

# Official Minutes of the Caldwell County Board of Education Meeting December 09, 2013

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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  
Dottie Darsie  
Linda Coffey  
Dr. Helen Hall  
Duane Knight  
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, Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services  
Karla Miller, Finance Director  
Libby Brown, School Community Relations Director  
Ed Blair, School Board Attorney

## **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Dr. Helen Hall, Board Member gave the invocation. Baton Elementary School students, Cody Harris and Kaleigh Seagle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ACTION-APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Duane Knight, the Board unanimously approved the agenda with the following revisions: deletion of item XI: Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services and the addition of items XVII. (C.) Special Board Meeting on December 16, 2013, at 8:30 AM, to discuss a real estate matter and XVII. (D) Closed Session to discuss a real estate matter pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (A) (5.)

## **ACTION-APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Upon motion of Duane Knight and second by Joe Sims, the Board unanimously approved the November 04, 2013 Regular Session Minutes, and the November 04, 2013, Closed Session Board of Education Minutes.

## **HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS**

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

- Special Presentation of a Caldwell County Flag by Caldwell County Manager, Stan Kiser
- Education Center Art Gallery Students
- NC Honors Chorus Students:  
Granite Falls Elementary School, Andrea C. Evans, Director  
Adam Storie  
Zarina Villacorte
- Hudson Middle School--Sherry January, Director  
Andrew Fultz  
Jayne Hollar
- William Lenoir Middle School--Carla Reid, Director  
Ragan Brown  
Kiya Walton  
Walter Schronce  
Hannah Worthington  
Brooke Worthington
- The South Caldwell High School Model United Nations Team awards:  
Dylan Mathewson and Victoria Snow (Turkey - Economic and Social Committee) - Superior Delegation  
Rebecca Hall and Tanner Dellinger (Germany - World Trade Organization) - Excellent Delegation  
Whitney Earls (Turkey - Crisis Council) - Superior Delegation  
Destiny Curtis (Saudi Arabia - Crisis Council) - Best Delegation  
Brittany Ward and Caroline Howes (Germany - World Health Organization) - Superior Delegation  
Tom Perry, is the SCHS Model UN Advisor
- Sarah Stafford, Band Director at Granite Falls Middle School, has been awarded the prestigious statewide ENCORE Award.
- Baton Elementary School and Davenport A+ School has earned the designation as a Green Ribbon School in the North Carolina Positive Behavior Intervention & Support (PBIS) Initiative Annual Recognition.
- Gamewell Elementary School has earned the designation as a Model School in the North Carolina Positive Behavior Intervention & Support (PBIS) Initiative Annual Recognition.

- Gamewell Middle School has earned the designation as an Exemplar School in the North Carolina Positive Behavior Intervention & Support (PBIS) Initiative Annual Recognition.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Darrell Pennell, Chairman, opened the meeting for public comment. Nicole Revels referenced Item XV and requested that the Board consider the removal of the use of The Common Core State Standards and the use of Pearson's Power School Student Portal from our curriculum.

### **2012-2013 AUDIT REPORT**

Dr. Stone, Superintendent, introduced Robert Brown, CPA, with Boggs, Crump, and Brown, CPAs, who gave a report on the findings of the 2012-2013 Audit. Mr. Brown reviewed the 2012-2013 Audit Report and noted the school system is well positioned financially for most financial situations that could come up in the future.

### **LIONS CLUB PRESENTAION**

Rick McRary, President, Hudson Lions Club presented the Board with a copy of the book *Jack's Christmas*. The Lion's Club donated a copy of the book to each of the elementary schools in the Caldwell County School System.

### **ACTION – APPROVAL OF PROPOSED REVISION TO VARIOUS BOARD POLICY UPDATED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION**

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved the attached revisions to various Board Policies updated by the North Carolina School Board Association. Dr. Stone read two public comments on policy 3200 concerning curriculum and 3120 concerning lesson plans, Educational Program Services are reviewing both comments.

### **INFORMATION- PERSONNEL MATTERS**

Dr. Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Human Resources, presented the attached personnel matters to the Board for information only.

### **ACTION-PERSONNEL MATTERS**

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

## **ACTION – BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Duane Knight, the Board unanimously approved the attached amendments to the State Public School Fund, Local Current Expense Fund, and Federal Expense Fund as presented by Karla Miller, Finance Director.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Darrell Pennell, Chairman, made the following announcements:

- 1) Board of Education Meeting – Monday, January 13, 2014 – Board Room- Education Center – 6:00 PM
- 2) Community Board Meeting – Monday, January 27, 2014 – West Caldwell High School – 6:00 PM
- 3) Special Board Meeting to Discuss a Real Estate Matter – Monday, December 16, 2013 at 8:30 AM.

## **CONVENE TO CLOSE SESSION**

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Tim Hawkins, Vice-Chairman,, the Board unanimously voted to convene to Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143.-318.11 (a) (5) to discuss a real estate matter at 7:25 PM.

## **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins, Vice-Chairman, and second by Joe Sims, the Board unanimously voted to reconvene to Open Session at 7:55 PM.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board and upon motion of Tim Hawkins, Vice-Chairman, and second by Dottie Darsie, and with unanimous approval of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

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Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education