

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

A regular meeting of the Yadkin County Board of Education was held on Monday, April 29, 2019 at 7:00p.m. at the Board of Education located at 121 Washington Street, Yadkinville, NC.

Present: Howard McKnight, Sam Crews, Tim Weatherman, Sharon Yale, Rex Baity, Lynn Allred

Absent: Jennifer Hemric

Administrative: Dr. Martin, Wayne Duggins, Denise Bullin, Chris Lyon, Denny Key, Jessica Stump, Kathy Hughes, Kristi Gaddis, Dawn Huggins, Kelly Kirkland, Ida Weisner, Lavonne Fortner, Jeff Maglio, Amy Rankin, Boomer Kennedy, Jill Logan, Jed Cockrell

Student Reps: N/A

Staff Members: Tammy Miller, Summer Hauser, Hannah Keaton, Clarissa Howard, Justin Sheek, Genia Martin

Visitors: Carla Huggins

Opening Items Howard McKnight called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to enter closed session.

Closed Session

#19-033 On motion by Weatherman, seconded by Yale, the Board entered closed session
Closed Session: at 6:45p.m. for reasons 1-9.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#19-034 On motion by Yale, seconded by Weatherman, the Board recessed closed
Recess Closed session to return to open session at 7:10p.m.
Session:

Yes: All members voted yes.

Public Comments: N/A

Presentations: The Board presented

Regular Business Session

#19-035 On motion by Crews, seconded by Weatherman, the Board approved the April
Approval of 1, 2019 Board of Education meeting agenda.
Agenda:

Yes: All members voted yes.

Pledge of Allegiance: Howard McKnight led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: Sam Crews gave the invocation.

#19-036 Approval of Minutes: On motion by Crews, seconded by Weatherman, the Board approved the April 1, 2019 meeting minutes of the Board of Education.

Yes: All members voted yes.

Action Consent Agenda

#19-037 Consent Agenda: On a motion by Weatherman, seconded by Baity, the Board approved the consent agenda items listed below.

Yes: All members voted yes.

- Budget Amendments #33-35
- FHS & SHS Field Trip

Action Agenda

#19-038 Administration & Non-Career Employee Contracts: On motion by Yale, seconded by Baity, the Board approved the Administration & Non Career Employee Contracts as presented.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#19-039 Career and Technical Education Plan: On motion by Baity, seconded by Weatherman, the Board approved the Career and Technical Education Plan as presented.

Yes: All members voted yes.

#19-040 2019-2020 Budget Proposal: On motion by Crews, seconded by Allred, the Board approved the 2019-2020 Budget Proposal. Denise Bullin gave a presentation regarding the budget and Dr. Martin stated to the Board that any help they can give in advocating to the county commissioners for the increase requested would be greatly appreciated. He also thanked Denise for the presentation.

Information Agenda

1. The Board reviewed Contracts/Purchases.
2. Administration has received the following resignations:

Steven McCarn – Science Teacher at Forbush High School retiring effective July 1, 2019.

Tujuana Welborne - EC PreK Teacher Assistant at Yadkinville Elementary School resigning effective June 5, 2019.

Lynn Bentley - Guidance Counselor at Fall Creek Elementary and Forbush Elementary retiring effective July 1, 2019.

William Dale Cook - Child Nutrition Manager at Starmount Middle School retiring effective July 1, 2019.

3. The following employees have been transferred:

Wendy Hutchens - OOST Group Leader at Courtney Elementary School to OOST Interim Director at Courtney Elementary School.

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

Rick Papsun – Teacher at Forbush Middle School - Medical Leave beginning April 25, 2019.

Virginia Taylor - Child Nutrition Assistant/Bus Driver at Yadkinville Elementary School - Medical Leave effective April 5, 2019.

5. The Board reviewed the student releases.
6. The Board reviewed the Shore Scholars Recommendations.
7. The Board discussed the Tier Reorganization. Dr. Martin discussed with the board the costs associated with technology with regards to moving the 6th grade to the middle schools. He also informed the Board that there were several elementary and middle school teachers and principals in the audience to answer any questions they may have regarding the needs of 6th grade students.

The following items were discussed

- The floor plan for FMS & SMS looks like 6th and 7th would be together. It was explained that the 7th grade would be split on the halls at FMS.
- Space for future grow – both middle schools have space to grow. There are 16 spaces at FMS that could be used for classrooms.
- Reduce interaction with the 6th grade. Jill stated with the master schedule classes could possibly be just across the hall; therefore there would be a reduction in transition time and encounters with other students.
- Alternate bell schedules – Jill stated as far as the FMS schedule there probably won't be a bell system to go across the hall; however, when there is a common switch in the school there could possibly be a bell.

- Concerns that 6th grade students aren't ready to be exposed to 7th and 8th grade students. Jeff Maglio stated there is a significant gap between 6th grade and kindergarten students. Jill stated we would love to have the 6th grade in order to build relationships as two years is just not enough time to help develop them. Ida Weisner stated when we were at the middle school we were lacking enough time to build relationships as it was almost like a rest stop in lieu of part of the journey and also the pride in your school. Kelly Kirkland stated she has had the privilege of being in both elementary and middle and that she believes the maturity of the 6th graders fits in better with the 7th and 8th than the elementary school. She stated she thinks it is a critical piece to spend more time together.
- Buses - Jed Cockrell stated that in reality there are few 12th graders and 11th graders on the buses as they are driving. Jill stated we have a lot less issues in the middle than we did at elementary. Denny Key stated the bus issue is not an issue and that the public perception is that we have lots of problems. Wayne thinks some of it is unrealized fears and he stated most of the problems are during the transition times.
- There was discussion that if we do not move the 6th grade we will see more combinations in the future. Denise stated the problem is they fund us as a whole county and we end up with combinations because the state doesn't fund per school they fund per district and it makes no difference about each school.
- Genia Martin stated we haven't touched on curriculum and how that fits better with the 7th and 8th grade curriculum. She stated she also sees 6th grade students that come to us from other counties who have been in middle schools and they come to Yadkin and they are put back in an elementary school. She stated the 6th grade students could get more opportunities if they were in a middle school like band, chorus, etc., and that curriculum wise, it would benefit our kids to be with the 6-8 tier.
- Sharon thanked everyone for being at the meeting to answer questions. She also asked the teachers what they feel would need to happen to successful transition the 6th grade students and what will that plan entail. Genia Martin stated that we are having a camp middle school this summer which helps the parents as well as the students. She also stated she thinks it would not be a bad idea to have vertical meetings with the sixth grade teachers that we could work on before we go over and we could feel more confident. She also stated that we need to be positive with the parents because the kids are ready.
- There was discussion regarding childcare for the 6th graders and could they still attend OOST or could we have activities after school for those not involved in athletics.
- Lynn stated he feels the Board has done its due diligence and that his recommendation is to bring this up for a vote at the next meeting and if we approve they have time to get their kids ready.
- Howard thanked the group for their input tonight and stated it was very valuable and it sounds very positive.

8. The Board reviewed the following policies:

- Policy 2330 Board Meeting Agendas
- Policy 4240-7312 Child Abuse – Reports and Investigations
- Policy 4700 Student Records
- Policy 4705-7825R Confidentiality of Personal Identifying Information
- Policy 7100 Recruitment and Selection of Personnel
- Policy 7130 Licensure
- Policy 7730 Employee Conflict of Interest
- Policy 7940 Classified Personnel: Suspension and Dismissal

Discussion Agenda

1. The Board reviewed the May Schedule of Activities.

Comments

Dr. Martin thanked the 6th grade teachers for coming to the meeting along with the elementary and middle school principals. He thanked Denise and all the directors for their work on the budget. He also thanked those who had worked on the tier reorganization information and congratulated Carla Huggins for being picked to attend Governor’s School this summer.

Howard McKnight thanked everyone attending the meeting. He also thanked those who worked so diligently on the budget and stated he appreciated the hard work. He informed the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2019.

Closing Items

#19-041 On motion by Crews, seconded by Yale, the Board adjourned at 8:55p.m.
Adjournment:

Yes: All members voted yes.

Dr. Todd Martin, Secretary

Motion to approve April 29, 2019 open session minutes:

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Motion by: _____	Allred	_____	_____
	Baity	_____	_____
	Crews	_____	_____
Second by: _____	Yale	_____	_____
	Hemric	_____	_____
	McKnight	_____	_____
	Weatherman	_____	_____