

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Caldwell County Board of Education met at 7:00 PM on December 4, 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
Kay Phillips
Ed Blair, School Board Attorney

The following administrative staff were present:

Dr. 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.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

The Honorable Robert M. Brady, Chief Judge, 25th District, administered the Oath of Office to board members-elect Dottie Darsie and Tim Hawkins and new board members Chris Becker and Dr. Helen Hall.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone and the Caldwell County Board of Education members presented plaques of special recognition to Helen Beam for 12 years of service as a member of the Caldwell County Board of Education and to Kay Phillips for four years of service as a member of Caldwell County Board of Education.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

OPENING CEREMONIES

Debbie Pennell, Teacher of the Year, Career Center High School, gave the invocation. Chris Anders, Bhree Buff, Allan Davenport, Robbie Earp and Jose Hernandez, Web Design Students, Career Center High School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

In the election for the position of Chairman of the Board, Chris Becker, Dottie Darsie, Mike LaBrose, Dr. Sharon S. Pennell, Linda Coffey and Dr. Helen Hall voted for Dottie Darsie. Tim Hawkins voted for Mike LaBrose. Dottie Darsie was elected Chairman.

In the election for the position of Vice-Chairman of the Board, Chris Becker, Dottie Darsie, Dr. Sharon S. Pennell, Mike LaBrose, Linda Coffey and Dr. Helen Hall voted for Dr. Sharon S. Pennell. Tim Hawkins voted for Tim Hawkins. Dr. Sharon S. Pennell was elected Vice-Chairman.

ACTION - AGENDA

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

ACTION - MINUTES

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Dr. Helen Hall, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the November 13, 2006, regular board meeting.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Chris Becker presented a certificate of achievement and a lapel pin to Elizabeth Woods, Administrative Assistant to the Curriculum Consultants, in recognition for her selection as the 2007-2008 North Carolina Association of Educational Office Professional of the Year for District 3.

Tim Hawkins presented a certificate and lapel pins to Allison Broach, Hudson Elementary School, for receiving a Master's Degree in Elementary Education, Appalachian State University. Ms. Broach was unable to attend the meeting.

INFORMATION – UPDATE ON SOUTH CALDWELL HIGH SCHOOL SPARTAN ALLIANCE FOR YOUTH (SAY)

Stephen Brooks, Director, Spartan Alliance for Youth, presented a brief overview to the board of the SAY Program. Mr. Brooks introduced Joey Moody, Candace Triplett, Jerson Capos and Jon Ford, students with the SAY Program, who gave a personal review of his/her experience in the program and how it had made a tremendous, positive impact in their grades and attitude toward school. The SAY Program is designed to help “at-risk” youth stay in school and graduate.

ACTION – PROPOSED BOARD POLICY REVISION TO POLICY 3200-STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Dr. Helen Hall, the board unanimously approved the revisions to Board Policy 3200-Student Attendance, attached, following a one-month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – PROPOSED NEW BOARD POLICY 1345 – BOARD MEMBER SERVICE

Upon motion of Linda Coffey and second by Tim Hawkins, the board unanimously approved to place a new Board Policy 1345-Board Member Service, on a one-month comment period for possible approval at the January 8, 2007 board meeting as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – PROPOSED MASCOT FOR CAREER CENTER HIGH SCHOOL

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously approved the “Golden Knights” as the official mascot for the Career Center High School as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION - PERSONNEL MATTERS

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached personnel matters as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resources Trish Johnson.

ACTION – BIDS FOR HIBRITEN HIGH SCHOOL

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Mike LaBrose and second by Tim Hawkins, the board unanimously approved the attached bid awarded to Wilkie Construction for the four classroom addition to Hibriten High School as presented by Associate Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Donnie Bassinger.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell gave a brief report regarding the recent Board/County Commissioner Liaison Committee meeting. The main topic of discussion was the progress of the Early College High School, which is on schedule.

BOARD REPORTS/INFORMATION/POSSIBLE ACTION

Dottie Darsie gave a brief report regarding the NCSBA 37th Annual Conference she attended. The Pandemic Flu, No Child Left Behind and procedures for opening a new school were the main focus of the conference.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell announced the next regular board meeting on Monday, January 8, 2007, 7:00 PM in the Board Room of the Education Center and the Christmas Reception on Wednesday, December 20, 2006, 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM in the Board Room of the Education Center. Lower Creek Elementary School also provided a Christmas Candy Tree to each member and Chairman Pennell gratefully acknowledged the gifts.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, and upon motion of Vice-Chairman Mike LaBrose, second by Tim Hawkins, and the unanimous approval of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Signed _____
Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

Attest:

Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education