

**Joint Meeting:
YADKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
YADKIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Monday, March 30, 2015

The Yadkin County Board of Commissioners met in Joint Session with the Yadkin County Board of Education on Monday, March 30, 2015 at 6:00pm in the Yadkin County Schools Administrative Office Board Room, 121 Washington Street, Yadkinville, 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 Kevin Austin
Vice Chairman David Moxley
Commissioner Gilbert Hemric
Commissioner Frank Zachary
Commissioner Marion Welborn

Representing the Board of Education

Chairman Howard McKnight
Vice Chairman Rex Baity
Joe Dezern
Tim Weatherman
Lynn Allred
Sam Crews
Jennifer Hemric

Yadkin County Personnel

Lisa Hughes, County Manager
Tanya Gentry, Clerk to the Board

Yadkin County School Personnel

Dr. Martin, Superintendent
Tammy Miller, Secretary to Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Howard McKnight called to order the Board of Education at 6:05pm.
Chairman Kevin Austin called to order the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners at 6:05pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

JOINT AGENDA ITEMS

Report from County Manager

County Manager Hughes encouraged those who had not had a chance to go out to Memorial Park to go and see it. It is a beautiful spot that is nice and peaceful. You can walk or run or just sit and enjoy the scenery. It is a great place to be. The groundbreaking ceremony for the new Agricultural and Educational Building that is being constructed on the Yadkin Center campus of Surry Community College was held in December. The construction crew should begin the footings in the next two to three weeks. The County is really excited about both the Park and the construction of the new building.

Report from Superintendent

Superintendent Martin spoke about the LEGO Robotics program that is continuing to grow. Each of the elementary and middle schools has a team of about 10 to 12 students. The teams construct robots out of LEGOs. They use a computer to program those robots to perform different tasks. The robotics program involves science, technology, engineering, and math. It helps the students develop problem solving skills and promotes teamwork. The teams have their robots compete in scrimmage matches. One scrimmage match has already taken place. A second scrimmage match will be held on April 7, 2015. There will be a big county-wide competition on April 18, 2015 around 1:00pm. All 10 teams will compete on April 18th. The school systems have received the data on the 2013-2014 dropout rates and Dr. Martin was pleased to say that out of the 115 school systems in North Carolina, Yadkin County schools had the 12th lowest dropout rate. Last year they had the highest graduation rates that they have ever had. Dr. Martin went over some awards and honors that students have won. The United Auto Workers donated child identification kits to the Yadkin County School System. They donated enough kits for every elementary student to have one to take home with them.

The kits are to be kept by the student's parents in the event that they are ever needed. Dr. Martin stated that they are in the process of pulling everything together for their budget request that will be submitted in May.

ACTION AGENDA

Calendar Resolution

A joint calendar resolution was adopted approximately a year ago by both the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education. The new joint resolution that is being considered on tonight's agenda expresses the Board of Commissioners, the Board of Education, and the Surry Community College Board of Trustees support of legislation that would provide flexibility to local school districts to align public school and community college calendars. The NCACC has made this one of their Legislative Goals. Some bills have been introduced in the House and Senate. House Bill 9 would restore the School Calendar Educational Purpose Waiver that school systems can apply for to accommodate specific programs. Senate Bill 260 would permit certain local boards of education to align their school calendars with those of community colleges who serve their communities. The Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education reviewed the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR YADKIN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR SURRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, SURRY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ALIGN PUBLIC SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE CALENDARS

WHEREAS, Community Colleges start classes in early August; and,

WHEREAS, Public Schools start classes in late August; and,

WHEREAS, Yadkin County Schools in collaboration with Surry Community College offers an Early College Program at the Yadkin Center; and,

WHEREAS, an aligned calendar would allow for better program coordination for the Early College; and,

WHEREAS, an aligned calendar would improve efficiencies for community colleges by combining community college students, early college students and high school students for instruction; and,

WHEREAS, an aligned calendar would create more effective use of CTE monies and resources; and,

WHEREAS, an aligned calendar would create more days available for shared instruction allowing more options for efficiencies; and,

WHEREAS, an aligned calendar would allow for coordination of transportation for better use of equipment, fuel and manpower; and,

WHEREAS, an aligned calendar would allow for better space utilization through space sharing relieving future construction needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education for Yadkin County, North Carolina and the Board of Trustees for Surry Community College in Surry County, North Carolina, that:

We support legislation to provide flexibility to local school districts to align public school and community college calendars.

ADOPTED this 30th day of March, 2015.

The Board of Education made the following motion:

Rex Baity made a motion to approve the calendar resolution as presented. Lynn Allred second.

Vote: 7/0.

The Board of Commissioners made the following motion:

Commissioner Welborn made a motion to approve the calendar resolution as presented. Vice Chairman Moxley second.

Vote: 5/0.

Board of Commissioners Motion to Recess

Vice Chairman Moxley made a motion to recess and reconvene at 7:00pm in the Board of Commissioners Room located at 217 E. Willow Street, Yadkinville, NC to conduct other business. Commissioner Welborn second.

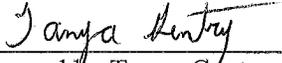
Vote: 5/0.

Board of Education Motion to Recess

Rex Baity made a motion to recess and pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a) for the Yadkin County Board of Education to go into Closed Session for reasons 1 through 9. Lynn Allred second.

Vote: 7/0.

The Board of Commissioners left the room so the Board of Education could go into their Closed Session.



Prepared by Tanya Gentry
Clerk to the Board



Kevin Austin, Chairman
Yadkin County Board of Commissioners

4/20/15

Date approved by the
Yadkin County Board of Commissioners