

## **OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The Caldwell County Board of Education met at 7:30 PM on December 6, 2010, in the Board Room of the Education Center, Lenoir, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

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

The following administrative staff was 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, Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services  
Libby Brown, School-Community Relations Director  
Ed Blair, School Board Attorney, Groome, Tuttle, Pike and Blair

Chairman Dr. Helen Hall called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

### **ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE**

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

### **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Tom Perry, Social Studies Teacher, South Caldwell High School, gave the invocation and Callie Annas and Hannah Bumgarner, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Students, Ellen Perry's Class, Granite Falls Elementary School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ACTION - AGENDA**

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously approved the proposed agenda with the following changes: Item XVI, Closed Session to discuss legal matters pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (3) and (a) (5) was added as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

### **ACTION - MINUTES**

Upon motion of Chris Becker and second by Darrell Pennell, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the November 8, 2010, regular board meeting.

### **HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone presented a certificate to the Caldwell County Board of Education members in recognition for achieving the Special Achievement Award from the North Carolina School Boards Association for successful completion of the 12-hour training requirement by all members of the board.

## **HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Linda Coffey presented a certificate and lapel pin to Amanda McLean, William Lenoir Middle School, in recognition for being named one of five finalists for the 2010 North Carolina Presidential awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

Dottie Darsie presented a certificate and lapel pin to Caldwell Career Center Middle College in recognition as 1 of 11 schools in the state for having 100 percent graduation rate in 2009-10 and gaining statewide acclaim and membership into the "North Carolina 100 Percent Club" announced by State Superintendent June Atkinson during a special ceremony in Raleigh.

Chairman Dr. Helen Hall presented a certificate and lapel pin to South Caldwell High School 2010 Model United Nations Team in recognition for receiving seven total awards, second most among the schools at the Appalachian State University Model UN Conference, and awarded Best Overall Country Excellent Delegation and Best Delegation.

Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins presented a certificate and lapel pin to the following students whose artwork is on display in the Education Center Art Gallery during the month of December: Christian Lainez, West Caldwell High School; Candace Brittain, Baton Elementary School; Aaron Nash, James Ingram and Alyssa Wright, Sawmills Elementary School; Ethin Cesosdes-Philyah, Gamewell Middle School; Shy Williams, William Lenoir Middle School; Haley Mays and Madelyn Annas, Hudson Middle School; Lindsey Brewer, South Caldwell High School; Anna Howard and Luke Powell, Granite Falls Elementary School; Leigha McLean, Dudley Shoals Elementary; Makayla White, Gamewell Elementary School and Bonnie Beck, Granite Falls Middle School.

## **ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD**

In the election for the position of Chairman of the Board, Chris Becker, Teresa Branch, Tim Hawkins, Linda Coffey and Darrell Pennell voted for Chris Becker. Dr. Helen Hall and Dottie Darsie voted for Dr. Helen Hall. Chris Becker was elected Chairman.

In the election for the position of Vice-Chairman of the Board, Chris Becker and Tim Hawkins voted for Tim Hawkins, Teresa Branch voted for Teresa Branch, Dr. Helen Hall and Dottie Darsie voted for Dottie Darsie, and Linda Coffey and Darrell Pennell voted for Linda Coffey. There was no consensus for Vice-Chairman of the Board.

In the second election for the position of Vice-Chairman of the Board, Chris Becker, Dr. Helen Hall and Tim Hawkins voted for Tim Hawkins, Teresa Branch and Dottie Darsie voted for Teresa Branch, Linda Coffey voted for Linda Coffey and Darrell Pennell voted for Darrell Pennell. There was no consensus for Vice-Chairman of the Board.

In the third election for the position of Vice-Chairman of the Board, Chris Becker, Dr. Helen Hall, Tim Hawkins and Dottie Darsie voted for Tim Hawkins, Teresa Branch voted for Teresa Branch, Linda Coffey voted for Linda Coffey and Darrell Pennell voted for Darrell Pennell. Tim Hawkins was elected Vice-Chairman.

Upon motion of Chris Becker and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved for Dr. Helen Hall to continue to chair the remainder of the December board meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dr. Helen Hall opened the meeting for public comment. There was no public comment.

## **INFORMATION – TRIO YOUTH LEADERS PRESENTATION**

Alice Lentz, Director, TRIO Youth Leaders, Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute updated the board regarding the success of the TRIO/ETS Program as it partners with the Caldwell County School System. She advised the board that the TRIO/ETS program offers students helpful information as they prepare for post-secondary study. Through TRIO/ETS, students gain access to academic coaching/tutoring, mentoring, counseling, information on financial aid for college, assistance with preparing for college entrance exams, and completing college applications, etc. Seniors Kaylan Bristol and Mashayla Ferguson from West Caldwell High School and Kaitlyn Quesinberry from Hibriten High School addressed the board noting the benefits of the TRIO/ETS Program and the difference it has made in their decision to attend a post-secondary institution/college.

## **ACTION – PROPOSED NEW BOARD POLICY 1420, SUPERINTENDENT’S EVALUATION AND REVISED BOARD POLICY 7532, SHARED ACCOUNTABILITY STANDARDS – FOLLOWING A ONE MONTH COMMENT PERIOD**

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached new Board Policy 1420, Superintendent’s Evaluation, following a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins and second by Chairman Chris Becker, the board unanimously approved the attached revisions to Board Policy 7532, Shared Accountability Standards, following a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

## **ACTION - PERSONNEL MATTERS**

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Darrell Pennell, the board unanimously approved the attached personnel matters as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services Dr. Trish Johnson.

## **ACTION – STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS FOR 2010-2011**

Upon motion of Linda Coffey and second by Teresa Branch, the board unanimously approved the attached student transfer requests for 2010-2011, as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resources Dr. Trish Johnson.

## **ACTION – QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOND II FINANCING**

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached Qualified School Construction Bond II Financing as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church.

## **ACTION – FACILITY NEEDS SURVEY**

Upon motion of Darrell Pennell and second by Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins, the board unanimously approved the attached Facility Needs Survey as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church.

### **ACTION – BIDS FOR WINDOW REPLACEMENTS AT VARIOUS SCHOOLS**

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached bids for window replacements at Baton Elementary School, Collettsville School, Gateway School, Hibriten High School, Horizons Elementary School, Oak Hill School, Sawmills Elementary School, Valmead Elementary School, West Lenoir Elementary School, Gamewell Elementary School, Happy Valley School, Hudson Middle School, Whitnel Elementary School and Kings Creek School as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church.

### **ACTION – LOTTERY APPLICATION FOR WINDOW REPLACEMENTS AT VARIOUS SCHOOLS**

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins and second by Chairman Chris Becker, the board unanimously approved the attached Lottery Application for window replacements at Baton Elementary School, Collettsville School, Gateway School, Hibriten High School, Horizons Elementary School, Oak Hill School, Sawmills Elementary School, Valmead Elementary School, West Lenoir Elementary School, Gamewell Elementary School, Happy Valley School, Hudson Middle School, Whitnel Elementary School and Kings Creek School as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church.

### **ACTION – BIDS FOR ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM-DUDLEY SHOALS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Darrell Pennell, the board unanimously approved the attached bids for an Energy Management System at Dudley Shoals Elementary School as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church.

### **ACTION – ADM APPLICATION FOR ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – DUDLEY SHOALS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached ADM Application for an Energy Management System at Dudley Shoals Elementary School as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church.

### **ACTION – BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND, LOCAL CURRENT EXPENSE FUND, FEDERAL GRANTS FUND AND CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND**

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached budget amendments to the State Public School Fund, Local Current Expense Fund, Federal Grants Fund and Capital Outlay Fund, as presented by Finance Officer Karla Miller.

### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Dottie Darsie and Darrell Pennell gave a report on the NCSBA Annual Conference they attended. Mrs. Darsie advised that she and Mr. Pennell served as voting delegates for Caldwell County Schools. The NCSBA elected their officers for the year and reviewed the annual report. Governor Purdue spoke regarding the tough approaching budget; noting that receipts had gone up slightly. Mrs. Darsie attended a workshop regarding single gender education at the middle school level and also a presentation regarding new teachers and managing their classroom.

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Darrell Pennell reported on the legal issues workshop he attended where absences for religious observances for students was discussed, as well as fees, charges and other student solicitations. He noted that the North Carolina Teacher's Working Conditions Survey had an 89% return rate from teachers across the state and the survey found that the most successful school systems were those who had the most community support. He also attended a session on "Constitutional Developments in Student Discipline Cases."

## **BOARD INFORMATION/POSSIBLE ACTION**

Upon motion of Darrell Pennell and second by Teresa Branch, the board unanimously approved changing the time of the regular monthly Board of Education meetings from 7:00 PM to 6:00 PM effective with the January 10, 2011, board meeting as presented by Dr. Helen Hall

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Helen Hall announced the next regular board meeting on Monday, January 10, 2011, 6:00 PM in the Board Room of the Education Center and the Community Board Meeting on Monday, January 31, 2011, 6:00 PM at West Caldwell High School.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously agreed to go into closed session at 9:12 PM to discuss legal matters pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (3) and (a) (5).

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins, the board unanimously agreed to come out of closed session at 9:15 PM. There was no action taken

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the board, upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and the unanimous approval of the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

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Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

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Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education