

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Caldwell County Board of Education met at 7:00 PM on August 14, 2006, in the Board Room of the Education Center, Lenoir, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

Dr. Sharon S. Pennell, Chairman
Mike LaBrose, Vice-Chairman
Helen Beam
Linda Coffey
Dottie Darsie
Tim Hawkins
Ed Blair, School Board Attorney

Kay Phillips was absent.

The following administrative staff were present:

Steve Stone, Superintendent
Donnie Bassinger, Associate Superintendent for Auxiliary Services
Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Human Resources
Bob Query, Finance Officer
Ervil Anderson, Director of Student Support Services
Libby Brown, School-Community Relations Director

Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell opened the meeting for public comment. There was no public comment.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Mary Kidder, WrapAround Director, Caldwell County Schools, gave the invocation and Jacob Vasquez, rising 6th grader at William Lenoir Middle School and Annie Vasquez, rising 2nd grader at Davenport A+ School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION - AGENDA

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Tim Hawkins, the Board unanimously approved the proposed agenda as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION - MINUTES

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Mike LaBrose and second by Helen Beam, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the July 10, 2006, regular Board Meeting and the July 25, 2006, Board Retreat.

INFORMATION – UPDATE ON ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Jamie Ingle, ESL Director, updated the Board on the English As A Second Language Program and where the school system is in regards to the No Child Left Behind Legislation, as well as curriculum and growth of the ESL population in Caldwell County.

INFORMATION – PROPOSED 2006-2007 PRIORITY GOALS

The attached draft of the 2006-2007 Board Priority Goals were placed on a one-month comment period with possible action at the September 11, 2006, Board of Education meeting.

INFORMATION – PROPOSED BOARD POLICIES – 3320-USE OF SECLUSION AND RESTRAINT AND 3820 – JUVENILE COURT RECORDS

The attached proposed new policies #3320-Use of Seclusion and Restraint and #3820-Juvenile Court Records were placed on a one-month comment period with possible approval at the September 11, 2006, Board of Education meeting.

INFORMATION – REVISION TO BOARD POLICY 6560

The attached proposed revision to policy #6560-Courier Service/Deliveries/Mail to Employees was placed on a one-month comment period with possible approval at the September 11, 2006, Board of Education meeting.

ACTION – FUND BALANCE REQUEST

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved to request through a memorandum of agreement that the Caldwell County Schools maximum fund balance be raised from \$400,000 to \$950,000 as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – NOMINATION – RALEIGH DINGMAN AWARD

Upon motion of Linda Coffey and second by Vice-Chairman Mike LaBrose, the Board unanimously approved the nomination of Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell for the North Carolina School Board Association's Raleigh Dingman Award as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION - PERSONNEL MATTERS

Upon motion of Helen Beam and second by Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved the attached personnel matters as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resources Trish Johnson. Vice-Chairman Mike LaBrose asked Ms. Johnson where we were as far as school staffing needs for the 2006-2007 school year. Ms. Johnson advised that there were currently 10 teaching positions yet to fill for the coming year.

ACTION-HIBRITEN HIGH SCHOOL CLASSROOM ADDITIONS

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Mike LaBrose and second by Tim Hawkins, the Board unanimously approved four additional classrooms be added at Hibriten High School as presented by Associate Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Donnie Bassinger.

ACTION- GEAR UP SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

Ervil Anderson, Student Support Services Director, introduced Stephanie Glasgow, GEAR Up Coordinator, who gave a brief, informative overview of the GEAR Up Program and the successes enjoyed at the middle school level. Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Mike LaBrose and second by Linda Coffey, the Board unanimously approved the GEAR Up Sustainability Plan as presented by Student Support Services Director Ervil Anderson.

ACTION – STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS FOR 2006-2007

Upon motion of Helen Beam and second by Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved the attached student transfer requests for 2006-2007, as presented by Student Support Services Director Ervil Anderson.

BOARD COMMITTEE RECORDS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell gave a brief report regarding the recent Board/County Commissioner Liaison Team meeting. Lottery funds and the current fund balance were discussed, as well as extra funds from the construction budget used to add additional classrooms at Hibriten High School.

BOARD REPORTS/INFORMATION/POSSIBLE ACTION

Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell announced the attached revision made to the Caldwell County Board meeting schedule noting that the Community Board of Education meeting at West Caldwell High School was moved from October 30, 2006, to October 23, 2006, as October 30, 2006 is a P/V day. Dr. Pennell also gave an update to the board regarding the recent NCSBA Summer Law Conference attended by her and School Board Attorney Ed Blair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell announced the next regular Board Meeting on Monday, September 11, 2006, 7:00 PM in the Board Room of the Education Center.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion of Vice-Chairman Mike LaBrose and the unanimous approval of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Signed _____
Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

Attest:

Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education