

Official Minutes of the Caldwell County Board Of Education
Spring Work Session
April 30, 2012

The Caldwell County Board of Education met for a work session at 4:00 PM on April 30, 2012, in the Staff Development Room of the Education Center, Lenoir, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

Darrell Pennell, Chairman,
Tim Hawkins, Vice-Chairman,
Teresa Branch
Linda Coffey
Dottie Darsie
Dr. Helen Hall
Duane Knight

The following administrative staff members were present:

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

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/INVOCATION

Darrell Pennell, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM, welcomed those in attendance, and asked Tim Hawkins, Vice-Chairman, to give the invocation.

NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOLS BOARD ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION

State School Board Association presented information on the process of policy revision and adoption.

CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins, Vice-Chairman, and second by Helen Hall, the Board unanimously agreed to go into Closed Session at 4:38 PM to discuss legal matters pursuant to N.C.G.S.143.318.11(a)(1).

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Darrell Pennell called the meeting back to order at 5:45 PM and turned the meeting over to Dr. Caryl Burns, Associate Superintendent for Educational Program Services.

COLLEGE AND CAREER PROMISE PLAN PRESENTATION

Dr. Caryl Burns, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, presented the College and Career Promise to the Board. See attached handout.

PROPERTY UPDATE / FLOOR REPLACEMENT BID

Dr. Jeff Church, Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services, updated the Board on the negotiations for the property adjacent to Granite Falls Middle School. The Board instructed Dr. Church to follow-up with a counter offer.

Dr. Jeff Church, Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services, presented the bid for floor replacement in several schools. The Board gave approval to move forward with the process. See attached handout.

MEAL INCREASE AND STUDENT DEBT

Guy Garner, Child Nutrition Director, proposed a meal increase of \$.05 for 2012-2013 school year.

Guy Garner, Child Nutrition Director, and Dr. Jeff Church, Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services, presented information concerning student debt. See attached handout. Dr. Jeff Church was instructed to look into the debt collection process of an outside company.

SUPERINTENDENT – DR. STEVE STONE

Facebook/Social Media

Libby Brown, School Community Relations Director, presented information on the Caldwell County District Facebook page as well as other types of social media. Since the increase in security on such sites has improved over the last few years, it was agreed upon to set up a committee and look into posting a new Facebook page that would be mainly for communications purposes.

Teacher Working Condition Survey

Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent, presented the Teacher Working Survey for 2010. Caldwell County was above the State average in most areas. Compared to the previous years Caldwell County grew in percentage of positive feedback in all areas. See attached handout.

Legislative Update

Dr. Stone, Superintendent, presented the Legislative Update. Most bills are unfavorable to the school system. Dr. Stone advised the Board to voice their concerns to North Carolina General Assembly. See attached handout.

Dress Code

Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent, opened the floor to discuss Dress Code and heard concerns and comments that have been made to the Board from parents, staff and the community. The Board discussed the consistency and the enforcement of the Dress Code across the district. The Board instructed the Superintendent to instruct principals to enforce the dress code.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board and upon motion of Tim Hawkins, Vice-Chairman, second by Linda Coffey, and the unanimous approval of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Signed:

Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

Attest:

Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education