

Official Minutes of the Caldwell County Board of Education Meeting December 01, 2014

The Caldwell County Board of Education meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM, at the Education Center.

The following people were present:

Darrell Pennell, Chairman
Tim Hawkins, Vice Chairman
Duane Knight, Vice Chairman Elect
Dottie Darsie
Linda Coffey
Teresa Branch
Joe Sims

The following administrative staff members were present:

Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent
Dr. Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services
Dr. Caryl Burns, Associate Superintendent for Educational Program Services
Dr. Jeff Church, Associate Superintendent for Auxiliary Services
David Johnson, Director of Finance
Ed Blair, Board Attorney

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

The Honorable Robert M. Brady, Chief District Court Judge, of the 25th Judicial District of North Carolina swore in the newly elected Board Members. Mrs. Dottie Darsie, Mr. Duane Knight, Mrs. Teresa Branch, and Mr. Joe Sims, were sworn in for a four year term starting December 01, 2014 through December 03, 2018.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Mr. Duane Knight led the invocation for the Board. Happy Valley Students' Lauren Greer and Carlie Blevins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

In the election for Chairman of the Board, Mr. Joe Sims, Ms. Linda Coffey, Mr. Tim Hawkins, Mr. Darrell Pennell, Mrs. Dottie Darsie, Mrs. Teresa Branch, and Mr. Duane Knight voted for Mr. Darrell Pennell. Mr. Darrell Pennell was elected Chairman.

In the election for Vice Chairman of the Board, Mr. Duane Knight, Mrs. Dottie Darsie, Mr. Darrell Pennell, Ms. Linda Coffey, and Mr. Joe Sims voted for Mr. Duane Knight. Mrs. Teresa Branch and Mr. Tim Hawkins voted for Mr. Tim Hawkins. Duane Knight was elected Vice Chairman.

ACTION-APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion Mrs. Dottie Darsie, and seconded by Vice Chairman Elect Duane Knight, the Board unanimously approved the agenda.

ACTION | APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon motion Vice Chairman Elect Duane Knight, and seconded by Mrs. Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved the November 10, 2014, Regular Session Minutes and the November 10, 2014, Closed Session Minutes.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

School Community Services Director Ms. Libby Brown, announced individuals for honors and recognitions:

- Education Center Art Gallery
- NC Elementary and Middle Honors Chorus Students
- Karla Reid, Recipient of the Richard Keasler NCMEA Middle School Teacher of the Year Award
- Candis Hagaman, Terrel H. Bell Award Recipient
- National Board Recipient: Lynette Shelby, ESL teacher at Davenport, Certification in English as a New Language/Early and Middle Childhood

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Darrell Pennell opened the meeting for public comment. There was no public comment.

NAMING OF THE HIBRITEN HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL FIELD

Upon motion of Vice Chairman Mr. Tim Hawkins, and seconded by Mr. Joe Sims the Board unanimously approved to name the softball field at Hibriten High School the "Pope Field at Hibriten Softball Stadium/Complex."

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT EXTENSIONS

Upon motion of Mrs. Dottie Darsie, and seconded by Ms. Linda Coffey, the Board unanimously approved the Administrative Contract Extensions for a four year term to commence July 2014 and continuing to June 2018 for Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone, Associate Superintendent Dr. Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent Dr. Caryl Burns, and Associate Superintendent Dr. Jeff Church. Dr. Jeff Church was also promoted to an Associate Superintendent under the contract extension.

RESOLUTIONS

Upon motion of Mrs. Dottie Darsie, and seconded by Vice Chairman Mr. Tim Hawkins, the Board unanimously approved the Resolution Regarding the State's Proposal to Assign Letter Grades to Each Public School.

Upon motion of Mrs. Teresa Branch, and seconded by Mrs. Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved the Resolution Supporting Local Control of School Calendars.

ACTION | NEW BOARD POLICY 5024/6127/7266 EMERGENCY EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTOR (EAI) DEVICE | ADOPTION FOLLOWING A ONE-MONTH PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD | PRESENTED BY DR. STEVE STONE, SUPERINTENDENT

Upon motion of Mrs. Dottie Darsie, and seconded by Vice Chairman Elect Duane Knight, the Board unanimously approved to adopt Board Policy 5024/6127/7266 Emergency Epinephrine Auto-Injector (EAI) Device.

INFORMATION | PERSONNEL MATTERS | PRESENTED BY DR. TRISH JOHNSON, ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT FOR HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES

The attached personnel matters were presented to the Board for information only.

ACTION | PERSONNEL MATTERS | PRESENTED BY DR. TRISH JOHNSON, ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT FOR HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES

Upon motion of Vice Chairman Elect Duane Knight, and seconded by Mrs. Teresa Branch, the Board unanimously approved the attached personnel matters.

ACTION | 2014-2015 STUDENT TRANSFER REQUEST | PRESENTED BY DR. TRISH JOHNSON, ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT FOR HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES

Upon motion of Vice Chairman Elect Duane Knight, and seconded by Mrs. Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved the attached student transfer request for the 2014-2015 school year.

ACTION | DIFFERENTIATION PAY PLAN | ONE MONTH PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD | PRESENTED BY DR. TRISH JOHNSON, ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT FOR HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES

Upon motion of Ms. Linda Coffey, and seconded by Mrs. Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approve for the Differentiation Pay Plan to be placed on a one month public comment period.

ACTION | AUXILIARY SERVICES | PRESENTED BY DR. JEFF CHURCH, ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT FOR AUXILIARY SERVICES

Upon motion of Mrs. Dottie Darsie, and seconded by Vice Chairman Elect Duane Knight, the Board unanimously approved the 5 years lease agreement with Synovia Solutions.

Upon motion of Mrs. Teresa Branch, and seconded by Ms. Linda Coffey, the Board unanimously approved the Western Piedmont Council of Governments Contract. The contract will commence on July 01, 2015, and continue until December 31, 2015.

BOARD INFORMATION

Board Members Mrs. Dottie Darsie, Vice Chairman Elect Duane Knight, Mr. Joe Sims, and Chairman Darrell Pennell reported on the North Carolina School Boards' Annual Conference.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Darrell Pennell made the following announcements:

- Christmas Reception | December 17, 2014 | Board Room | Education Center| 8:00 AM
- Holiday Break | December 19, 2014 (Students Last Day) -January 05, 2015 (Students Return)
- Board Meeting | January 12, 2015 | Education Center | 5:45 Art Gallery PM | 6:00 PM Board Meeting
- Community Board Meeting | January 26, 2015 | South Caldwell High School | 6:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board and upon motion of Vice Chairman Elect Duane Knight, and second by Mrs. Teresa Branch, and with unanimous approval of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Signed:

Attest:

Darrell Pennell, Chairman,
Caldwell County Board of Education

Dr. Steve Stone, Secretary,
Caldwell County Board of Education

