

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Caldwell County Board of Education met at 6:00 PM on April 18, 2011, in the Board Room of the Education Center, Lenoir, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins
Teresa Branch
Linda Coffey
Dottie Darsie
Darrell Pennell

Dr. Helen Hall was absent.

The following administrative staff members were present:

Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent
Dr. Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services
Dr. Jeff Church, Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services
Karla Miller, Finance Officer
Libby Brown, School-Community Relations Director
Ed Blair, School Board Attorney, Groome, Tuttle, Pike and Blair

Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Reverend Tony Bradshaw, Pastor, St. Stephens Lutheran Church of Lenoir and Member, Clergy Crisis Support Team, gave the invocation. Dyson Ford, 11th Grade Student, Caldwell Early College High School, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Brea Robinson was unable to attend.

ACTION – AGENDA AND MINUTES

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the proposed agenda and the minutes of the March 7, 2011, Board Work Session, the March 14, 2011, Regular Board Meeting, and the March 28, 2011, Community Board Meeting, as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

School Community Services Director Libby Brown announced the "Student Spotlight" recipient, Travis Cole, 12th grade student at Hibriten High School. A video was viewed by the board and audience outlining Travis's accomplishments and a certificate and lapel pin were presented to Travis by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone and the members of the Caldwell County Board of Education.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

School Community Services Director Libby Brown announced the Honors and Recognitions recipients for the month of April and Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone and the members of the Caldwell County Board of Education presented certificates and lapel pins to the following individuals/groups:

- NC Middle School Association's Region 7 Team of the Year - Granite Falls Middle School team teachers, Team Tsunami, Amanda Gruen, Kim Hindman, Randy Seldomridge and Karen White.
- NC State Wrestling Champion and Top Finishers in the State - Scott Hardiman, Senior, Hibriten High School, 1st Place, 135 lb. weight class; Tripp Patterson, Senior, Hibriten High School, 3rd Place, 215 lb. weight class; and Alex Cabrera, Junior, South Caldwell High School, 2nd Place, 114 lb. weight class.
- Caldwell Early College High School Top BETA Finishers at the NC BETA Convention: Cady Childress: Oratory, 2nd place; and Anna White: Spelling, 2nd place. Phyllis Land is the BETA Club Sponsor.
- South Caldwell Model UN Winners - Best Overall Small Country Award, Iranian Delegation and the Best Overall Large Country Award, Russian Delegation. Kyle Huffman, Best Delegation of Russia; Phillip Bryant, Best Delegation of Russia; Patrick Livingston, Best Delegation of Iran; Richard Hathcock, Superior Delegation of Russia; Ariel Byrd, Superior Delegation of Russia; Lagen Felts, Best Delegation of Russia; Andrew Fann, Excellent Delegation of Iran; Christopher Hendel, Best Delegation of Iran; Zach Bowen, Superior Delegation of Russia; Daniel Wallace, Superior Delegation of Russia; and Savannah Wade, Best Delegation of Saudi Arabia. Tom Perry is the Model UN Advisor and teacher of Model UN at SCHS.
- 2011 North Carolina Governor's School Winners - Emily Benfield, South Caldwell High School; Jennifer Hughes and Julianna Martinez, Hibriten High School; Carey Taylor and Morgan Carlton, West Caldwell High School, were unable to attend.
- Student Artwork Selections for the Education Center Art Gallery: Morgan Wise, Ellie Hamby and Abby Drum, Baton School; Ian Crozie, Alexia Tolbert and Silvia Menchu, Whitnel School; Raquel Aguilar-Sanchez, Laci McMinn and Nikole Blankenship, West Lenoir Elementary School; Laura Land, Laurel Crisp and Taylore Crump, Dudley Shoals Elementary School; Sara Houck, Megan Bryant, and Kevin Cantearero, Valmead School.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins opened the meeting for public comment. There was no public comment.

ACTION – PROPOSED POLICY REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICY 1330, BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION TRAINING; BOARD POLICY 1354, BOARD MEMBER REMOVAL FROM OFFICE; BOARD POLICY 1600, FIVE YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN; BOARD POLICY 2000, BOARD MEETINGS; BOARD POLICY 2300, SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCILS; BOARD POLICY 3310, ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE; BOARD POLICY 3620, STUDENT HEALTH AND BOARD POLICY 6820, SYSTEMWIDE REDUCTION IN FORCE-TEACHERS

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved to place the attached revisions to Board Policy 1330, Board Member Orientation Training, on a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

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Upon motion of Darrell Pennell and second by Teresa Branch, the board unanimously approved to place the attached Board Policy 1354, Board Member Removal from Office, for deletion on a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

Upon motion of Teresa Branch and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously approved to place the attached revisions to Board Policy 1600, Five Year Strategic Plan, on a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

Upon motion of Linda Coffey and second by Darrell Pennell, the board unanimously approved to place the attached revisions to Board Policy 2000, Board Meetings, on a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

Upon motion of Teresa Branch and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously approved to place the attached Board Policy 2300, Board Member Orientation Training, for deletion on a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

Upon motion of Darrell Pennell and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously approved to place the attached revisions to Board Policy 3310, Alcohol and Drug Abuse, on a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved to place the attached revisions to Board Policy 3620, Student Health, on a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

Upon motion of Teresa Branch and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously approved to place the attached revisions to Board Policy 6820, Systemwide Reduction in Force-Teachers, on a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

INFORMATION – PERSONNEL MATTERS

Dr. Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services, presented the attached notification of teachers eligible for career status to the board for information only.

Dr. Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services, presented the attached personnel matters to the board for information only.

ACTION - PERSONNEL MATTERS

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached personnel matters as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services Dr. Trish Johnson.

ACTION – STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS FOR 2010-2011

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Teresa Branch, the board unanimously approved the attached student transfer requests for 2010-2011, as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services Dr. Trish Johnson.

ACTION – WESTERN PIEDMONT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT

Upon motion of Darrell Pennell and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached Western Piedmont Council of Government Agreement as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church.

**ACTION – RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 389-CHILD
NUTRITION**

Upon motion of Darrell Pennell and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached Resolution to Senate Bill 389 as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church.

ACTION – LOCKER REPAIRS

Upon motion of Darrell Pennell and second by Teresa Branch, the board unanimously approved the attached low bid awarded to PHP Locker Company for locker repairs at Gamewell Middle School, Granite Falls Middle School, William Lenoir Middle School, Hibriten High School, South Caldwell High School and West Caldwell High School, as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church.

ACTION – ASBESTOS ABATEMENT PROJECT

Upon motion of Linda Coffey and second by Darrell Pennell, the board unanimously approved the attached low bid awarded to NEO Corporation for asbestos abatement at Gamewell Middle School as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church.

ACTION – ASBESTOS AIR MONITORING BIDS

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Teresa Branch, the board unanimously approved the attached low bid awarded to Affinity Energy and Environmental for asbestos air monitoring at Gamewell Middle School, as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church.

ACTION – SURPLUS SALE

Upon motion of Teresa Branch and second by Darrell Pennell, the board unanimously approved the attached list of items for Surplus Sale on May 18, 2011, 9:00 AM at the Maintenance Department as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church.

ACTION – BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND, LOCAL CURRENT EXPENSE FUND AND FEDERAL GRANTS FUND

Upon motion of Darrell Pennell and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously approved the attached budget amendments to the State Public School Fund, Local Current Expense Fund and the Federal Grants Fund as presented by Finance Officer Karla Miller.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Darrell Pennell gave a report on the recent Finance Committee meeting. The House Education Committee cut public education by 8.8%; community colleges were cut by 10% and universities were cut by 15%. The Senate budget most likely won't be much different and the final State budget should be out sometime in late May. The Governor will probably veto the budget if the cuts remain in public education. He reported that the school system received an excellent audit last year and the auditors gave a high commendation to Caldwell County Schools for their foresight in financial planning, noting the school system is in very good shape compared to our surrounding counties. The board will continue its commitment to save jobs for those employees that are in good standing and want to continue their employment. He also noted that we need the public's help in getting the message to the General Assembly to continue the temporary one cent sales tax to support public education.

BOARD INFORMATION/POSSIBLE ACTION

Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins announced the names of the nine candidates submitting applications to fill the vacant board seat, noting the board plans to make a decision on the vacancy at the May 9, 2011, board meeting. The board also anticipates the reorganization of the board at that time.

CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously agreed to go into Closed Session at 6:54 PM to discuss personnel issues pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143.318.11 (A) (1). No action was taken.

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Teresa Branch, the board unanimously agreed to come out of Closed Session at 7:25 PM and reconvene to Open Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board and upon motion of Dottie Darsie, second by Darrell Pennell, and the unanimous approval of the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Signed:

Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

Attest:

Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education