red Cross to assist with the Forbush Middle School and Forbush Elementary School blood drives. They also informed the Board they had sponsored students for Christmas. In addition they recently sponsored a Friends Feeding Friends basketball game and collected \$1,152.50 and 265 cans. They are also having a competition between 1<sup>st</sup> period classes and the winner will receive a free Bojangles breakfast. To date, they have collected 2,626 cans.

Alicia Pickett and Savannah Adams gave a presentation for the Future Farmers of America. They stated at this time they are trying to get more people involved to let people know they are not just farmers. They have been to a conference where Scott Hamilton spoke. Their future plans are to get more involved with the community. They also thanked Farm Bureau for donating money to send them to conferences. Dr. Nichols stated these ladies are in charge of the program and doing back breaking work in the greenhouse.

Catherine Joyce and Alex Sales did a DECA presentation. They stated this was a business marketing club and their mission was to prepare emerging leaders into entrepreneurs. They also stated they competed in a district competition in Asheville and did really well. They had 17 members to place with two first place winners and four overall finalists. They informed the Board they will be travelling to California for a national competition.

Dr. Nichols informed the Board they are currently choosing athletes of the month that recognizes what they are doing on and off the court/track. He stated there had been improvements on the tennis courts and the track had been resurfaced. In addition, they hoped to make improvements to the field house and the media center has been redone. He also stated that academically, the school was doing very well. Additionally, he stated that Forbush hopes they continue to grow which centers around their vision of "Together We Will Lead" as they want to be leaders in the area and state.

Dr. Hobbs requested that the Board approve the December 3, 2012 meeting agenda with the addition district-wide accreditation added to the action agenda.

#12-098  
Approval of  
Agenda:

On motion by Hampton, seconded by Allred, the Board approved the December 3, 2012 Board of Education meeting agenda.

Yes:

All members voted yes.

Pledge of  
Allegiance:

Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Smith and Cadet Captain Green led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation:

Rex Baity gave the invocation.

Presentation: Paul Clark, high school science teacher at Yadkin Success Academy, was recognized for receiving an \$800.00 Bright Ideas Grant from Surry-Yadkin Electric to purchase a greenhouse for the school. Jackie McCarn, math teacher at Forbush Middle School, was recognized as Yadkin County Schools' Math Teacher of the Year.

#12-099  
Approval of  
Minutes: On motion by Hampton, seconded by Hemric, the Board approved the November 5, 2012 minutes of the Board of Education.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#12-100  
Approval of  
Joint Meeting  
Minutes: On motion by Hemric, seconded by Dezern, the Board approved the October 29, 2012 Joint Commissioners Meeting minutes.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#12-101  
Consent Agenda: On a motion by Hampton, seconded by Hemric, the Board approved the consent agenda items listed below:

- Budget Amendments #1-4
- Personnel – New Employees

**Yadkin Success Academy/Yadkinville Elementary**

Candidate's Name – Tamala Long

College/Degree – N/A

Certification – N/A

Assignment – Child Nutrition/Bus Driver

Experience – Currently Bus Driver/New for Child Nutrition

Salary – \$10.71/hour

Salary Source – Local/Child Nutrition

New Position – N – Replacing Sara Spann

- Policy 1310/4002 – Parental Involvement
- Policy 1320/3560 – Title I Parent Involvement
- Policy 1510/4200/7200 – School Safety
- Policy 2430 – Dissemination & Preservation of Policies
- Policy 3300 – School Calendar and Time for Learning
- Policy 3405 – Students at Risk of Academic Failure
- Policy 3430 – School Improvement Plan
- Policy 4050 – Children of Military Families
- Policy 4150 – School Assignment
- Policy 4152 – Unsafe School Choice Transfer
- Policy 4153 – School Improvement Choice Transfer
- Policy 4155 – Assignment to Classes
- Policy 4331 – Assaults, Threats and Harassment
- Policy 4335 – Criminal Behavior
- Policy 4700 – Student Records

- Policy 5020 – Visitors to the Schools
- Policy 5030 – Community Use of Facilities
- Policy 5120 – Relationship with Law Enforcement
- Policy 6220 – Operation of Student Food Services
- Policy 7120 – Employee Health Certificate
- Policy 7510 – Leave
- Policy 3200ap – Selection of Instructional Media with the following changes: Require parent permission for “R: Edited for General Audience” and change the age from 13 to 14 for “TV 14 – Parents Strongly Cautioned.”
- Policy 3210ap – Parental Inspection/Objection
- Policy 3230/7330ap – Copyright Administrative Procedures

Yes: Lynn Allred, Rex Baity, Joe Dezern, Diane Hampton, Jennifer Hemric, Howard McKnight

No: Frank Brown

#12-102  
2013-2014 Course  
Curriculum Guide: On motion by Allred, seconded by Brown, the Board approved the 2013-2014 Course Curriculum Guide.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#12-103  
Support of  
District-Wide  
Accreditation: On motion by Hemric, seconded by Dezern, the Board agreed to support the commitment to pursue district-wide accreditation.

### Information Items:

1. Administration has received the following resignations:

**Sara Spann** – Child Nutrition at Yadkin Success Academy – resigning effective November 9, 2012.

**Lauren Elledge** – OOST Group Leader at Yadkinville Elementary School – resigning effective November 9, 2012.

2. Administration has transferred the following employees:

**Julia Casstevens** – EC Teacher Assistant at Courtney Elementary School to Personal Care Assistant at Forbush Elementary School.

3. Administration has granted the following employees a leave of absence:

**Amanda Sizemore** – OOST Director at Fall Creek Elementary School – Maternity Leave beginning November 1, 2012.

**Christina Wagoner** – Administrative Assistant in Maintenance – Maternity Leave beginning November 13, 2012.

**Tina Caudle** – Personal Care Assistant at Forbush Elementary School – Educational Leave from January 1, 2013 – May 31, 2013.

**Richard Cook** – Custodian at Starmount Middle School – FMLA beginning October 10, 2012.

4. The Board reviewed the administrative procedure for 3460ap-Graduation Requirements.
5. The Board discussed paperless Board members. Diane Hampton, Jennifer Hemric, Rex Baity and Lynn Allred stated they would like to proceed in this direction.
6. The Board reviewed the December schedule of activities. Dr. Hobbs also reminded the Board of the Christmas breakfast on December 13 at 8:30am at Yadkinville United Methodist Church.

### Comments

**Dr. Hobbs** shared with the Board the Christmas cards for this year that were created by students. He also discussed with the Board the financial challenges we are facing for the upcoming year. He stated the biggest challenge will be the discretionary cut of 1.3 million dollars. In addition he explained to the Board that that one million dollars that is currently in our fund balance has been appropriated this year. Dr. Hobbs stated that he did hear House Speaker Tillis say they hoped to have a budget by the end of May. He also stated that he hoped they would work on the discretionary cut and that he felt education will be very different especially after the election. He discussed with the Board that performance based pay is coming and the superintendents have been discussing this issue and have sent information to legislators as the main concern is where would the money come from to pay our teachers. Dr. Hobbs stated that one of the proposals he is hearing is that every LEA would be given one million dollars if the LEA could match this amount. He discussed with the Board that teacher tenure will be gone but hopefully they will grandfather everyone in that has tenure so one year contracts will not have to be negotiated for all of our teachers. He discussed vouchers and charter schools with the Board and stated that superintendents agree with choice but believe public education is the best and they want the process changed so that local Boards have to approve the opening of a new charter school. In addition he informed the Board there is a big push for going back to two pathways for graduation and also a push for digital learning so that every child must take one online course to graduate. He also stated that superintendents and teachers are frustrated with everything happening in our schools as far as things the state is trying to implement (common core, power schools, MSLs and grading schools).

**Kayla Smith** stated things are going really well at Forbush High as you heard from our speakers. The winter teams are doing well and wrestling is doing very well. She also stated that the Friends Feeding Friends campaign is doing well with a competition between all 1<sup>st</sup> periods and the office is doing an angel tree and we are providing gift for 16 children and each child will receive a minimum of 5 gifts. Kayla also informed the Board that the classrooms are all preparing for exams and everyone is ready for Christmas break.

**Milca Jarquin stated** that the Early College was also preparing for final exams with college and high school. She also stated they are having a canned food drive and a winter dance where students can pay using cans. Additionally she stated that this Saturday they are having a soccer competition with different students from Wilkes Early and Yadkin Early Colleges.

**Samuel Stone** stated that Starmount High is also doing well. He informed the Board that Mr. Petree is one of the finalists for Regional Teacher of the Year. Samuel stated he has Mr. Petree as a teacher and he makes learning fun. He also stated that Starmount was having a food drive as

well and their competition is by buildings. Additionally he stated that Starmount is supporting fundraisers for Austin Macemore and Christian Hurt. He wished everyone Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Rex Baity** thanked Dr. Nichols and Forbush High School for hosting the meeting. He stated it is always good to come to Forbush. He stated it was good to hear the students speak about DECA as he went through that club and he also used to be a judge for HOSA. He also stated that he went to the state conference and was pretty disappointed. He also stated he hoped everyone had a good holiday and a happy New Year and to be safe.

**Diane Hampton** thanked Dr. Nichols for hosting the meeting and thanked the student representatives for their presentations. She stated there are wonderful things going on at Forbush High School and that is what makes a school – when kids feel rooted and have interests and help communities. She also thanked the staff for the curriculum guide and the hard work everyone does. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**Jennifer Hemric** thanked Dr. Nichols for hosting the meeting. She stated that since she was a graduate of Forbush High, it always feels like I am coming home. She also stated that she was a DECA student and had fond memories of the competitions. In addition, she stated she was proud of the students who spoke and wished everyone a very Merry Christmas.

**Lynn Allred** thanked Dr. Nichols for his hospitality and he was especially grateful for the Future Farmers of America trying to resurrect this program as we sometimes forget how important agriculture is to our county. He also stated that one of the students said she always wanted to leave things better than she found them and that this should be our goal as a Board.

**Frank Brown** stated he certainly the visit to Forbush High and the refreshments were very good. He also stated that the library looks like it did in 1967. He stated it still looks great which shows how well the staff has taken care of the building. In addition, he stated he liked the format with students doing a lot of the talking and it sounds like they have done well and have accepted some responsibility that is important in growing up. He stated he hoped everyone had a nice Christmas.

**Joe Dezern** thanked Forbush High School and Dr. Nichols for their hospitality he appreciated the fact that students shared information. He also stated that another thing he has noted about Forbush High and Starmount High are the service activities they are involved in not only at school, but the community as well. He stated he appreciated that. He wished the students good luck on the upcoming exams hoped they did really well. He wished all staff members a restful and enjoyable holiday season.

**Howard McKnight** thanked Dr. Nichols for hosting the meeting and that it always feels like coming home when he visits Forbush High. He stated that anytime he is on this campus he feels welcome and it is a pleasure to be here. He thanked Dr. Nichols and the staff for putting this together and the work they do every day. He also reminded the Board that the January meeting would be at the central office on January 7 and he also stated he was pleased that his former student, Ms. McCarn was recognized and was proud of Chris Petree and what he was doing. He stated he was always proud of the faculty and staff. In addition, he stated that Mary Carter has always been very dedicated helpful to everyone in understanding technology. He also wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and hoped they enjoyed their time off. He wished the students good luck with exams.

**Karen Matthews** informed the Board that Chris Petree was one of the two finalists for regional teacher of the year. She stated she was privileged to be on the interview team and that he represented us very well. She stated he did an awesome job and that no matter what happens you would be proud of how he articulated his love for the school and teaching.

#12-104      On motion by Baity, seconded by Hampton, the Board adjourned at 10:40 a.m.  
Adjournment:

Yes:            All members voted yes.

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Dr. L. Stewart Hobbs, Jr. Secretary

**Motion to approve December 3, 2012 open session minutes:**

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
<b>Motion by:</b> _____	<b>Allred</b>	_____	_____
	<b>Baity</b>	_____	_____
	<b>Brown</b>	_____	_____
<b>Second by:</b> _____	<b>Dezern</b>	_____	_____
	<b>Hampton</b>	_____	_____
	<b>Hemric</b>	_____	_____
	<b>McKnight</b>	_____	_____