

# Official Minutes of the Caldwell County Board of Education Meeting April 13, 2015

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The Caldwell County Board of Education Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM, at the Education Center.

The following people were present:

Darrell Pennell, Chairman

Duane Knight, Vice Chairman

Dottie Darsie

Linda Coffey

Tim Hawkins

Joe Sims

Teresa Branch

The following administrative staff members were present:

Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent

Dr. Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services

Dr. Caryl Burns, Associate Superintendent for Educational Program Services

Dr. Jeff Church, Associate Superintendent for Auxiliary Services

David Johnson, Director of Finance

Ed Blair, Board Attorney

## **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Dr. Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Educational Program Services, led the invocation for the Board. The NJROTC Color Guard unit from West Caldwell High School presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Darrell Pennell introduced County Commissioner Donnie Potter, who thanked the Caldwell County Board of Education for their dedication to the students of Caldwell County. Mr. Potter also congratulated the students who were being recognized at the meeting.

### **ACTION-APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Upon motion of Vice Chairman Duane Knight, and seconded by Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

### **ACTION | APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Upon motion of Linda Coffey, and seconded by Tim Hawkins, the Board unanimously approved the March 09, 2015, Regular Session Meeting Minutes.

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie, and seconded by Joe Sims, the Board unanimously approved the March 12, 2015, Freedman Community Meeting Minutes.

Upon motion of Vice Chairman Duane Knight, and seconded by Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved the March 30, 2015, Spring Work Session Minutes and the March 30, 2015, Community Board Meeting Minutes.

### **HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS**

- Education Center Art Gallery Students (Schools Represented: Baton Elementary, William Lenoir Middle School, Dudley Shoals School, Valmead Elementary School, and Hudson Middle School)
- Governor's School Recipients
- North Carolina All State Band Students
- MPA High School Band Performance Winners
- MPA Middle School and High School Chorus Performance Winners
- John Kripner, senior at South Caldwell High School, has been named a candidate in the highly prestigious 2015 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program.
- Command Master Chief Wayne Mihelich, WCHS Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Instructor, was selected as the JROTC Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year for the American Legion Department of North Carolina.
- Charmion Frizsell, Gamewell Elementary School, Distinguished Leadership in Practice Program Achievement
- North Carolina School Boards Association Academy for School Boardsmanship Recognitions

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Darrell Pennell opened the meeting for public comment. There was no public comment.

**ACTION | ONE-MONTH PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD | PRESENTED BY DR. STEVE STONE, SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Stone proposed the name "Freedman Center," for the facility located on 332 Greenhaven Dr., Lenoir, NC. Upon motion of Vice Chairman Duane Knight, and seconded by Linda Coffey, the Board unanimously approved to place the name "Freedman Center" on a one-month public comment period.

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie, and seconded by Tim Hawkins, the Board unanimously approved a Public Hearing on the proposed name of the facility at 332 Greenhaven Dr., Lenoir, On May 11, 2015, at 5:30 PM.

Upon motion of Teresa Branch, and seconded by Linda Coffey, the Board unanimously approved to place Board Policy 3400 Evaluation of Student Progress (revision) on a one-month comment period.

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie, and seconded by Joe Sims, the Board unanimously approved to place Board Policy 3450 Class Ranking (revision) on a one-month comment period.

**INFORMATION/ACTION | PERSONNEL MATTERS | PRESENTED BY DR. TRISH JOHNSON, ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT FOR HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES**

The attached personnel matters were presented to the Board for information only.

Upon motion of Teresa Branch, and seconded by Vice Chairman Duane Knight, the Board unanimously approved the attached personnel matters.

**ACTION | 2014-2015 STUDENT TRANSFER REQUEST | PRESENTED BY DR. TRISH JOHNSON, ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT FOR HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES**

Upon motion of Vice Chairman Duane Knight, and seconded by Linda Coffey, the Board unanimously approved the attached student transfer request for the 2014-2015 school year.

**ACTION | AUXILIARY SERVICES | PRESENTED BY DAVID JOHNSON, FINANCE OFFICER FOR DR. JEFF CHURCH, ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT FOR AUXILIARY SERVICES**

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins, and seconded by Mrs. Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved the bids and the ADM Application for roof replacement on the Media Center and A-Wing at Hibriten High School. Barger Ashe Roofing presented the lowest bid.

**INFORMATION | BOARD**

Teresa Branch, Tim Hawkins, Duane Knight, and Darrell Pennell reported on the National School Board Association Conference.

**INFORMATION | PRESENTED BY DR. STEVE STONE, SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Stone announced the “Change for Children” Campaign starting on April 14-28, 2015. All monies received go directly for counseling at Robin’s Nest.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Darrell Pennell made the following announcements:

- **Education Summit** | April 20, 2015 | JE Broyhill Civic Center
- **Public Hearing on the name “Freedman Center”** | May 11, 2015 | Education Center | 5:30 PM
- **Board Meeting** | May 11, 2015 | Education Center | Art Gallery 5:45 PM | Board Meeting 6:00 PM

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board and upon motion of Tim Hawkins, and second by Teresa Branch, and with unanimous approval of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

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Darrell Pennell, Chairman,  
Caldwell County Board of Education

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Attest: Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent  
Caldwell County Schools