

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Caldwell County Board of Education met at 7:00 PM on April 20, 2009, in the Board Room of the Education Center, Lenoir, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall
Chris Becker
Dottie Darsie
Tim Hawkins
Mike LaBrose

Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell and Linda Coffey were absent.

The following administrative staff members were present:

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

Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall opened the meeting for public comment. There was no public comment.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Carla Reid, Chorus Director, William Lenoir Middle School, gave the invocation and Molly Owens, Tiffany Watkins, Amelia Stallings and Austin McCall; William Lenoir Middle School students led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION - AGENDA

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Mike LaBrose, the board unanimously approved the proposed agenda with the following change: Number XII, Item B, was deleted as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION - MINUTES

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the March 9, 2009, Regular Board Meeting. Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Mike LaBrose, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the March 30, 2009, Community Board Meeting.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone presented certificates from the North Carolina School Board Association to the following board members in recognition for various levels of training hours: Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall, Certificate of Merit; Tim Hawkins, Certificate of Advanced Achievement; Mike LaBrose, Award of Distinction and Dottie Darsie, Silver Award. Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone announced that although Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell was unable to attend the meeting he wanted the board, as well as the community, to know that Chairman Pennell had achieved the Scholar's Circle level for 900+ training hours.

Dottie Darsie presented certificates and lapel pins to the following bands achieving a Superior Rating at the North Carolina Concert Band Festival: Hibriten High School Symphonic Band, Kevin Townsend, Director; Hudson Middle School 8th Grade Band, Leah Spicer, Director; South Caldwell High School Symphonic Band, Jason Childers, Director; West Caldwell High School Band, Randy Ingold, Director; and William Lenoir Middle School 7th and 8th Grade Band, Terry Reid, Director.

Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall presented certificates and lapel pins to the following bands achieving an Excellent Rating at the North Carolina Concert Band Festival: Gamewell Middle School Band, Amanda Inabinet, Director; Granite Falls Middle School 8th Grade Band, Patrick Crouch, Director; and South Caldwell High School Concert Band, Jason Childers, Director.

Tim Hawkins presented certificates and lapel pins to the following All State Band Student Selections: Gala Hewitt, Bari Sax, Hibriten High School; Kate Warlick, Flute, Hibriten High School; Andrew Barbour, Clarinet, Hudson Middle School; Anthony Peidl, Horn, Hudson Middle School; and Nacoa Spencer, Clarinet, South Caldwell High School.

Mike LaBrose presented certificates and lapel pins to the following chorus winners at the North Carolina Middle School Choral Festival: Gamewell Middle School Chorus, Excellent Rating, Alice McIntyre, Director; Granite Falls Middle School Chorus, Superior Rating, Shay Barnes, Director; Hudson Middle School Chorus, Superior Rating, Sherry January, Director; and William Lenoir Middle School Chorus, Superior Rating, Carla Reid, Director.

Chris Becker presented certificates and lapel pins to the following chorus winners at the Western Regional Solo/Small Ensemble Festival: Hibriten High School's Beginning Chorus, Superior Rating, Anitra Harmon, Michele Ervin and Jackie Smith, Trio, Superior Rating, and Kimberly Moore, Samantha Castleman, Courtney Walton, Jackie Smith and Courtney Walton, Solo, Superior Rating, Nancy Witcher, Director; South Caldwell High School's Beginning Chorus, Superior Rating, Advanced Women's Chorus, Superior Rating, Tyler Winkler, Emily Potter, Cassie Thomas, Santara Greene, Solo, Superior Rating and Jennifer Canterbury, Delana McCroskey, Emily Aiken and Sydney Sides, Duet, Superior Rating, Alice Robson, Director. Winners at the North Carolina Central Regional Large Ensemble Festival: Advanced Women's Choir, Hibriten High School, Superior Rating and Vocal Ensemble, South Caldwell High School, Superior Rating.

Chris Becker presented certificates and lapel pins to the following Model United Nations Competition Winners: Nia Bolick and Robbie Bolick, 1st Place; Andre Dorenbusch, Marshall Frank, Brandon Kirby, Nick Herman, Eric Swart, Jacob Pyles, Katelin Cooke, Tess Craig, Chris Hendel, Patrick Livingston, 2nd Place; Kacey Thomas, Taylor Freeman, Kayla Stover, Mary Thomas, Sarah Haas, Elizabeth Roberts and Josh Randolph, 3rd Place; South Caldwell High School, Tom Perry, Director; Molly Owens, Tiffany Watkins, Amelia Stallings and Austin McCall, 1st Place; Frank Hagan, Austin St. Clair, Tonique Bowers and Emily Ingram, 3rd Place; William Lenoir Middle School, Zack Jiles and Laura Ball, Advisors.

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Dottie Darsie presented certificates and lapel pins to the following recipients of advanced educational degrees: Teresa Craven, Gamewell Middle School, Masters Degree in Media Coordinator, Appalachian State University; Janet Roman, Gamewell Middle School, Masters Degree in Art Education, East Carolina University; Traci Waters, Sawmills Elementary School, Second Masters degree in School Administration, Appalachian State University; Jenifer McNulty, Assistant Principal, West Caldwell High School, Masters in School Administration, East Carolina University; and Mary Ann Lail, Whitnel Elementary School, Masters Degree in School Administration, Appalachian State University.

Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall presented certificates and lapel pins to the following North Carolina Teaching Fellows Scholarship Winners: Ashleigh C. Patterson, Winner, Emily Flanagan and Sara Hoyle, Alternates, Hibriten High School; Devin Duncan and Anamaris Felix, Winners, South Caldwell High School.

Tim Hawkins presented certificates and lapel pins to the following 2009 Governor's School Selections: Hannah Abernethy, Dance, Caitlin Bush, Social Science, Joshua Miller, Natural Science, Keely Mullally, Social Science and Sarah Potter, Drama, Hibriten High School; Sara Downing and Brooke Watson, Mathematics and Tyler Winkler, Choral Music South Caldwell High School; Morgan West, Natural Science, West Caldwell High School.

Mike LaBrose presented certificates and lapel pins to the following recipients for the Corning Excellence in Teaching Awards: Claire Walker, Science, Hibriten High School; and Jill Docherty, Math, South Caldwell High School.

ACTION – CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL MATERIAL TO BE ADDED TO THE ABSTINENCE UNTIL MARRIAGE CURRICULUM

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Mike LaBrose the board unanimously approved to add the video “Too Young” to the Abstinence Until Marriage Curriculum following a 60 day public review period and as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – PROPOSED REVISION TO BOARD POLICY 3200 – STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously approved to place the attached Board Policy 3200, Student Attendance, on a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – CALDWELL COUNTY EARLY COLLEGE AND CALDWELL CAREER CENTER MIDDLE COLLEGE 2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously approved the attached 2009-2010 Caldwell County Early College and Caldwell Career Center Middle College school calendar following a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

INFORMATION – NOTIFICATION OF TEACHERS ELIGIBLE FOR CAREER STATUS

Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services Trish Johnson advised the board to review the list of teachers eligible for Career Status that she will be bringing to the board for approval at the May 11, 2009, Board of Education meeting.

ACTION - PERSONNEL MATTERS

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously approved the attached personnel matters as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services Trish Johnson.

ACTION – STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS FOR 2008-2009

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Tim Hawkins, the board unanimously approved the attached student transfer requests for 2008-2009, as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services Trish Johnson.

ACTION – SURPLUS SALE

Upon motion of Chris Becker and second by Tim Hawkins, the board unanimously approved to place the attached items in the Surplus Sale on May 13, 2009, as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church.

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

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Tim Hawkins, the board unanimously approved the attached budget amendments for the State Public School Fund, Local Current Expense Fund, Federal Grants Fund and Capital Outlay Fund as presented by Finance Officer Karla Miller.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dottie Darsie gave a report regarding the NCSBA Special Issue Seminars she attended. Items discussed were student enrollment changes regarding military, immigrant and homeless students, student dress codes, threat assessment in schools, affects of suspension and expulsion on students, and search and seizure procedures.

Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall gave a report on the NSBA Annual Conference. Topics covered ranged from the Federal Stimulus Package, NCLB Changes, Title I Funding, budget issues and ten tracks offered on various topics of interest. She noted that Arnie Duncan, the new Secretary of Education, was a keynote speaker, as well as Tony Morrison, Author and Nobel/Pulitzer Prize Winner, Julie Andrews, Actress and Author and Dalton Sherman, 5th Grade Student that did a presentation entitled “I Believe in Me, Do You Believe In Me?”

Dottie Darsie reported that the Board/Budget Finance Committee had met three times. They reviewed the Governor’s Budget, as well as the Senate. The budget currently rest in the House and will hopefully be finished soon. She announced the next scheduled meeting of the committee on Friday, April 24, 12:00 PM in the Superintendent’s Office at the Education Center.

BOARD INFORMATION/POSSIBLE ACTION

There was no board information or possible action items discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall announced the next regular board meeting on Monday, May 11, 2009, 7:00 PM in the Board Room of the Education Center and the Caldwell County Board of Education Retreat on May 26, 2009, 3:00 PM in the Staff Development Room of the Education Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM.

Signed:

Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

Attest:

Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education