

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

A regular meeting of the Yadkin County Board of Education was held on Monday, August 2, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board office.

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

Administrative: Jim Benfield, Mark Rumley, Gale Hill, Chris Fowler, Kathy Sommers, Karen Matthews, Donald Hawks, James Bumgarner

Staff Members: Tammy Miller, Ellen Reece, Ann Talton, Steve Talton, Chris Sardler, Amy Walker, Kirk Walker

Visitors: Tim Bullard, Yadkin Ripple, Darrell McCormick, Brenda Mayo, Mandy Brown, Cara Winslow, Brent Winslow, Emmitte Winslow

#10-76
Closed Session: On motion by McKnight, seconded by Dezern, the Board entered closed session at 5:30 p.m.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#10-77
Recess Closed
Session: On motion by Baity seconded by Vestal, the Board returned to open session.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Pledge of
Allegiance: Emily Winslow, Stephen Walker and Paul Rogers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: Hazel Brown gave the invocation.

Oath of Office: Emily Winslow, Forbush High School, Stephen Walker, Starmount High School and Paul Rogers, Yadkin Early college were administered the Oath of Office by Wayne Dixon, Yadkin County Clerk of Court, to serve as Student Representatives on the Board of Education during the 2010-2011 school year.

Oath of Office: Wayne Dixon, Yadkin County Clerk of Court, administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Board Members Frank Brown, Howard McKnight and Diane Hampton.

#10-78
Nominations &
Motion to Approve: Dr. Benfield asked for nominations for Chairperson. Larry Vestal nominated Frank Brown. Hearing no other nominations, Frank Brown was elected as the chairperson for the Yadkin County Board of Education by acclamation.

Nominations: Frank Brown asked for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Joe Dezern nominated Howard McKnight. Hearing no other nominations, Howard McKnight was elected as the vice chairperson for the Yadkin County Board of Education by acclamation.

Presentations: The Board reviewed an annual Athletic Department report presented by Rickey McCollum.

#10-79
Approval of
Minutes: On motion by McKnight, seconded by Vestal, the Board approved the June 28, 2010 meeting minutes of the Board of Education.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#10-80
Consent Agenda: On a motion by Baity, seconded by Hampton, the Board approved the consent agenda items listed below:

Yes: All members voted yes.

- Personnel – New Employees

Boonville Elementary School

Candidates's Name – Wendy Cooke
College/Degree – N/A
Certification – N/A
Assignment – Teacher Assistant
Experience – Pending
Salary –
Salary Source – State
New Position – N – replacing Martha Peeler

Courtney Elementary School

Candidates's Name – Heather Harrell
College/Degree – Bachelor's
Certification – N/A
Assignment – Temporary Teacher Assistant
Experience – 0 years
Salary –
Salary Source – State
New Position – N – Cheryl Dinkins (student teaching)

Forbush High School

Candidates's Name – Jason Doby

College/Degree – Bachelor’s
Certification – Agriculture
Assignment – Agriculture Teacher
Experience – Pending
Salary –
Salary Source – CTE
New Position – N – replacing Michael Trivette

Starmount High School

Candidates’s Name – Christine Craig
College/Degree – Bachelor’s
Certification – 9 – 12 Math
Assignment – 9-12 Math Teacher
Experience – 14 years
Salary –
Salary Source – State
New Position – N – replacing Amanda Pruitt

Candidates’s Name – Christopher Peoples
College/Degree – Bachelor’s
Certification – Lateral Entry Math
Assignment – Math Teacher
Experience – 0 years
Salary – \$3,043.00/month
Salary Source – State
New Position – Y (Morton/Wood shared position)

Candidates’s Name – Anna Gilkey
College/Degree – Masters
Certification – School Counselor
Assignment – School Counselor
Experience – 6 years
Salary – \$3,892.00/month
Salary Source – State
New Position – N – replacing Joy Steadman

Candidates’s Name – Brenda Rollet
College/Degree – Bachelor’s
Certification – Family & Consumer Science
Assignment – Family & Consumer Science Teacher
Experience – 21 years
Salary – Pending
Salary Source – CTE Funds
New Position – N – replacing Rebecca Kincaid

West Yadkin Elementary School

Candidates’s Name – Kayla Hutchens

College/Degree – Bachelor's
Certification – K - 6
Assignment – 2nd Grade Teacher
Experience – 0 years
Salary – Beginning Teacher A-00
Salary Source – Federal Stimulus
New Position – Y

Candidates's Name – Ashley Love
College/Degree – Bachelor's
Certification – K - 6
Assignment – 4th Grade Teacher
Experience – Pending
Salary –
Salary Source – Federal Stimulus
New Position – Y

Candidates's Name – Loretta Andrews
College/Degree – N/A
Certification – N/A
Assignment – Temporary Personal Care Assistant
Experience – 0 years
Salary –
Salary Source – EC State Funds
New Position – N – Teresa Tomlin is on Educational Leave
1st Semester

Yadkin Early College

Candidates's Name – Micah Joy Ziemski
College/Degree – Bachelor's
Certification – 9-12 English
Assignment – English Teacher
Experience – 0 years
Salary – Beginning Teacher A-00
Salary Source – State
New Position – Y

Candidates's Name – Laura Short
College/Degree – Masters
Certification – Math
Assignment – 9-12 Math
Experience – 0 years
Salary – \$3,347.00/month
Salary Source – State
New Position – N – replacing Angela Redding

Yadkin Early College/Yadkin Success Academy

Candidate's Name – Melinda Vestal

College/Degree – Business Ed.
Certification – Bachelor’s
Assignment – Business Ed. Teacher
Experience – Pending
Salary – Pending
Salary Source – State
New Position – N – replacing Ryan Crater

Yadkin Success Academy

Candidates’s Name – Robert Blinkhorn
College/Degree – Bachelor’s
Certification – English (National Board Certified)
Assignment – English Teacher
Experience – 8 years
Salary – \$4,223.00/month
Salary Source – State
New Position – N – replacing Tony Whitesell

Central Office

Candidates’s Name – Melinda Reich
College/Degree – Bachelor’s
Certification – N/A
Assignment – Payroll Clerk
Experience – Pending
Salary –
Salary Source – State
New Position – N – replacing Julie Young

#10-81 On motion by Hampton, seconded by H. Brown, the Board approved
Forbush High Dr. Christopher Nichols as the principal for Forbush High School.
Principal

Yes: All members voted yes.

#10-82 On motion by H. Brown, seconded by Dezern, the Board approved the
Change Order #005 change order #005 from Matthews Construction which reflected a credit for
Yadkin County Schools.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#10-83 On motion by McKnight, seconded by Dezern, the Board approved the
NC Beginning North Carolina Beginning Teacher Induction Program as presented.
Teacher Induction
Program:

Yes: All members voted yes.

#10-84 On motion by Baity, seconded by H. Brown, the Board approved the

Agreement between YCS and Yadkin County Health Department: agreement between Yadkin County Schools and the Yadkin County Health Department for provision of School Health Services and for establishing a dispensing site in response to a natural emergency.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#10-85 School Fees: On motion by Vestal, seconded by McKnight, the Board approved the school fees. Two fees were added for the high schools (Advanced PE-\$4.00 and Distance Learning Lab-\$7.00). There were no fee increases in the elementary and middle schools.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#10-86 Out-of-County Student Acceptance Policy: On motion by Hampton, seconded by Vestal, the Board approved the out-of-county student acceptance policy with the following changes: tuition would be charged for the 2010-2011 school year at a rate of \$603.50, students who currently live in Yadkin County and request an out-of-district transfer will be approved before any out-of-county transfers, siblings of current out-of-county students would be permitted to enroll in Yadkin County Schools, current out-of-county students would be allowed to remain in Yadkin County Schools through grade 12 provided tuition fees are paid.

Yes: F. Brown, H. Brown, Hampton, McKnight, Vestal
No: Baity, Dezern

#10-87 OOST Fees for Employees: On motion by Vestal, seconded by Baity, the Board approved OOST fees for employees be increased from 50% to 75%.

#10-88 Drug Testing Policy: On motion by McKnight, seconded by Dezern, the Board approved to delete the current drug testing policy #4326 due to funds no longer being available for this program.

#10-89 School Lunch Prepay Program: On motion by Hampton, seconded by Vestal, the Board approved the school lunch prepay program which would allow parents to make payments on their child's lunch account online.

Information Items:

1. Administration has received the following resignations:

Amanda Price – Teacher at Yadkin Success Academy resigning effective July 12, 2010

Tony Whitesell – Teacher at Yadkin Success Academy resigning effective July 12, 2010

Judy Adams – Child Nutrition at Fall Creek School resigning effective July 1, 2010

Jo White – Part-time Account Clerk at Central Office resigning effective July 31, 2010

Beckie Kincaid – Teacher at Forbush High School resigning effective July 12, 2010

Christa Whitesell – Teacher at Yadkin Success Academy resigning effective July 19, 2010

Angela Redding – Teacher at Yadkin Early College resigning effective July 14, 2010

J. Larry Reavis, Jr. – Custodian at Courtney School resigning effective August 12, 2010

Julie Puckett – Teacher at Yadkin Success Academy resigning effective July 23, 2010

Susan Vestal – EC Data Manager at Central Office retiring effective October 1, 2010

Kaitlan Linsted – Guidance Counselor at Fall Creek School resigning July 27, 2010

Ryan Crater – Business Ed. Teacher at Yadkin Early College and Yadkin Success Academy resigning July 30, 2010

2. Administration has transferred the following employees:

Lavonne Fortner from Assistant Principal at East Bend Elementary and Courtney Elementary to Assistant Principal at Boonville Elementary

Lamar Russell from Assistant Director at Boonville Elementary OOST to Group Leader at Boonville Elementary

Linda Trivette from ISS-PASS Coordinator at Starmount High to Receptionist at Starmount High

Deborah Griffin from Fee-Based PreK Teacher at Yadkinville Elementary to Licensed EC PreK Teacher at Yadkinville Elementary

Adam Harrelson from Technology Technician at Forbush and Starmount High to District IT Manager

3. The following employees have been granted a leave of absence:

Teresa Tomlin – Personal Care Assistant at West Yadkin Elementary - Educational Leave of Absence for the fall of 2010

Hannah Andrews – Teacher at Fall Creek Elementary – Maternity Leave

Heather Courts Tysinger – Teacher at Starmount High – Maternity Leave

4. The Board reviewed the ABC/AYP/Title I Sanctions Update as presented by James Bumgarner and Chris Fowler. All schools except Yadkinville, Forbush Middle, Starmount High, Forbush High and Yadkin Success Academy made AYP. Yadkinville Elementary is the Title I school that did not make AYP for the 2009-10 year and two previous academic years; based on federal guidelines and mandates, a School of Choice must be designated for Yadkinville. Fall Creek

Elementary will continue to serve as the School of Choice. West Yadkin, East Bend, Courtney and Jonesville have been required to offer school of choice for three or more years. Fall Creek has been the School of Choice and has received several students from these schools. As of this year (2009-10), these four schools all have made AYP for two consecutive years; therefore, they are exiting AYP sanctions. According to guidance, the LEA is no longer required to provide transportation to students from these schools that accepted the school choice option.

5. The Board reviewed the parent involvement policy presented by James Bumgarner to be voted on at the August 30, 2010 Board meeting.

6. The Board reviewed the Board of Education meeting dates scheduled for 2010-2011. The dates are as follows:
 - August 30, 2010 (September meeting)
 - October 4, 2010
 - November 1, 2010
 - December 6, 2010
 - January 3, 2011
 - February 7, 2011
 - March 7, 2011
 - April 4, 2011
 - May 2, 2011
 - June 6, 2011
 - June 27, 2011 (July meeting)

7. The Board reviewed the Joint Commissioners meeting dates for 2010. The dates are as follows:
 - The Board of Education will host the joint meeting with the Board of Commissioners on August 30, 2010. The meeting will be held at Yadkinville Elementary School beginning at 6:00p.m.

 - The Board of Commissioners will host the joint meeting with the Board of Education on November 29, 2010.

8. The Board reviewed the student releases.

9. The Board reviewed charter school enrollment.

10. The Board reviewed contracts/purchases.

11. The Board reviewed the August Schedule of Activities.

Board Comments

Frank Brown asked the student representatives if they had any comments. He also indicated to them to always let the Board know of anything they would like to see changed or any comments/happenings at their schools.

Paul Rogers stated that he felt a lower student-teacher ratio was a great benefit to students. He indicated he felt it should be a goal in the system to keep the size of classrooms small as this was better when teachers were reinforcing concepts that are taught in the classroom.

Emily Winslow stated that because of scheduling at Forbush High School it was impossible for seniors to take all the classes they want and be involved in show choir. She indicated that she doesn't think this is fair for the students in show choir to have to decide between show choir and AP classes. She stated she wanted to major in music and minor in French and felt she needed to take the AP classes along with the music classes.

Stephen Walker stated he thought that putting band back in the schedule at Starmount High School was a positive move in lieu of offering band after school.

Hazel Brown asked Emily if show choir were after school what would this do. Emily stated this would affect athletics.

Frank Brown asked Stephen Walker about the break issue at Starmount High School. Stephen indicated that pretty much all the students had accepted this but that he would prefer to have the breaks.

Rex Baity welcomed the student representatives and stated that he looked forward to working with each of them. He also indicated he had attended the county commissioners meeting and they had discussed bringing the hunter safety championship to Yadkin county. He also stated that he was glad to see Darrell McCormick at the meeting tonight.

Diane Hampton thanked Darrell McCormick for attending and welcomed the student representatives. She also stated how wonderful it was to hear students are juggling AP classes as 5 years ago we didn't have any AP classes which was the reason she ran for the Board.

Larry Vestal stated he had attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting. He thanked Mr. Rumley for coming to the meeting and stated he did an excellent job reporting on Yadkin County Schools to the chamber. He also thanked Darrell McCormick for attending the meeting.

Hazel Brown stated it was wonderful to have three student representatives this year. She indicated she had been to a couple of conferences that were very interesting. She also indicated that our attorney, Fred Johnson, was at the school law conference.

Joe Dezern welcomed the student representatives and encouraged them to participate in the Board meetings. He wished everyone a good school year and appreciated everything everyone does for the school system.

Howard McKnight welcomed the student representatives to the Board and that it was good to see them and get input from the student's perspective. He commended Mark Rumley for all the work he was doing to get personnel together.

Frank Brown echoed Howard McKnight's remarks and asked the student representatives to please feel free to talk to the Board and tell them what they can do to help. He also stated to the Board that he hoped to be an effective chairman. He stated he felt the Board had made progress in the county and hoped that we will see more successful academics. He also stated he needed to be looking after the minority groups to help them be successful and achieve the goals. He indicated he would like to see higher results. He thanked everyone for their work and hoped that we had a good school year.

#10-90 On motion by Baity, seconded by Dezern, the Board adjourned the open session
Adjournment: meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Jim Benfield, Secretary

Motion to approve August 2, 2010 open session minutes:

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