

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Caldwell County Board of Education met at 7:00 PM on August 13, 2007, in the Board Room of the Education Center, Lenoir, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

Chairman Dottie Darsie
Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell
Chris Becker
Linda Coffey
Dr. Helen Hall
Tim Hawkins
Mike LaBrose

The following administrative staff were present:

Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent
Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services
Dr. Caryl Burns, Associate Superintendent for Educational Services
Bob Query, Finance Officer
Libby Brown, School-Community Relations Director
Ed Blair, School Board Attorney, Groome, Tuttle, Pike and Blair

Chairman Dottie Darsie called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Dottie Darsie opened the meeting for public comment. There was no public comment.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Stan Vines, Electrical Technology, Career Center High School, gave the invocation and the Career Center High School Team Works National Champions led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION - AGENDA

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell and second by Tim Hawkins, the board unanimously approved the proposed agenda as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION - MINUTES

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the July 9, 2007, Regular Board Meeting, the July 9, 2007, Closed Session, the July 24, 2007, Special Session and the July 24, 2007, Closed Session.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone presented a plaque and certificate to Mr. Chris Burton for his retirement from administrative service with the Caldwell County Schools.

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Mike LaBrose presented a certificate and lapel pin to the Career Center High School Team Works students for winning first place at the SkillsUSA National Conference held in Kansas City, MO. Participants included: Max Barlowe, Carpenter, Marc Colvard, Electrician, Lewis Foust, Carpenter and Plumber and Billy McElyea, Carpenter and Mason. Instructors recognized were: Jesse Fox, Residential Construction Technology; Michael Swanson, Industrial Piping; Stan Vines, Electrical Technology and Mike Winn, Residential Construction Technology.

ACTION – PROPOSED REVISED POLICIES 3320-USE OF SECLUSION AND RESTRAINT AND 3620 – STUDENT HEALTH

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Dr. Helen Hall, the board unanimously approved to place the attached Policy 3320, Use of Seclusion and Restraint, on a one-month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell, the board unanimously approved the attached revisions to Policy 3620, Student Health, following a one month comment period, as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the following administrative recommendations for a two-year contract term beginning with the 2007-2008 school year: Katrina Watson and Paul Scherer, Assistant Principals, Hibriten High School and Melissa Costin, Assistant Principal, South Caldwell High School, as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NCLB MODIFICATIONS

Upon motion of Chris Becker and second by Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell, the board unanimously approved the attached proposed Resolution in Support of NCLB Modifications, as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION - PERSONNEL MATTERS

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

ACTION – TECHNOLOGY PURCHASES FOR SCHOOLS

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously approved the attached technology purchases for schools as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS FOR 2007-2008

Upon motion of Linda Coffey and second by Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell, the board unanimously approved the attached student transfer requests for 2007-2008, as presented by Associate Superintendent for Educational Program Services Dr. Caryl Burns.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman Dottie Darsie gave a report regarding the Caldwell County Board of Education/Caldwell County Board of County Commissioners Liaison Committee Meeting. She noted that the committee had met twice since the last report. The following items were discussed: the Early College High School is making progress, although it is two weeks behind schedule, preliminary ABC/AYP results look favorable, the County Commissioners want to periodically recognize the accomplishments of the school system at their monthly meetings, Lottery funds are down from last year; therefore, the distribution formula will be revised in order to raise interest in purchasing tickets; Medicaid HB1473 was passed in the General Assembly and over the next three years the State of North Carolina will pick up sales tax revenues, the county has a 10% fund balance and the Commissioners were invited to attend the countywide open house/orientations going on prior to the new school year. The next meeting is scheduled for September 20.

Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell gave a brief update regarding the NCCOSA Summer Law Conference she attended. The following items were discussed: working with law enforcement to better protect our students and staff, the confidentiality of personnel files, understanding social networking sights, i.e., my space, youtube, etc., new legislation affecting schools, no sales tax exemption for schools and the new bullying policy now required to be in place in local school districts.

BOARD INFORMATION/POSSIBLE ACTION

There were no board information/possible action items discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Dottie Darsie announced the next regular board meeting on Monday, September 10, 2007, 7:00 PM in the Board Room of the Education Center and the board retreat on Thursday, September 27, 2007, 3:00 PM in the Staff Development Room.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, upon motion of Mike LaBrose, second by Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell, and the unanimous approval of the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Signed:

Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

Attest:

Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education