

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Caldwell County Board of Education met at 7:00 PM on February 8, 2010, in the Board Room of the Education Center, Lenoir, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

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

Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell and Chris Becker were absent.

The following administrative staff members were 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
Karla Miller, Finance Officer
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

Dale Fisher, Executive Director, Caldwell Baptist Association, gave the invocation and Gabby Hawkins, 4th Grade Student, and Simon Hawkins, 1st Grade Student, Lower Creek Elementary School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION - AGENDA

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Tim Hawkins, the board unanimously approved the proposed agenda with the following changes: Item XIII, B.1, Proposed New Board Policy 4600 Interscholastic Coaches was revised and Item XIII, B.2, Revision to Board Policy 9120, School Volunteers, was deleted as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION - MINUTES

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the January 11, 2010, regular board meeting, the January 11, 2010, Closed Session, the January 25, 2010, Board Retreat, and the January 25, 2010, Closed Session.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Tim Hawkins presented a certificate and lapel pins to members of the Clergy Crisis Support Team of Caldwell County in recognition for celebrating its 10th anniversary on March 15, 2010.

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Linda Coffey 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 February: Ezekiel Stamey, Ryan Stone, and Jace Kemper, Granite Falls Middle School; Shelby Benfield, Lauren Bishop and Zack Woods, William Lenoir Middle School; Danielle Greer, Martha Vences, Kacie Greene; Gamewell Middle School; Caitlin Triplett, Abby Caldwell, Kolton Farr, Seth Teague, Marisol Flores, and Trent Peterkin, Hudson Middle School; Ralph Sperber, Horizons; Brittany Gragg, Early College High School and Hiram Aranda, Career Center Middle College High School.

INFORMATION – CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION UPDATE

Kathy Jo Eckard, CTE Director, updated the board on Career and Technical Education and presented a PowerPoint presentation on the various “Career Clusters” now offered through the Caldwell County Schools. Mr. Scott Settlemyer, Masonry Teacher, and student Cody Duncan, Senior, South Caldwell High School, gave a brief report about their participation in the ABC Television show “Extreme Homemaker Edition.” Mr. Settlemyer obtained an invitation to participate in remodeling a home for a teacher in Lexington, NC, in stage four colon cancer through his association with the North Carolina Masonry Contractors Association. Twenty-five masons and 25 students worked on the project and Mr. Settlemyer noted “it was an experience of a lifetime” for him and his student.

ACTION – PROPOSED NEW BOARD POLICY 4600, INTERSCHOLASTIC COACHES – ONE MONTH COMMENT PERIOD

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously approved to place the attached proposed new Board Policy 4600, Interscholastic Coaches, on a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – PROPOSED REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICY 3140, STUDENT ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY – ONE MONTH COMMENT PERIOD

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved to place the attached revisions to Board Policy 3140, Student Athletic Eligibility, on a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – PROPOSED 2010-2011 CALDWELL EARLY COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER MIDDLE COLLEGE CALENDAR – ONE MONTH COMMENT PERIOD

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Tim Hawkins, the board unanimously approved to place the attached proposed 2010-2011 Caldwell Early College and Career Center Middle College Calendar on a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – 2009-2010 GRADUATION DATE-CAREER CENTER MIDDLE COLLEGE

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Mike LaBrose, the board unanimously approved the 2009-2010 graduation date for the Career Center Middle College as Friday, May 21, 2010, as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – 2010-2011 TRADITIONAL SCHOOL CALENDAR

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously approved the attached 2010-2011 Traditional School Calendar following a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION - PERSONNEL MATTERS

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Linda Coffey, 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 Mike LaBrose, the board unanimously approved the attached student transfer requests for 2009-2010, as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services Trish Johnson.

ACTION – CALDWELL COUNTY PATHWAYS AGREEMENT

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Tim Hawkins, the board unanimously approved the attached Caldwell County Pathways Agreement as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church.

ACTION – 2009-2010 AUDIT CONTRACT

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Tim Hawkins, the board unanimously approved the attached 2009-2010 Audit Contract as presented by Finance Officer Karla Miller.

ACTION – BUDGET AMENDMENTS-STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND, FEDERAL GRANTS FUND, AND CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND

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

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Linda Coffey gave a brief overview regarding the visit to Lincoln County Middle School on January 27, 2010. She noted that several of the board members, Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone, Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church, and Libby Brown, School-Community Services Director, as well as two County Commissioners and County Manager Stan Kiser visited the school in order to obtain other options, costs savings ideas, etc., in regards to the proposed construction of a new Hibriten District Middle School. She reported on the pre-engineered structure and the cost effective boiler/chiller system being used in this school and advised that these items would be discussed in the next Facilities Committee meeting. She also expressed appreciation to the Superintendent of the Lincoln County School system for his warmth and hospitality.

Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall reported on the recent meeting of the Board of Education/County Commissioner Liaison Committee noting that Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone reported on the strategic goals planning efforts that are underway. The results will mirror the states plans and he hopes to present these goals to the board in May 2010. He also reported on the grant “Race to the Top” whereby Caldwell County Schools is set to receive \$370,000 if the grant is approved. Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church gave a facilities update to the committee and shared the status of the Hudson Elementary School and Sawmills Elementary School capital outlay projects. Vice-Chairman Dr. Hall also noted that some of the board members had planned a visit to Yadkin County middle schools, but the visit was postponed due to inclement weather. The visit will be rescheduled at a later date.

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Dottie Darsie reported on her recent trip to the National School Board Association's Federal Relations Network Conference in Washington, DC. There were several speakers who presented from the National School Board's Association, as well as the Secretary of Education Arney Duncan. She noted that everyone was cautiously optimistic about Washington getting the message regarding unnecessary costs to school systems and that some of our representatives are realizing the need to give local LEAs more flexibility in regards to different needs for different student populations. She also advised she was able to meet with all three members of Congress and was somewhat encouraged.

BOARD INFORMATION/POSSIBLE ACTION

Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone announced the make-up dates for the three school days missed due to inclement weather in January. Monday, February 15, Thursday, April 8 and Friday, April 9 will be used as make-up days. If we should miss a fourth day due to inclement weather, the next day taken will be the Memorial Day Holiday, Monday, May 31. These are the identified make-up days as approved on the 2009-10 traditional school calendar.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall announced the Community Board meeting on Monday, February 22, 2010, at Hibriten High School and the next regular board meeting on Monday, March 8, 2010, in the Board Room of the Education Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Tim Hawkins, the board unanimously declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Signed:

Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

Attest:

Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education