

Board of Education
Yadkin County Schools
Yadkinville, NC

A regular meeting of the Yadkin County Board of Education was held on Monday, September 8, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the board office.

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

Administrative Jim Benfield, Gary McDonald, Mark Rumley, Donald Hawks, Gale Hill, Bonnie Cook, Sara McCall, Chris Fowler, Teresa Logan, Cindy McMurray, James Sheek, Wayne Price and Doug Sheek

Staff Members: Kim Rose

Visitors: Emily Norman, Sheila Simpson, Regina Walters, Patsy Brown, LuRae Doub and Dale Holcomb

#08-121
Closed Session: On motion by McKnight, seconded by Baity, the Board entered closed session at 5:30 p.m.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#08-122
Re-enter Open Session: On motion by H. Brown, seconded by Dezern, the Board returned to open session.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Pledge of Allegiance: Lauren Marcincavage, a 5th grader at Forbush Elementary School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: Howard McKnight gave the invocation.

#08-123
Approval of Minutes: On motion by H. Brown, seconded by Vestal, the Board approved the August 4, 2008 meeting minutes of the Board of Education.

Yes: F. Brown, McKnight, H. Brown, Dezern, Vestal, Hampton and Baity

Presentations: Rex Baity presented certificated to Forbush Elementary School's 1st place Youth Hunter Education National Champions.

The Board heard a presentation from the Pre-School Teachers 2008 Summer Enrichment Program.

#08-124
New
Employees:

On motion by McKnight, seconded by Baity, the Board approved the following for employment:

Beth Carter – ½ Time Guidance Secretary at Starmount High School
Ms. Carter graduated from High Point University with a degree in Business. She lives in Yadkinville.

Robert Cooper – Interim Teacher at Courtney School for 2008-2009 school year
Mr. Cooper graduated from Appalachian State University. He lives in East Bend

Donna Crater – 3rd Grade Teacher at Yadkinville School
Ms. Crater graduated from Appalachian State University. She lives in Jonesville.

Ashley Dezern – Teacher Assistant at East Bend School
Ms. Dezern graduated from Surry Community College with a degree in Elementary Education. She lives in Yadkinville.

April Doss – Pre-School Teacher Assistant at West Yadkin School
Ms. Doss graduated from Surry Community College and lives in Yadkinville.

Gordon Evans – ROTC Teacher at Forbush High School
Mr. Evans graduated from Regis College and currently lives in Sumter, SC.

Lavonne Fortner – Assistant Principal at East Bend School
Ms. Fortner graduated from Lenoir-Rhyne College and Appalachian State University. She lives in Hamptonville.

Nancy Gregory – EC Pre-School Teacher Assistant at West Yadkin School
Ms. Gregory graduated from Wilkes Community College and lives in Hamptonville.

Gidget Harris – Pre-School Teacher Assistant at Yadkinville School
Ms. Harris graduated from Kings College and lives in Yadkinville.

Rebecca Hill – Band Teacher at Forbush High School
Ms. Hill graduated from Western Carolina University with a degree in Music Education. She lives in Winston-Salem.

Derrick James – Band Teacher at Starmount High School
Mr. James graduated from Appalachian State University with a degree in Music Education. He lives in Winston-Salem.

Jill Logan – Literacy Coach at East Bend School
Ms. Logan graduated from Appalachian State University. She lives in Yadkinville.

Glenda Martin – Teacher Assistant at Yadkin Success Academy
Ms. Martin graduated from Elkin High School. She lives in East Bend.

Cody Miller – Tech Facilitator at Fall Creek School

Mr. Miller graduated from East Carolina University with a degree in Middle Grades Education. He lives in Boonville.

Christopher Petree – English Teacher at Starmount High School

Mr. Petree graduated from High Point University with a degree in English. He lives in Yadkinville.

Rebecca Pierce – Pre-School Teacher at West Yadkin School

Ms. Pierce graduated from Bethany University. She lives in Hamptonville.

Angela Shaffer – Sign Language Interpreter at Yadkinville School

Ms. Shaffer graduated from Gardner-Webb College and Appalachian State University. She lives in Elkin.

Brock Spann – Electrician with Maintenance at School Bus Garage

Mr. Spann graduated from Surry Community College. He lives in Boonville.

Jerome Walker – Math Teacher at the Yadkin Success Academy

Mr. Walker graduated from Morgan State University, Cornell University and Coppin State University. He lives in Winston-Salem.

Carolyn Wall – Pre-School Teacher at Boonville School

Ms. Wall graduated from UNC-Greensboro with a degree in Elementary Education. She lives on East Bend.

Jessica Williams – AIG Teacher at Yadkinville School and Jonesville School

Ms. Williams graduated from Surry Community College and Lees-McRae College with a degree in Elementary Education. She lives in Yadkinville.

Tammy Brown – Child Nutrition Employee at Courtney School

Robin Dellinger – Remediation Tutor at Yadkin Early College

Yes:

#08-125
New Bank Acct.
Yadkin Success
Academy:

All members voted yes.

On motion by Baity, seconded by Dezern, the Board approved the opening of a new bank account for the Yadkin Success Academy at Southern Community Bank in Yadkinville. In the same motion, the board approved the list of school treasurers for each school. Boonville – Anita Cox, Courtney – Elizabeth Hefner, East Bend – Jennifer Phillips, Fall Creek – Janice Hawks, Forbush Elem. – Nancy Steelman, Forbush High – Melissa Doub, Jonesville – Sue Mitchell, Starmount High – Rachel Roberts, West Yadkin – Andrea Pinnix, Yadkinville – Shelby Reavis, Yadkin Early College – Robin Shore, Yadkin Success Academy – Kelly Speer.

Yes:

All members voted yes.

#08-126
Fundraiser Request:
On motion by Hampton, seconded by Vestal, the Board approved the fundraiser requests sent in by schools. Frank Brown suggested the superintendent have authority to approve fundraising requests, if something is questionable or the superintendent denies a fundraiser then the information will go to the Board for approval.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Land Purchase
Forbush High School
Shooting Range:
Administration recommended approval of a request seeking County Commissioners' approval to purchase land for the Forbush High School Shooting Range. The Board decided not to take action, but stated the plans are to be approved.

#08-127
Change Order
Matthews Const.:
On motion by McKnight, seconded by Dezern, the Board approved a change order from Matthews Construction. Rex Baity suggested that Finance Officer Gale Hill gave the Board an expenditures report for the middle schools on a monthly basis.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Information Items:

1. Administration has received the following resignations:

Emily Joyner Norman – Exceptional Children's Preschool Teacher at Yadkinville -resigning September 22

Jacqueline Cheek Fendley – Teacher at Starmount High School - resigning

Jennifer Watts – EC Teacher Assistant at Yadkin Success Academy - resigning

Ashley Harris – Tech Facilitator at East Bend School – resigning

Susan Lea – Teacher at Yadkinville School – resigning

Rena Adams – Teacher at Yadkinville School – resigning

Leigh Anne Shore – Teacher at Yadkinville School – resigning

Janet Matthews – Teacher Assistant at Boonville School - resigning

2. Administration has transferred the following employees:

Renaee Gentry from K-2 Remediation at East Bend and Fall Creek to Receptionist at Forbush High School

Kathy Hall from Title I Teacher Assistant at Yadkinville to K-2 Remediation Teacher Assistant at Yadkinville and Forbush Elementary School

Tammy Miller from Secretary/Bookkeeper at Fall Creek to Secretary at the Central Office

Janice Hawks from Fall Creek Tech Facilitator to Fall Creek Secretary/Bookkeeper

Brenda Beard Davis from Teacher Assistant at East Bend to K-2 Remediation Facilitator at East Bend.

Tammy Temple from ½ time Teacher Assistant at East Bend to fulltime Tech Facilitator at East Bend

Teresa Davis – from Child Nutrition at Forbush Elementary to Pre-School Teacher Assistant at Forbush Elementary.

Debbie Haynes – from Child Nutrition Assistant Manager at Yadkinville to Assistant Director at Boonville School

3. Administration has granted the following leave of absences:

Pamela Cruise – Teacher Assistant at Yadkin Success Academy – Medical Leave
Elizabeth F. Scott – Teacher at Fall Creek School – Maternity Leave - Adopting a baby

Charles Nichols – Maintenance at Starmount High School – Medical Leave

4. The Board reviewed student transfers, field trips, contracts/purchases since the last Board meeting.
5. Mark Rumley, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum discussed with the Board historical testing information.
6. Mark Rumley, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum discussed with the Board ABCs of Public Education results. Jim Benfield, Superintendent made the Board aware of the ABC incentives which eligible personnel are to be given.
7. Superintendent Benfield and Maintenance Director Donald Hawks gave the board members a middle school update.
8. The Technology Plan for Yadkin County Schools for 2008-2013 was pulled from the September agenda. It will be for review in the October agenda and approval in November.
9. It was discussed at the August 4, 2008 Board of Education meeting about scheduling Board of Education meetings during the day every other month. After some discussion, the Board decided that the October meeting will be during the day with closed session beginning at 8:00 a.m. and open session to convene after closed session. The Board will travel to Starmount High School for lunch. They plan to visit at Starmount and view the construction at Starmount Middle School.

10. Dr. Benfield and Mr. McDonald have met with Jerry Hutchens, Animal Control Officer for Yadkin County on the dog situation at West Yadkin. Mr. Hutchens suggested the school system install a fence similar to the one used at East Bend School. The fence would create a holding area in which dogs could be led and held until animal control arrived.
11. Mark Rumley, Sara McCall and Bonnie Cook presented information to the board pertaining to efforts to improve learning which are expected to be reflected in improving test scores.
12. The Board reviewed the September schedule of activities.

Superintendent's Comments:

- Dr. Benfield had no comments.

Chairperson's Comments:

Frank Brown mentioned the following to the Board:

- The Board would need to leave at 1:00 pm from the central office to attend the NCSBA 2008 District Meeting in Morganton.
- Reminded the board about the joint meeting with the county commissioner on Monday, September 29 at Jonesville School. A meal will be served at 6:00 pm and the meeting to follow the meal. There will be a van to leave the central office at 5:30 pm for those wishing to ride to Jonesville.
- Informed the board about a vacancy on the SBA Board of Directors if any of our board members were interested.
- Asked the board members to give him any superintendent goals they had.

Student Representative Comments:

Mary Hopper stated that Starmount had a good opening of school.

Wesley Norman stated that Forbush had a good opening of school and that they had a new principal, Mr. Wayne Price.

Board Member Comments:

Rex Baity - mentioned that he had received phone calls about the items schools were asking students to buy which were teacher requests. He stated that Starmount Middle School was looking good.

Diane Hampton – stated things are going well and appreciated the work that Mark Rumley was doing. She also welcomed Wayne Price, Principal at Forbush High School.

Larry Vestal – encouraged everyone to vote on election day – September 9, 2008.

Howard McKnight – stated he had visited each school in the county during the first week of school and enjoyed talking with teachers. The teachers expressed how pleased they were to see a board member in the schools. He stated it was encouraging to see the progress being made on the middle schools.

Joe Dezern – stated he has visited 8 of the 12 schools and enjoyed talking and visiting with the people. He stated he was proud of our schools. He appreciated the testing information and the improving learning report.

Hazel Brown – had no comments.

Frank Brown stated he had visited a couple of schools and was encouraged to talk with principals and see how they were improving schools. He stated he felt fortunate about what he saw at the schools and was pleased to be associated with Yadkin County Schools.

Gary McDonald stated he had received a request from a parent on a student that was enrolled at another school riding a bus to a daycare that the child attends. Can transportation on the bus be used to transport this child to the daycare? Frank Brown stated he did not see this as a problem if the stop was on a designated bus route. The board will evaluate as the requests come in.

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

#08-128
Adjournment:

On motion by Baity, seconded by McKnight, the Board adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Jim Benfield, Secretary

Approval of September 8, 2008 Board of Education Open Session Minutes:

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