

Board of Education
Yadkin County Schools
Yadkinville, NC

A regular meeting of the Yadkin County Board of Education was held on Monday, April 6, 2009 at 5:30 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: Wesley Norman, Mary Hopper

Administrative Jim Benfield, Mark Rumley, Donald Hawks, James Bumgarner, Chris Fowler, Gale Hill, Sara McCall, Teresa Logan, Bonnie Cook, Angie Choplin, Tracy Kimmer and Kaky Berry

Staff Members: Kim Rose and Kristy Fowler

Visitors: Susan Tolley – Yadkin Ripple, David Daggett and Thomas Boone – Lewis and Daggett

#09-22
Closed Session: On motion by McKnight, seconded by Dezern, the Board entered closed session at 5:30 p.m.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#09-23
Re-enter Open
Session: On motion by Baity, seconded by McKnight, the Board returned to open session.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Pledge of
Allegiance: The group stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: Diane Hampton had the invocation.

Presentations: David Daggett and Thomas Boone from Lewis and Daggett gave a presentation on Safe and Sober Prom Night.

#09-24
Approval of
Minutes: On motion by Baity, seconded by McKnight, the Board approved the March 2, 2009 meeting minutes of the Board of Education.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#09-25
Consent Agenda:

On motion by H. Brown, seconded by Vestal, the Board approved the consent agenda items listed below:

- Budget Amendments # 33 – 41
- Starmount Middle School – Waterline Easement to Yadkin County and Town of Jonesville

Yes: All members voted yes.

#09-26
Middle School
Parking Lots –
Lighting:

On motion by McKnight, seconded by Dezern, the Board approved Plan C which called for wooden poles with flood lights. The cost is approximately \$920.00 month.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#09-27
Contract to Audit
Rives & Assoc.:

On motion by Baity, seconded by Hampton, the Board approved the contract to audit Yadkin County Schools accounts for July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#09-28
K-3 Reading
Improvement:

On motion by Vestal, seconded by Dezern, the Board approved the agreement with Appalachian State University to provide professional learning with appropriate classroom support to improve the reading of K-3 students'. This is a multi-year effort with approximately 20 to 25 teachers and administrators participating in course work and following practices in classrooms in 2009-2010 and approximately 40 to 50 teachers and administrators receive training until all classroom teachers and identified administrators, ESL teachers, EC teachers and Title I teachers have completed the training satisfactorily. Periodic updates will be required for all involved employees at least every two years. In future years all certified employees, impacting learning in grades K-3, will be expected to complete the required professional learning in reading instruction.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Information Items:

1. Administration has received the following resignations:

Carolyn Trivette – Child Nutrition at Forbush High School – retiring effective July 1, 2009

Mildred Poindexter – Child Nutrition at Forbush High School – retiring effective July 1, 2009

Carol Reavis – Teacher at Courtney School – retiring effective July 1, 2009

Tommy Brown – Custodian at West Yadkin School – retiring effective August 1, 2009

William Fletcher – Teacher at East Bend School - retiring effective July 1, 2009

2. Administration has transferred the following employees:

No Transfers
3. Administration has granted the following leave of absences:

Wendy Harris – Teacher at Jonesville School – Medical Leave

Kerri Hemric – Teacher Assistant at West Yadkin School – FMLA

Ava Hall – Teacher Assistant at West Yadkin School – FMLA

Lakeishia Mann – EC Teacher at Jonesville School – Maternity Leave
4. The Board reviewed student release information for students being released to other school systems.
5. The Board received information concerning Professional, Tenure and Probationary Contracts for several Yadkin County Schools personnel. This information will be on the May Board agenda for board approval.
6. The Board was presented information on the opening of the new middle schools. If Starmount Middle School is completed on time and Forbush Middle School is delayed the administration recommends that Starmount Middle School be opened at the beginning of the school year and that Forbush Middle School be open at the beginning of the second grading period. This will be placed on the May meeting agenda for action.
7. The Board reviewed information from Commerce Bank on an accounts payable system that will produce additional revenue for the school system. If the Board approves pursuing a contract with Commerce Bank, board policy DJEJ will need to be revised to accommodate the arrangement offered by Commerce Bank. Administration is seeking the Board's feedback concerning administration proceeding to develop a contract with Commerce Bank.
8. The Board reviewed information on a new Integrated Math Curriculum Class to be offered at Yadkin Early College. Kristy Fowler the math teacher at Yadkin Early College presented the information. This was for the Board's consideration at the April Board meeting and recommended for approval at the May Board meeting.
9. The Board received a water-sewer project update from Donald Hawks. Engineer John Phillips has negotiated with Ramey, Inc. The original bid of \$1,072,954.80 was for welded tanks. We now are using bolted tanks. We have a savings of \$100,000.00. We are keeping projects moving because we have no time to rebid.
10. Donald Hawks gave the Board a middle school road work update. Mr. Hawks stated the middle school road work has been frozen by the state. Therefore, we will have to go with the original plans at each middle school site with some minor adjustments. Yadkin County Schools will continue to work with DOT when school starts in the fall to make sure traffic works well at each school site.

11. The Board reviewed field trip information from schools.
12. The Board reviewed the April schedule of activities. The Board was reminded about the joint meeting between the Board of Education and the County Commissioner on Monday, April 27 at 6:00 pm at Forbush High School.

Superintendent's Comments:

Superintendent Benfield had no comments.

Chairperson's Comments:

Frank Brown mentioned the following to the Board:

- The attendance at both middle school parents' meetings was very positive.

The May Board meeting will be on Monday, May 4 with closed session beginning at 5:30 and open session at 6:30 pm.

There were no Board Member comments.

- With no further business, Chair Frank Brown asked for a motion to adjourn.

#09-29
Adjournment:

On motion by Baity, seconded by H. Brown, the Board adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Yes:

All members voted yes.

Jim Benfield, Secretary

Approval of April 6, 2009 Board of Education Open Session Minutes:

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