

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

A regular meeting of the Yadkin County Board of Education was held on Monday, March 4, 2013 at 9:00a.m. at Yadkin Early College.

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

Student
Representatives: Kayla Smith, Milca Jarquin, Samuel Stone

Administrative: Stewart Hobbs, Donna Boyles, Karen Matthews, Celia Perry, Kathy Sommers, Denise Bullin, Rickey Oakes, Donald Hawks, Alice Connolly, Tracy Kimmer, Myra Cox, Marea Ewers,

Staff Members: Tammy Miller, Pamala Shugart

Visitors: Wayne Matthews

#13-015
Closed Session: On motion by Dezern, seconded by Brown, the Board entered closed session at 9:00a.m. for reasons 1-9.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#13-016
Recess Closed
Session: On motion by Brown, seconded by Dezern, the Board recessed closed session to return to open session.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#13-017
Approval of
Agenda: On motion by Brown, seconded by Hemric, the Board approved the March 4, 2013 Board of Education meeting agenda with the addition of an overnight field for Starmount High School to the State HOSA Conference in Greensboro on April 11-13, 2013.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Pledge of
Allegiance: Andrew McLean and Jackson Wiles, students at Yadkin Early College, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: Diane Hampton gave the invocation.

Presentation: The following students from the Yadkin Early College spoke to the Board:

Andrew McLean, freshman, informed the Board that in his Finance class they are currently making a video to recruit students to the Early College. He stated the video was to showcase the “perks” of coming to the Yadkin Early College.

Alyssa Logan, sophomore, informed the Board that she had transferred from an Early College in Wilmington and wanted to let them know how much she loved the Early College. She stated she loved how family oriented and welcome the school is. She also stated she is part of the yearbook committee and they are currently working on ways to show through pictures how much all the students get along and work together.

Michael Harris, sophomore, informed the Board that student had recently taken a pre-calculus exam in Mr. Zamora's class to enable them to take college math classes. He stated most students passed the exam and were preparing for these classes.

#13-018
Approval of
Minutes: On motion by Allred, seconded by Brown, the Board approved the February 4, 2013 minutes of the Board of Education.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#13-019
Approval of
Joint Meeting
Minutes: On motion by Hampton, seconded by Dezern, the Board approved the January 28, 2013 joint meeting minutes with the Commissioners.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#13-020
Consent Agenda: On a motion by Baity, seconded by Hemric, the Board approved the consent agenda items listed below with the addition of Cody Hemric being named as principal for Starmount High School effective July 1, 2013; however beginning June 1, 2013 as interim principal:

- Personnel – New Employees

Fall Creek Elementary School

Candidate's Name – Brian Ritter
College/Degree – Associates
Certification – N/A
Assignment – EC Teacher Assistant (part-time)
Experience – 0 Years
Salary – \$11.93/hour
Salary Source – EC Funds
New Position – N – Replacing Brenda Harris

Forbush Elementary School

Candidate's Name – Kristi Matthews
College/Degree – N/A
Certification – N/A
Assignment – OOST Group Leader
Experience – N/A
Salary – \$7.34/hour
Salary Source – OOST Fees
New Position – N – Replacing Morgan Gilbertson

Forbush High School

Candidate's Name – Suzanne Kelly
College/Degree –
Certification –
Assignment – EC Guidance Counselor (part-time/no benefits)
Experience – 23 Years
Salary – \$28.28/hour
Salary Source – EC Funds
New Position – N – Replacing Phyllis Macemore

Yadkinville Elementary School

Candidate's Name – Emily Wall
College/Degree – N/A
Certification – N/A
Assignment – OOST Group Leader
Experience – N/A
Salary – \$7.34/hour
Salary Source – OOST Fees
New Position – N – Replacing Lauren Elledge

- Budget Amendments #22-31
- Mowing Bids

Yes: All members voted yes.

#13-021
Field Trips

On motion by Hampton, seconded by Allred, the Board approved the following field trips.

Yadkin Early College – Spring Field Trip – March 11 – 13, 2013

Destination: Charleston, SC
Description of Trip: The students will study the history of Charleston (Civil War) and animals/eco-system.
Number of students: 37
Number of adults: 6
Transportation: Charter Bus
Cost per student: \$341.00

Forbush Middle School – 8th Grade Trip – March 26-29, 2013

Destination: Washington, DC
Description of Trip: To enhance the learning of North Carolina and U.S. History through hands-on learning.
Number of students: 161
Number of adults: 16
Transportation: Charter Bus
Cost per student: \$420.00 (all meals included)

Starmount High School – State FFA Livestock CDE – March 25-26, 2013

Destination: Raleigh, NC

Description of Trip: To evaluate market and breeding livestock.

Number of students: 6

Number of adults: 2

Transportation: Activity Bus

Cost per student: Lunch & Dinner

Yes: All members voted yes.

Dr. Allred stated he thinks in the future we need information from the school concerning a plan for safety.

Information Items:

1. Administration has received the following resignations:

Angela Adams – Teacher at West Yadkin Elementary School – resigning effective February 22, 2013.

Randy Wiles – Teacher at Forbush Middle School – retiring effective June 1, 2013.

Charlotte Spencer – Teacher Assistant at Boonville Elementary School – retiring effective June 1, 2013.

Cathy Myers – Custodian at Forbush Middle School – retiring effective June 1, 2013.

Juanita Nichols – Child Nutrition at Boonville Elementary School – retiring effective June 1, 2013.

Betty Saylor – Receptionist at Central Office – resigning effective May 22, 2013.

Cathy Sparks – NC Wise at Fall Creek Elementary School – retiring effective June 1, 2013.

Kathy Wright – Child Nutrition Manager at Fall Creek Elementary School – retiring effective June 1, 2013.

Frances Tutterow – School Nurse at Courtney Elementary School and Forbush Middle School – retiring effective June 1, 2013.

Betty Wright – Speech Pathologist at West Yadkin Elementary School – resigning effective February 28, 2013.

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

Tammy Stinson – Child Nutrition at Starmount Middle School – Short-term Disability effective January 24, 2013.

Richard Cook – Custodian at Starmount Middle School – Short-term Disability effective February 5, 2013.

Ann Crews – Teacher Assistant at Starmount Middle School – FMLA from March 8, 2013 – March 8, 2014.

Denice Potter – Teacher at Yadkin Success Academy – Short-term Disability effective January 20, 2013.

3. The Board reviewed student releases.
4. The Board reviewed contracts/purchases.

5. The Board reviewed the March schedule of activities.

Comments

Dr. Hobbs informed the Board we received our Career & Technical Education audit report which was good. He stated there were only a few findings and recommendations. He also informed the Board that we plan to make-up the snow day missed on May 23 and any future days missed would be added to the end of the calendar. He also stated he would bring any make-up days to the Board for approval at the April Board meeting. In addition, he also stated he was still looking at safety/security in our schools and that he and Donna Boyles had visited Wilkes County and saw the electric locks they have installed. He informed the Board he was looking at putting locks which use small remotes to open doors, as well as installing buzzers at the 5 or 6 elementary schools who have a main door, foyer and two more doors. He also stated that the Technology Department is working on the remote access for our security cameras; however, at this time, we would not be able to have this access at the middle and high schools or Yadkin Success Academy due to the age of the systems.

Dr. Hobbs also provided the Board with a legislative update. He stated that superintendents were invited by Speaker Tillis to go to the House Floor last Tuesday to discuss education issues. In addition, he stated that all principals of the year and teachers of the year were invited on separate days. He stated that over 100 superintendents attended and that first and foremost was the budget. He stated that Speaker Tillis indicated we were in better shape than in 2011 with a surplus of 100 million; however, this money would go to DHHS because it was in shambles and needed to be straightened out. He stated there would be no new revenue for education and that we are still looking at a 1.6 million discretionary cut. He informed the Board that we have received our allotments and addition to the discretionary cut; we were cut five classroom teachers, as well as other funding. He stated that with the federal cuts that took place on Friday, we will lose some federal money. He also informed the Board there was discussion concerning school calendars and that a lot of school systems were asking their representatives to pass bills just for their LEA. He stated there was one bill to give local flexibility to all LEAS; however Speaker Tillis said the tourism industry was not going to let this Bill happen. Dr. Hobbs stated they did ask for some help with A through F grades and asked that this be delayed one year; however, Speaker Tillis stated this was the Senate and part of the Excellent Schools Act and that this would not be put off for a year. In addition, he stated that North Carolina is \$48 in the United States for how much money we receive per pupil. He also indicated that there was a big push to do away with teacher tenure and he feels this is going to happen, as well as school vouchers for students at low performing schools to have the same opportunities as other children. He also informed the Board there was discussion concerning legislators passing Bills that stated “all” teachers and “all” students “will”. He stated one example of this was digital learning for ALL teachers. He stated there was discussion that once school system did the training; however, the teachers would be unable to use the training because the system could not afford to provide the devices. He also stated that legislators were looking at a lottery money bill and taking this money and converting it to technology; however, the money flows through local commissioners who use it to pay debt money. Dr. Hobbs informed the Board that the budget process is beginning and that he has told principals we have to have cuts. He also stated that last year we would have cuts but he didn’t want to send people home; however, this year he doesn’t see this happening as we have very few retirements. Dr. Hobbs reiterated that we would pretty much have to send people home and that he has asked the principals to identify creative ways to cut money as we will also have to cut one million in local funds in addition to the 1.6 million discretionary cut. He stated that we need to brace ourselves for hard decisions.

Frank Brown asked about the vocational ready program and where does that put us. Dr. Hobbs stated the problem is we are limited as far as the number of dual enrollment courses our kids can take. He stated we have this facility, but are limited in the kind of courses. He stated that if we have students on this track he is not sure how we are going to offer the courses unless we start busing students to Surry Community College in Dobson.

Milca Jarquin informed the Board that the Yadkin Early College is currently registering for college classes. She also stated that a group of our students will be going to Charleston, SC next week.

Kayla Smith stated that Forbush High School is going well and that the juniors will be taking the ACT tomorrow. She also stated that the baseball won their first conference game and that softball and track start tomorrow. In addition, she stated that the cheerleaders recently won the world championships.

Samuel Stone stated that Starmount High School had a smooth transition as Mr. Luffman left and Mr. Storie stepped in. He also stated that spring sports have kicked off and he wished everyone good luck with the season. In addition, he stated they have several field trips coming up and that he wished the show choir a safe trip to New York.

Rex Baity stated he attended Mr. Luffman's retirement party and he was looking forward to spring arriving and hoped everyone had a good Easter.

Diane Hampton thanked Mr. Kimmer for hosting the Board meeting and enjoyed hearing from students. She also stated she would be attending the Farm Bureau Ag Training luncheon next week.

Jennifer Hemric thanked Mr. Kimmer for his hospitality and stated it was good to at the Early College and that she was proud of the facility and the partnership we have with the community college. She also stated it was good to see Mike Harris as he was in her class when she did her student teaching.

Lynn Allred thanked Mr. Kimmer for his hospitality. He also congratulated the Forbush High School JV team for winning the conference championship. In addition, he stated that everybody needs to stay mindful of all the challenges we are going to be presented with and the legislative action that is occurring.

Frank Brown stated that he and Howard McKnight have been associated with the Yadkin Early College since it was first started and that Mr. Kimmer has done a great job, and testimony from the students concerning the family atmosphere speaks highly. He also stated he would like to thank Wayne Matthews, Director of the Yadkin Campus, for assisting with making space available for our students and that he would like to give credit to both of these people for what they have done.

Joe Dezern stated he would like to echo Frank Brown's comments and thanked Mr. Kimmer the hospitality. He also stated he would like to thank Mr. Kimmer and his staff for the job you they have done to provide students with a good learning environment. In addition, he stated he would like to congratulate Cody Hemric for being named as principal of Starmount High School.

Howard McKnight thanked Mr. Kimmer and his staff for hosting the meeting and stated he appreciated the effort. In addition, he stated the next Board meeting would be April 8 at

Boonville Elementary School beginning at 9:00a.m. He also thanked Dr. Hobbs for his work with all the things going on and the tough times and decisions he will be making.

Mr. Kimmer invited the Board to visit classrooms and thanked Dr. Wayne Matthews for working so well with the Early College. Dr. Hobbs stated he would like to congratulate Dr. Matthews for achieving his doctorate.

#13-022 On motion by Baity, seconded by Hampton, the Board adjourned at 10:35a.m.
Adjournment:

Yes: All members voted yes.

Dr. L. Stewart Hobbs, Jr. Secretary

Motion to approve March 4, 2013 open session minutes:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
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Second by: _____	_____	_____
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