

Board of Education
Yadkin County Schools
Yadkinville, NC

A regular meeting of the Yadkin County Board of Education was held on Monday, March 3, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the board office.

Present: Chair Karin Mendenhall, Frank Brown, Rex Baity, Hazel Brown, Brock Matthews, Diane Hampton and Howard McKnight

Student
Representatives: Benjamin McKaig, Isabella Cochrane

Administrative
Staff: Jim Benfield, Donald Hawks, Gale Hill, Bonnie Cook, Rickey McCollum, Teresa Logan, Sara McCall, Kathy Hughes, Debbie Gough, Doug Sheek, Denise Willis and David Brown

Staff Present: Kim Rose

Visitors: Stuart Hanes, Leah Hanes, Nicole Brown, Jim and Elizabeth Hutcherson, Jan and Kurstie Shotwell, David Moxley, Bob Spillman, David, Darlene and Tyler Testerman, Diane Hantley, Darrell Taylor, Tatum Taylor, Jamie Kota, Kyle Devlin, Kim Davis, Dirk Davis, Jordan Holcomb, Tyler Cranfill, Elliott Davis, Renieta and Ethan Mathis, Christine Harris, Gary, Billie and Cole Poplin, Kelly and Brittany Casstevens, Jake Shore, Megan Hutchens, Justin Moore, Robin McDonald, Dale, Angie and Garrett Holcomb, John and Catherine Vernon, Colton D' Ambra, Joy Kinley, Nanette Shover, Kurstie Galliher, Tyler Testerman, Donna Shore, Isaac Spillman, Matthews Hagen, Cindy Harris, Julianna Prim, Addie Walsh, Oz and Valerie Prim, Michael Cranfill, Cheri Cranfill, Les Lineberry, Carrie Lineberry, Travis Reece, Tyler Reece, Leigh Matthews, Cary Ann Matthews, Angela Love, Jordan Collins, and Kirklan Harris

#08-32
Closed Session: On motion by McKnight, seconded by F. Brown, the Board entered closed session at 5:35 p.m.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-33
Re-enter Open
Session: On motion by Baity, seconded by Matthews, the Board returned to open session at 7:10 p.m.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Pledge of
Allegiance: Austin Macemore, student council president at Boonville School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: Howard McKnight gave the invocation.

Presentations: Brock Matthews presented the attendance award to Forbush Elementary School, the 1st place attendance winner for the 4th month of school with a percentage of 96.81. Accepting the trophy and a \$100.00 check for Forbush Elementary is Macy Johnson, a 4th grader who is also student council treasurer.

The Board also awarded a \$50.00 second place award to Fall Creek School with a percentage of 96.59, which was accepted by the Fall Creek Math Counts Team.

Recognition of Students and Staff

Julianna Prim – Starmount High School - Swimming State Champion
Christian Harris – Forbush High School - State Wrestling Champion
Matt Hagen – East Bend School – County Spelling Bee Winner
Math Count Teams and Winners
Gale Hill – Finance Officer – Recognition of Achievement in Financial Resource Management

Address the Board Issues

James and Elizabeth Hutcherson – Davie County residents asking the Board to waive policy that does not allow out of county students to attend Yadkin County Schools. He asked for his son (now in the 7th grade in a private school) to be allowed to attend Forbush High School in the fall of 2009 since the school overcrowding issue has been (or is being) addressed. Ms. Mendenhall stated the Board may consider the policy in the future.

David Moxley and the Forbush High School Hunter Safety Team asked the Board to soon provide the Forbush High School Hunter Safety team a place to shoot. They asked for notice of when the range will be available. Ms. Mendenhall and several Board members stated that they supported the Hunter Safety team and were trying to find them a place to be able to shoot.

#08-34
Approval of
Minutes: On motion by H. Brown, seconded by McKnight, the Board approved the January 31, 2008 joint meeting minutes of the Board of Education and the County Commissioners and the February 4, 2008 Board of Education meeting minutes.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-35
New
Employees: On motion by McKnight, seconded by H. Brown, the Board approved the following for employment:

Leah Helton – Interim Art Teacher at Jonesville School
Ms. Helton graduated from Salem College with a bachelor's degree in Art History. She lives in Yadkinville.

Christina Gardner – Maintenance Secretary at School Bus Garage
Ms. Gardner graduated from Surry Community College and lives in Yadkinville.

Remediation Tutors:

Susan Macemore – East Bend School
Lynn Davis – Forbush Elementary School
Barbara Todd – Courtney School
Evalynn Davis – Courtney School

Yes: All members voted yes.

Presentation

Denise Willis, Joy Kinley and Nan Shover, staff members at Starmount High School presented information about the Global Partners Schools Program. Starmount has applied and been accepted for a Global Partner School, which is a part of North Carolina in the World – a program, that at the governor’s request, was coordinated by The University of North Carolina Professional Teaching Standards through which we are preparing students to live, work, and compete in the global community. Starmount will be the first school in Northwest North Carolina to be accepted into this program. A team of two or three teachers and an administrator from Starmount will travel to Denmark in October to learn about the country and to teach and observe in their school. In March they will send their teachers to work at Starmount.

#08-36
Financing
Two New Middle
Schools:

On motion by Matthews, seconded by H. Brown, the Board approved the resolution for financing two new middle schools. A copy of the resolution is attached to these minutes.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-37
Mowing
Contracts:

On motion by McKnight, seconded by Matthews, the Board approved the 2008 mowing contracts for Yadkin County Schools as presented by Maintenance Director Donald Hawks.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-38
Starmount Middle
School Line and
Poles:

On motion by H. Brown, seconded by Hampton, the Board approved the relocating of the transmission line and poles from the construction site at Starmount Middle School.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-39
2008
Graduation
Date: On motion by Matthews, seconded by Baity, the Board approved June 10, 2008 as the graduation date for both high schools. Starmount High School graduation will be at 6:00 p.m. and Forbush High School graduation will be at 8:00 p.m.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-40
ADVP
Contract: On motion by Matthews, seconded by H. Brown, the Board of Education terminated the contract with Crossroads Mental Health to operate the ADVP program as recommended by the ADVP Advisory Board.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-41
Agreement
New Horizons: On motion by Matthews, seconded by Baity, the Board approved that Dr. Benfield enter into an agreement with New Horizons for services for the ADVP clients from June 3 through June 30, 2008.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-42
ADVP State
Licenses: On motion by Matthews, seconded by Baity, the Board approved for the ADVP State licenses to be transferred to New Horizons pending legal approval effective July 1, 2008.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-43
ADVP
Building Usage: On motion by Matthews, seconded by Hampton, the Board approved for Dr. Benfield to negotiate with New Horizons on the usage of the building for the ADVP program pending contract and review of cost.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Starmount High School requested the Board approve a three-year lease for 57 Dell computers with a total purchase of \$741.21 each and 10 Dell laptops with a total purchase cost of \$1214.80. The yearly lease payments will be \$14,871.64 for the computers and \$4,276.10 for the laptops. The total yearly payment will be \$19,147.73. The Board tabled this request for more information and the possibility of looking into other vendors.

#08-44
Policy
Changes: On motion by H. Brown, seconded by McKnight, the Board approved the changes made to the 1000s, 2000s, 3000s, and 5000s polices as suggested by the School Board Association.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-45
Section 4000
Policies:

On motion by Hampton, seconded by Matthews, the Board approved the section 4000 policies and changes made to the Yadkin County Drug Testing policy

Yes: All members voted yes.

Information Items:

1. Administration has received the following resignations:

Patricia Welborn – Resource Teacher at Yadkinville School – retiring effective July 1, 2008

Anne Willard – Social Worker at Yadkin Success Academy – retiring effective July 1, 2008

Roger Dobbins – Bus Driver at Starmount High School – resigning effective February 20, 2008

Dale Dodson – Teacher at Yadkinville School – retiring effective July 1, 2008
2. Administration has transferred the following employees:

Pam Benton from Mobile Job Coach to CAP MR Assistant at ADVP

Suzanne Marshall from Interim Mobile Job Coach to Permanent Mobile Job Coach at ADVP

Kelly Hall from CAP MR Assistant to Vocational Instructor at ADVP

Christine Andrews from Vocational Job Developer to Job Coach at ADVP

Tracy Myers from EC Teacher Assistant at East Bend to EC Teacher Assistant at Fall Creek
3. The following employees have been granted a leave of absence:

Kristen Edwards – Teacher at Forbush Elementary – Maternity Leave

Mary McEwen – Child Nutrition at Courtney School - Medical Leave

Christy Brown – Teacher at West Yadkin School – Maternity Leave

Ginger Cantrell – Teacher Assistant at Courtney School – Maternity Leave

Donna Hecht – Child Nutrition at East Bend School – Medical Leave
4. The Board reviewed student transfers, field trips, contracts/purchases since the last Board meeting.

5. Superintendent Benfield and Finance Officer Gale Hill reviewed with the Board the recommended 2008-2009 current expense and capital outlay budgets. This information will be presented to the County Commissioners at the March 31, 2008 Joint meeting.
6. The Board reviewed the February schedule of activities.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Benfield had no closing comments

Chairperson's Report:

Karin Mendenhall mentioned the following to the Board:

- The Teacher of the Year dinner to be held on May 13, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. and the Retirement luncheon to be held on June 12, 2008 at 12:00 noon. Both these events will be held at the Village Inn Conference Center in Clemmons.
- The Joint meeting with the County Commissioners will be Monday, March 31, 2008 at Boonville School. The meal and meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m.
- Rickey McCollum informed the Board that Starmount High School basketball was still in the playoffs.
- Rickey McCollum informed the Board that he would need to start working on middle school sports a year ahead of time. He stressed the schedules are made a year in advance.

#08-46
Adjournment:

On motion by Matthews, seconded by H. Brown, the Board adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Yes:

All members voted yes.

Jim Benfield, Secretary