

Joint Meeting:
YADKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
YADKIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 27, 2009

The Yadkin County Board of Commissioners met in Joint Session with the Yadkin County Board of Education on Monday, April 27, 2009 at 6:00pm at Forbush High School, Falcon Road, East Bend, North Carolina. The Yadkin County Board of Education was the host for today's meeting.

Present for the meeting:

Representing the Board of Commissioners

Chairman Chad Wagoner
Vice Chairman Kevin Austin
Commissioner Tommy Garner
Commissioner David Moxley
Commissioner Brady Wooten

Representing the Board of Education

Chairman Frank Brown
Vice Chairman Howard McKnight
Rex Baity
Joe Dezern
Diane Hampton
Larry Vestal

Yadkin County Personnel

Stan Kiser, County Manager
Gina Brown, Clerk to the Board

Yadkin County School Personnel

Dr. Jim Benfield, Superintendent
Gary McDonald, Assistant Superintendent
Mark Rumley, Assistant Superintendent
Donald Hawks, Director of Maintenance
Kim Rose, Secretary to Superintendent
Kelly Mabe, Principal of Forbush Middle School
Gale Hill, Finance Director

WELCOME

BOE Chairman, Frank Brown welcomed the Board of Commissioners. Assistant Superintendent, Gary McDonald offered an invocation.

CALL TO ORDER

Frank Brown called the Yadkin County Board of Education to order at 6:32pm. Chairman Wagoner called the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners back in session from recess at 6:32pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

■ BUDGET STATUS

Superintendent, Dr. Jim Benfield and Finance Director, Gale Hill provided a summary of budget work thus far. State allotments have been cut significantly. The 7.31 teacher fund, discretionary fund, and other designated cuts result in a loss of \$1.3 million. School administration has been able to address all but \$197,000 of these funds. Other State cuts are possible which would put a further strain on the budget.

Dr. Benfield presented a Pyramid of Priorities determined by the administration and the principals of each school. By developing priorities, school administration could determine where budget cuts are more feasible.

Ms. Hill presented data on the local appropriation requests as follows:

2009-2010 Local Appropriation Increases:

Inflationary Increases (faculty and staff salary, retirement, etc.).....	\$ 75,323.40
Stabilization of Budget (fund balance no longer available).....	<u>\$ 597,473.00</u>
Total Increase.....	\$ 672,796.40

2008-2009 Appropriation.....	\$ 6,486,000.00
Increase.....	<u>\$ 672,796.40</u>
Total Appropriation 2009-2010.....	<u>\$ 7,158,796.40</u>

Assistant Superintendent, Gary McDonald, reported that Yadkin County Schools has 810 full-time equivalent employees with 398 in teaching staff for K-12. State allotted positions for Yadkin County is being decreased from 286 to 279 resulting in a loss of 7 teaching positions. In addition, the Senate is considering a proposal to increase the number of students per classroom by 2. The total impact of this increase over all grade levels for Yadkin County is 21 teaching positions. School administration has identified 21.5 non-instructional positions that will be cut as well. Teacher's Assistant positions that are paid with local funds will be eliminated. There are 78 full time employees that will be reduced to 87.5%. Unemployment insurance and COBRA coverage will also increase. Yadkin County Schools have already initiated a hiring freeze and has begun to limit their substitute list.

■ MIDDLE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Maintenance Director, Donald Hawks reported that Starmount Middle School has an estimated completion date of August 1, 2009. Construction remains on time and on budget. Forbush Middle School, however, has an estimated completion date of October 1, 2009. The first student day projected for Forbush Middle School is November 3, 2009, following the end of the first quarter.

■ BUDGET FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Dr. Benfield provided a review of earlier debt models completed by Janice Burke. Dr. Benfield pointed out the anticipated revenues to be gained by the 2007-2008 tax increase. In addition, Dr. Benfield noted the use of ADM and lottery funds to reduce the construction debt resulting in a revenue loss for the school system. Dr. Benfield remarked that \$1.4 million of operating expenses for the middle schools was never included in the debt model. Yadkin County Schools cannot absorb \$1.4 million of operating expenses in addition to the cuts already planned. Dr. Benfield presented the following outline that could offer a temporary solution for the middle school operating expenses:

Funding Middle School Operations - A Temporary Solution

A	B	C	D	E	F
FYE 30-Jun	On-going Repair And Renovation Allocation	Projected Dollars Generated Per One Cent Tax Rate	Tax Rate Levied Less Tax Rate Used To Fund School District Debt Service	Balance from D Multiplied Times Annual Amount In C = Unused Revenue In Funding Model	B + E = Identified Dollars Within School District Funding Model
2009	\$1,400,000	\$220,000	.05 - .0279 = .0221	$2.21 \times \$220,000 =$ \$486,200	$\$1,400,000 + \$486,200 =$ \$1,886,200
2010	\$1,400,000	\$252,000	.05 - .0288 = .0212	$2.12 \times \$252,000 =$ \$534,240	$\$1,400,000 + \$534,240 =$ \$1,934,240
2011	\$1,400,000	\$252,000	.05 - .0279 = .0221	$2.21 \times \$252,000 =$ \$556,920	$\$1,400,000 + \$556,920 =$ \$1,956,920
2012	\$1,400,000	\$252,000	.05 - .0284 = .0216	$2.16 \times \$252,000 =$ \$544,320	$\$1,400,000 + \$544,320 =$ \$1,944,320
2013	\$1,400,000	\$252,000	.05 - .0300 = .0200	$2.00 \times \$252,000 =$ \$504,000	$\$1,400,000 + \$504,000 =$ \$1,904,000

Dr. Benfield also provided a projected operating cost analysis for Board review. County Manager, Stan Kiser described various Yadkin County budget concerns for the upcoming year. Dr. Benfield stressed that Yadkin County Schools have no other funding resources. Middle Schools are well under construction and completion is imminent. Without the funding of operating costs, Forbush and Starmount middle schools would have to remain unopened and this would not be acceptable. Yadkin County Schools cannot carry the burden of County budget shortfalls.

■ OTHER ITEMS

BOE Chairman, Frank Brown thanked the Board of Commissioners for their attendance at today's meeting and for their continued support. BOC Chairman, Chad Wagoner thanked the Board of Education for hosting the meeting and for the meal.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Wooten made a motion to adjourn the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Garner second.

Vote: 5/0

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Prepared by Clerk to the Board

Date Approved by the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners