

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

A regular meeting of the Yadkin County Board of Education was held on Monday, December 2, 2013 at 9:00a.m. at Jonesville Elementary School.

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

Administrative: Dr. Martin, Myra Cox, Kristi Gaddis, Kathy Hughes, Rickey Oakes, Denise Bullin, , Kelly Byrd-Johnson, Chris Fowler, Donald Hawks, Cody Hemric, Jill Logan

Student Reps: Colton Horn, Madison McLellan

Staff Members: Tammy Miller, Melanie Matthews, Jonathan Symons, Taylor Doss

Visitors: Leah Simpson, Samantha Welborn, Erin Barr, Rachel Castevens, Hunter Welborn, Alli St. John, Haley Hartmen, Brittany Zeller, Ashley Johnson, Sarah Wagoner, Alli Jones, Emma Shorte

#13-109  
Closed Session: On motion by Dezern, seconded by Hampton, the Board entered closed session at 9:00a.m. for reasons 1-9.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#13-110  
Recess Closed  
Session: On motion by Allred, seconded by Brown, the Board recessed closed session to return to open session.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Robyn Winters spoke to the Board concerning the safety of students riding buses. She stated she has witnessed her son attempting to get on the bus and on two separate occasions someone has run the stop arm. She also stated that prosecutions in these cases are practically impossible as you have to know the make and model of the vehicle as well as be able to identify the driver. She also stated that when she started research on this issue she found un-nerving statistics. She stated that in March 2013 there were 4 violations failing to stop in Yadkin County and that if this occurred daily that would be 720 opportunities for some child to be hit and killed. She also stated that with the new legislation that LEAs are to use any fines collected to install more safety devices for buses. She discussed with the Board installing external stop arm cameras which takes pictures of drivers when stop arms are run. She also stated that the cost is 3,000 per camera which would be approximately \$180,000 for Yadkin County. She stated

that the new legislation would provide two cameras per school system and that if Yadkin County were to get 720 convictions using these cameras that would be over \$300,000 which would cover the cost of these cameras. She also stated that she hoped that Yadkin County Schools could go to our commissioners and other foundations for funding of this. She also stated that her recommendation for the two free cameras is that one camera be installed on bus 177 and then to have the Transportation Director poll the bus drivers to find out how many stops each bus makes where students have to cross the road and place the second camera on the bus with the most student crossings. Diane Hampton stated she appreciated Ms. Winters speaking to the Board and that she feels like we can do a better job of keeping kids safe. There was also discussion concerning looking at the possibility of arranging routes so that no student had to cross the road to board a bus. Howard McKnight also stated he appreciated Ms. Winters making the presentation and assured her that all Board members are concerned with the safety of our students.

#13-111  
Approval of  
Agenda:

On motion by Baity, seconded by Hemric, the Board approved the December 2, 2013 Board of Education meeting agenda.

Yes:

All members voted yes.

Pledge of  
Allegiance:

Ashton Jenkins and Max Swaim, students at Jonesville Elementary School, led the Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation:

Lynn Allred gave the invocation.

Kelly Byrd-Johnson, principal at Jonesville Elementary School, welcomed the Board to Jonesville and thanked them for visiting. Ashton Jenkins and Max Swaim also welcomed the Board to Jonesville School. They also informed the Board that they would be having their PTO meeting on December 5 with a performance by grades 2-4 and the book fair would also be open. They also informed the Board their white Christmas assembly would be on December 13 and everyone would be bringing in items for the Friends Feeding Friends campaign. They discussed that the Beta Club induction would be held in January and that the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students had recently written narratives and performed these stories using integrated technology for Halloween. They also stated their class had recently one to a Bobcats game, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Dr. Martin recognized the Starmount High School volleyball team for their recent State Volleyball Championship and presented each member with a certificate. He also stated that he was able to attend the game and that one thing that stood out was the sportsmanship at the game. He stated that the Starmount players and fans gave Raleigh Charter a standing

ovation for their efforts. Coach Symons stated this was a great experience for the girls and that this is something they will never forget.

#13-112  
Approval of  
Minutes:

On motion by Hampton, seconded by Allred, the Board approved the November 4, 2013 minutes of the Board of Education.

Yes:

All members voted yes.

#13-113  
Consent Agenda:

On a motion by Hemric, seconded by Dezern, the Board approved the consent agenda items listed below:

- Personnel - New Employees

**Yadkin Success Academy**

Candidate's Name – Jonathan Jessup

College/Degree – Associates

Certification – N/A

Assignment – Teacher Assistant

Experience – 1 year

Salary – \$1,936/month

Salary Source – At Risk Students

New Position – N – Replacing Bradley Davis

**Starmount High School**

Candidate's Name – Eddie Campbell

College/Degree – School Administration

Certification – Masters

Assignment – Interim Assistant Principal

Experience – 31 years

Salary – \$22.26/hour (40 hour maximum per week)

Salary Source – State

New Position – N – Replacing Eddie Karriker

- Policy 1310/4002 – Parental Involvement
- Policy 1510/4200/7270 – School Safety
- Policy 1710/4021/7230 – Discrimination, Harassment, and Bullying
- Policy 3100 – Curriculum Development
- Policy 3102 – Online Instruction
- Policy 3110 – Innovation in Curriculum and Instruction
- Policy 3405 – Students at Risk of Academic Failure
- Policy 3410 – Testing and Assessment Program
- Policy 3430 – School Improvement Plan
- Policy 3460ap – Graduation Requirements
- Policy 3540 – Comprehensive Health Education Program
- Policy 3640/5130 – Student Voter Registration
- Policy 4120 – Domicile or Residence Requirements
- Policy 4342 – Student Searches
- Policy 4700 – Student Records

- Policy 5000 – Schools and the Community
- Policy 5022 – Registered Sex Offenders
- Policy 5027/7275 – Weapons and Explosives Prohibited
- Policy 5028/6130/7267 – Automated External Defibrillator
- Policy 5070/7350 – Public Records-Retention, Release
- Policy 5120 – Relationship with Law Enforcement
- Policy 6220 – Operation of Student Food Services
- Policy 6430 – State Purchasing Requirements for Equipment, Materials, and Supplies
- Policy 7100 – Recruitment and Selection of Personnel
- Policy 7240 – Drug-Free and Alcohol-Free Workplace
- Policy 7410 – Career Status
- Policy 7510 – Leave
- Policy 7810 – Evaluation of Licensed Employees
- Policy 7950 – Probationary Teachers: Nonrenewal
- Policy 9020 – Facility Design
- Policy 9120 – Bidding for Construction Work
- Budget Amendments #9-13

Yes: All members voted yes.

#13-114 On motion by Hampton, seconded by Hemric, the Board approved for the  
 Early Dismissal middle and high schools to dismiss at 1:30p.m. on December 18-19 following  
 Middle/High: their End of Course testing.

Yes: Allred, Baity, Dezern, Hampton, Hemric, McKnight  
 No: Brown

#13-115 On motion by Baity, seconded by Allred, the Board approved the field  
 FHS Field Trip: trip for the Forbush High School women’s basketball team to travel to Galax,  
 VA for a tournament.

Yes: All members voted yes.

**Information Items:**

1. Administration has received the following resignations:

**Kathy Sommers** – Director School Food Services – resigning effective November 19, 2013.

**Richard Cook** – Custodian at Starmount Middle School – resigning effective November 19, 2013.

**Sarah Dowd** – OOST Assistant Director at Forbush Elementary School – resigning effective December 4, 2013.

2. Administration has transferred the following employees:

N/A

3. Administration has received the following leave of absence:

**Donna Hecht** – Assistant Director School Food Services at Forbush Elementary School – short term disability beginning October 15, 2013.

**John Watts** – Custodian at Yadkinville Elementary School – short term disability beginning October 8, 2013.

**Suzanne Kelly** – EC Guidance Counselor at Forbush High School – resigning effective December 31, 2013.

**Charity Hernandez** – School Food Service at Starmount Middle School – maternity leave beginning November 11, 2013.

**Larry Martin** – Part-time custodian to full time custodian at Starmount Middle School.

4. The Board reviewed contracts/purchases.

5. The Board reviewed student releases.

6. The Board reviewed the Utility Audit. Utilities Reduction Specialists would conduct a Utility audit by analyzing electric and gas billings and records and agrees to seek refunds and/or credits for billing errors. If no refunds/credits or expense reduction is found, there will be no fee for the audit; otherwise, the cost is 50% of the refunds and/or credits that result from the audit

7. The Board reviewed the December schedule of activities.

### **Comments**

**Dr. Martin** stated he would like to thank Mrs. Johnson and her staff for hosting the Board meeting and that the breakfast was great. He asked Mrs. Johnson to please pass along his appreciation to the staff. He also stated that we have just come off the Thanksgiving holiday and we have a lot to be thankful for. He stated he was thankful for the great students, teachers, support staff and administrative staff we have and that they were great people to work with. He also stated he was thankful for the opportunity to work in Yadkin County Schools. Dr. Martin congratulated the Starmount High School volleyball team, as well as the Forbush High School volleyball team and the Forbush and Starmount football teams for their successful season. In addition, he stated he would like to congratulate the cheerleaders at Forbush High School who recently won a state championship.

**Colton Horn** stated that everyone is looking forward to Christmas break, but not exams. He also stated he would like to congratulate Starmount High School's volleyball team and the Forbush High School cheerleaders for their state championships. He also stated Forbush recently had a great fundraiser for hunter safety and it went great. In addition, he stated that everything was going well at Forbush High.

**Madison McLellan** informed the Board that Starmount High School recently held their international festival and that it went really well. She also stated that it was very interesting that Mr. Bray's class was recently able to skype with a park ranger at Yellowstone national park and the students had really liked this. She also stated she was proud of the football team and that they had placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the conference.

**Lynn Allred** congratulated the Starmount High School volleyball team and stated it takes perfect games to get through the playoffs and it is a special team that can do that. He also stated he would like to extend congratulations to the Forbush High School volleyball team who went through round 4 in the playoffs. In addition, he stated this is our last Board meeting of the year and he thought it had been a good year and a good first half. He also stated he appreciated the work of our new superintendent. He stated that our testing results were a little bit higher than the state average and we were off to a good start.

**Frank Brown** thanked Jonesville Elementary School for a great breakfast and stated it was good to be back visiting Jonesville. He also congratulated all the athletic teams who had success this season and hoped everyone had a nice, restful Christmas.

**Joe Dezern** stated he appreciated Jonesville's hospitality and thought the students who shared information about the school did a great job. He also stated that he had a grandson who attended the International Day at Starmount High School and he had thoroughly enjoyed this. In addition, he stated that we are getting to the end of another calendar year and end of semester, and he would like to say he appreciated the students we have in Yadkin County and all the personnel from the bus drivers to the Central Office. He stated that overall we have a great support staff who care about students. He also stated he hoped everyone had a good holiday and a Merry Christmas and that, hopefully, we will keep in mind the purpose of the season.

**Jennifer Hemric** thank Kelly Byrd-Johnson for her hospitality. She stated they were both new at West Yadkin Elementary School a few years ago. She stated she was really proud of our athletes on many teams. In addition, she stated she was very thankful for a good superintendent and the good reports she had been hearing about people seeing him in the community. She stated that means a lot to the Board, as you told us you would be out and you are. She also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**Diane Hampton** thanked Kelly Byrd-Johnson and the students for sharing what was going on in their school. She stated she was also thankful for all the teamwork with the volleyball and football teams, the hunter safety group and the cheerleaders. She stated she attended the hunter safety fundraiser with her family and they all had fun at the event. She stated she hoped everyone had a good Christmas and hoped we finish the year strong.

**Rex Baity** thanked Kelly Byrd-Johnson and Jonesville Elementary School for hosting the Board meeting. He stated he would like to thank Ms. Winters for her public comments concerning bus safety. He also congratulated the Starmount High School volleyball team and the football teams at Forbush and Starmount High Schools for making it to the playoffs. He stated he attend the State Board meeting a few weeks ago. He also stated he would like to thank Kathy Hughes for her work in applying for a grant to get two new SRO officers who would be starting in January. He also thanked Dr. Martin for being in the community and meeting people. He stated he hoped everyone had a good Thanksgiving and hopes they have a good Christmas and a safe New Year.

**Howard McKnight** thanked Kelly Byrd-Johnson and her staff for hosting the Board meeting and for the breakfast and also thanked the students for their presentation. He also stated he

would like to congratulate all the winning teams from Starmount and Forbush High Schools. He also stated he attended the hunter safety fundraiser as well as the North Carolina School Board Association state meeting. He stated he would like to wish each faculty and staff member a very Merry Christmas and hope they get some rest and be rejuvenated to return in January. He informed the Board that the next meeting was scheduled for January 6 at the Central Office beginning at 6:00p.m. for closed session.

#13-116                      On motion by Baity, seconded by Hemric, the Board adjourned  
Adjournment:                      at 10:30a.m.

Yes:                              All members voted yes.

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Dr. Todd Martin, Secretary

**Motion to approve December 2, 2013 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>	_____	_____