

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

A regular meeting of the Yadkin County Board of Education was held on Monday, April 9, 2012 at 6:30p.m. at Jonesville Elementary School.

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

Student  
Representatives: Brinsley Stewart, Keaton Greer

Administrative: Stewart Hobbs, Donna Boyles, Karen Matthews, Bonnie Cook, Myra Cox, Teresa Logan, Donald Hawks, Christine Bryant, Gale Hill, Kathy Sommers, Rickey Oakes, Penny Freeland

Staff Members: Tammy Miller, Heather Macy, Penny Freeland

Visitors: Andy Matthews, Keith & Dee Towner, Austin Townes, Shareon Yale, Jennifer Hemric, Demetria Cebwates, Victor Pelagio, Amber Craven, Lindsay Craven-Yadkin Ripple

#12-028  
Closed Session: On motion by McKnight, seconded by Dezern, the Board entered closed session at 5:30p.m. for reasons 1-9.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#12-029  
Recess Closed  
Session: On motion by Hampton seconded by H. Brown, the Board recessed closed session to return to open session.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Pledge of  
Allegiance Lucero Pelagio, student at Forbush Middle School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: Howard McKnight gave the invocation.

#12-030  
Approval of  
Minutes: On motion by H. Brown, seconded by Vestal, the Board approved the March 5, 2012 meeting minutes of the Board of Education.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#12-031 On a motion by H. Brown, seconded by McKnight the Board approved the

Consent Agenda: consent agenda items listed below:

- Budget Amendments #44-46
- Policy 1310/4002-Parental Involvement
- Policy 1320/3560-Title I Parent Involvement
- Policy 1710/4021/7230-Prohibition Against Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying
- Policy 1720/4015/7225-Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying Complaint Procedure
- Policy 1730/4022/7231-Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disabilities
- Policy 2342-Voting Methods
- Policy 3000-Goals and Objectives of the Educational Program
- Policy 3220-Technology in the Educational Program
- Policy 3230/7330-Copyright Compliance
- Policy 4110-Immunization and Health Requirements for School Admission
- Policy 4150-School Assignment
- Policy 4155-Assignment to Classes
- Policy-4202/5029/7272-Service Animals in Schools
- Policy 5026/7250-Smoking and Tobacco Products
- Policy 5030-Community Use of Facilities
- Policy 5070/7350-Public Records
- Policy 6120-Student Health Services
- Policy 6305-Safety and Student Transportation Services
- Policy 6315-Drivers
- Policy 6320-Use of Student Transportation Services
- Policy 6321-Bus Routes
- Policy 6340-Transportation Service/Vehicle Contracts
- Policy 7405-Extracurricular and Non-Instructional Duties
- Policy 7425-School Administrator Contracts
- Policy 7500-Workday and Overtime
- Policy 7540-Voluntary Shared Leave
- Policy 7900-Resignation
- Policy 9400-Sale, Disposal and Lease of Board-Owned Real Property

Yes: All members voted yes.

The breakfast and lunch price increase was tabled until the May 7, 2012 Board meeting.

#12-032                      On motion by Baity, seconded by Dezern, the Board approved  
Resolution to                the Resolution to Eliminate Discretionary Cuts.  
Eliminate  
Discretionary Cuts:

Yes: All members voted yes.

#12-033                      On motion by Hampton, seconded by McKnight, the Board awarded  
Roofing Bids:              Professional Roofing the contract for Starmount High School for  
   \$208,000.

Yes:                              All members voted yes.

**Information Items:**

1. Administration has received the following resignations:

**Anna Steelman** – Speech/Language Pathologist at Yadkinville Elementary School  
Retiring effective July 1, 2012.

**Ingrid Castillo** – ESL Parent Liaison at Yadkinville Elementary School retiring  
effective July 1, 2012.

**Linda White** – Teacher at Yadkinville Elementary School retiring effective July 1,  
2012.

**Bobbie Swaim** – Teacher at Yadkinville Elementary School retiring effective July 1,  
2012.

**Kathy Nixon** – Teacher Assistant at Jonesville Elementary School retiring effective  
July 1, 2012.

**Pamala Shugart** – Hearing Impaired Teacher at Yadkinville Elementary School  
Retiring effective July 1, 2012.

**Sharon McKinney** – Media Coordinator at Jonesville Elementary School retiring  
Effective July 1, 2012.

**Deanna McKnight** – EC Teacher at Jonesville Elementary School retiring effective  
July 1, 2012.

**Lissa Hamby** – Teacher Assistant at Courtney Elementary School resigning effective  
March 5, 2012. Lissa Hamby has been approved for long-term disability benefits.

**Cindy Swaim** – Teacher at Forbush Elementary School retiring effective July 1, 2012.

**Belinda Miles** – Teacher at Forbush High School retiring effective July 1, 2012.

**Jesse Miles** – Teacher at Forbush High School retiring effective July 1, 2012.

**Cathy Grissom** – Teacher at Starmount Middle School retiring effective July 1, 2012.

**Kathy Matthews** – Teacher Assistant at East Bend Elementary School retiring  
effective July 1, 2012.

**Christine Bryant** – Principal at Jonesville Elementary School retiring effective July 1,  
2012.

**Micah Ziemski** – Teacher at Yadkin Early College resigning effective May 25, 2012.

**Caitlynn Finney** – OOST Director at Jonesville Elementary resigning effective April  
6, 2012.

**Allison Brown** – School Nurse at Boonville Elementary and Starmount High resigning  
effective April 13, 2012.

**Karen Seipert** – Teacher at Forbush High School resigning effective March 26, 2012.

**Sharon Adams** – Teacher at Fall Creek Elementary School retiring effective July 1,  
2012.

**Helen Driver** – Child Nutrition at Boonville Elementary retiring effective April 1, 2012.

2. Administration has approved the following Leaves of Absence:

**Addie Walsh** – Teacher at Forbush Middle School – Maternity Leave beginning April 15, 2012.

**Ann Crews** – Teacher Assistant at West Yadkin Elementary School – FMLA Intermittently from March 8, 2012 through March 7, 2013.

**Stephanie Motley** – EC Teacher at East Bend Elementary School – Maternity Leave beginning May 7, 2012.

3. The Board reviewed the Professional, Tenure and Probationary Contracts.

4. The Board reviewed the following policies. These policies will be voted on at the May Board meeting.

- Policy 6410-Organization of the Purchasing Function
- Policy 4400-Attendance

5. The Board reviewed field trips.

6. The Board reviewed student releases.

7. The Board reviewed contracts/purchases.

8. The Board reviewed the 2012-2013 Calendar with the proposed 180 student days.

9. The Board reviewed the 2012-2013 Student/Parent Handbook. This handbook will be voted on at the May Board meeting.

10. The Board reviewed the April schedule of activities

11. Dr. Hobbs discussed the financial challenges information with the Board. He stated he had been working on the budget and that we need to get back to what the state allots us. We can't fix this in one year but we can start making a plan. Dr. Hobbs also stated that it is his goal to lose positions but not people. He informed the Board that he hopes to absorb the cuts through attrition and retirement.

### **Comments**

Heather Macy asked Dr. Hobbs if there was anything employees could do to help and Dr. Hobbs stated that everyone needs to contact their legislatures. Ms. Macy also stated that it is a crime that our students aren't getting the education they deserve. Dr. Hobbs stated that he is trying to get the word out because the majority of people don't understand finance. Dr. Hobbs discussed

how allotments work and that our student enrollment is down but across the state enrollment is up. He also stated that there has been a direct attack on public education. Dr. Hobbs informed the group that we are the only nation that is required to educate all children. Dr. Hobbs also discussed with the Board the amount of cuts that Yadkin County Schools had taken over the last four years.

**Keaton Greer** stated everything is going well. He also informed the Board that several students had just returned from New York and that everybody is ready to get out of school.

**Brinsley Stewart** stated that their blood drive had gone went extremely well and that they had to turn people away. The blood drive collected over 200 pints. She also stated that the international festival had gone well and that their Danish students were here during the festival. She also informed the Board that the Prom was coming up and that everyone was excited.

**Rex Baity** thanked Jonesville Elementary for hosting the meeting tonight and that the food was very good. Rex also thanked the administration for the student parent handbook. In addition he stated that he hoped everyone had a good Easter holiday and was ready to come back and get ready for final few weeks.

**Diane Hampton** thanked Ms. Bryant for hosting the meeting and also stated that the meal was wonderful and that she appreciated the hospitality. In addition, she stated that she was happy to see our calendar get revised so students can finish exams before Christmas, but that she sorry the summer would be short.

**Larry Vestal** stated it was good to back home at Jonesville Elementary School. He also stated that he had attended the chamber of commerce meeting and that Dr. Hobbs did an excellent job in giving positive comments at the chamber meeting. Larry stated he thinks parental involvement is really a key to the students and that parents working with teachers and principals is a combination that can't be beat. He also stated that he was proud that Dr. Hobbs has been handling the budget cuts without laying off employees and he did not want Yadkin County Schools to add to the unemployment rate.

**Hazel Brown** thanked Christine Bryant for the wonderful meal and for hosting the meeting. She also stated that she is pleased at the many good things that are happening in Yadkin County schools. She stated that just last month that Forbush High School had the highest testing scores ever. She stated that we can do quality education with fewer dollars, but there comes a time that you have to say, how long can we keep doing this. She informed the group that everyone needs to be keenly aware of our house and senate members in order to write, telephone, or email them as it is time for the public to step up.

**Joe Dezern** thanked Jonesville Elementary School, Christine Bryant and the staff for the delicious meal and gifts they had received. He also stated that he appreciated Heather Macy's comments and that having been a principal he knew how important it was that parents be involved as there are so many things parents can do to help out. He also stated he appreciated all that Ms. Bryant had done in her career at Yadkin County Schools. He stated that when Ms.

Bryant was hired that she came in and got a handle on a difficult situation and turned the students around.

**Howard McKnight** thanked Jonesville Elementary for their hospitality and delicious meal. He also informed the Board that he had attended the job fair at Appalachian State University with Karen Matthews and Donna Boyles and had talked with students who were eager to be employed. He also stated that he had heard comments from students and teachers that were glad they had the opportunity to have the full spring break.

**Frank Brown** stated that Dr. Brown, Mr. Dezern, Mr. Vestal and Mr. Baity have been four of the best Board members he had worked with. He stated that they have probably accomplished more than any of the Board members since the establishment of the two high schools as they had built two middle schools, and stated the Yadkin Early College. He informed the group that he was very glad they have decided to seek re-election as they were excellent people.

**Dr. Hobbs** stated that Forbush High School had just won their 3<sup>rd</sup> national championship in cheerleading.

**Myra Cox** informed the group that she was on the radio station 100.9 every Tuesday at 7:45a.m. informing the public of positive things happening in our schools.

#12-034      On motion by Dezern, seconded by Vestal, the Board adjourned at 7:40p.m.  
Adjournment:

Yes:            All members voted yes.

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Dr. L. Stewart Hobbs, Jr. Secretary

**Motion to approve April 9, 2012 open session minutes:**

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