

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

The Caldwell County Board of Education met at 7:00 PM on December 14, 2009, in the Board Room of the Education Center, Lenoir, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

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

Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell was absent.

The following administrative staff was present:

Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent  
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

Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

### **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Terri Garrou, 3rd Grade Teacher, gave the invocation and Andrew Barlow, Allison Bradshaw, Garret Penley and Karson Woodie, 3rd Grade Students, Hudson Elementary School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ACTION - AGENDA**

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously approved the proposed agenda with the following addition: Item XIII, Board Information/Possible Action, A, Board Retreat Discussion, was added as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

### **ACTION - MINUTES**

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the November 9, 2009, regular board meeting.

## **HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Dottie Darsie presented certificates and lapel pins to the following students displaying art at the Education Center for the month of December: Aaron Montejo, Reed Clawson and Lauren Wilson, Gamewell Elementary School; Kolby Fox, Joseph Suddreth, and Gwenivere Greene, Davenport A+ School; Anna Katherine Howard, Jileny Guevara and Brady Haislip, Granite Falls Elementary School; Luke Absher, MaKayla Helton and Bren Woods, Lower Creek Elementary School and Hudson Elementary School who submitted three pieces from a collaborative schoolwide effort, Will Baker, Art Instructor.

Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall presented a certificate and lapel pin to the following Model United Nation Winners: Summer Martin and Simonne Mahuex, Vietnam, Superior Delegation; Landon Huffman and Tyler Henry, Croatia, Superior Delegation; Savanna Brown and Clark Ogles, Austria, Superior Delegation, Tanner Dellinger and Christian Lovern, Russia, Best Delegation. South Caldwell High School Model United Nations Winners will be recognized next month.

Tim Hawkins presented a certificate and lapel pin to Terri Garrou, 3rd Grade Teacher, Hudson Elementary School, for her selection as the winner of the 2009 North Carolina Entomological Society for the Outstanding Elementary School Teachers Award.

Mike LaBrose presented a certificate and lapel pin to South Caldwell High School for winning the award for largest school team in the 2009 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. Christopher Hendel, 1st place Overall Male; Nick Snow, 1st place, 15-19 age group and Cody Whitson, 3rd place in the 15-19 age group.

Chris Becker presented certificates and lapel pins to the following North Carolina Honors Chorus winners: Jarod Bolick and Haley Wooten, Hudson Elementary School; and Madison Raby and Christina Steward, Hudson Middle School.

### **ACTION – RACE TO THE TOP MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously approved to sign and support the attached “Race to the Top” Memorandum of Understanding as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

### **ACTION – PROPOSED REVISION TO BOARD POLICY 3300, STUDENT CONDUCT, FOR A ONE MONTH COMMENT PERIOD**

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved to place the attached revisions to Board Policy 3300, Student Conduct, on a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

### **ACTION – ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved Vickie Sproul as the Principal of Gamewell Elementary School effective January 4, 2010, as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

### **ACTION - PERSONNEL MATTERS**

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

### **ACTION – STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS FOR 2009-2010**

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached student transfer requests for 2009-2010, as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resources Trish Johnson.

### **ACTION – BIDS FOR REPLACEMENT WINDOWS**

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Tim Hawkins, the board unanimously approved the attached bids for replacement windows at Baton Elementary, Davenport A+ Elementary, Granite Falls Elementary, Happy Valley Elementary, Hibriten High School, Hudson Middle School, Lower Creek Elementary, Valmead Elementary and Whitnel Elementary School as presented by Assistant Superintendent of Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church.

### **ACTION – LOTTERY APPLICATION FOR WINDOW REPLACEMENTS**

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously approved the attached Lottery Application for window replacements at Baton Elementary, Davenport A+ Elementary, Granite Falls Elementary, Happy Valley Elementary, Hibriten High School, Hudson Middle School, Lower Creek Elementary, Valmead Elementary and Whitnel Elementary School as presented by Assistant Superintendent of Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church.

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

Upon motion of Chris Becker and second by Mike LaBrose, the board unanimously approved the attached Qualified School Construction Bond Financing as presented by Assistant Superintendent of Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church.

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

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Chris Becker, 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 reported on the NCSBA 40th Annual Conference she recently attended and advised that the new Superintendent's Evaluation was discussed. Boards of education will be required to use the new instrument beginning July 2010. She also attended a workshop entitled "Use of School Facilities by Outside Use" where several sample policies were reviewed and areas of legality were discussed. The drop out rate was addressed and Dare County shared how they went from having one of the highest dropout rates in NC to one of the lowest. The key was attendance strategies and learning how to keep students in school.

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Chris Becker also attended the NCSBA 40th Annual Conference and noted that he was Caldwell County School's voting delegate this year. He attended a "Single Sex Education" workshop and commented that most of the information shared seemed to be contradicting as there was no supporting data as yet to show if these classes have been successful. He also attended a workshop where Currituck and Gates Counties were piloting a program whereby students in their junior year of high school were asked to serve on the board of education. The student serving on Currituck's board gave a presentation that was very impressive. Mr. Becker will share a copy of Currituck County's policy regarding this program at the next board retreat.

Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall reported on the three public forms that were held regarding the new Hibriten District middle school. She noted that all three forums were well attended and the public was in favor of building the new school. She noted that the board was very appreciative of County Commissioners Rob Bratcher, Don Barrier and Ron Beane attending these forums. The key points stated at each forum were: (1) the current William Lenoir Middle School will remain a school, (2) there is no intention of closing the K-8 schools, (3) the board will continue to focus on maintaining all the schools, not just William Lenoir, and (4) there will be no tax increase necessary in order to build the new school.

## **BOARD INFORMATION/POSSIBLE ACTION**

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously agreed to hold the next board retreat on Monday, January 25, 2010, at 3:00 PM in the Staff Development Room at the Education Center.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall announced the next regular board meeting on Monday, January 11, 2010, 7:00 PM in the Board Room of the Education Center.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the board and the unanimous approval of the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Signed:

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Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

Attest:

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Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education