

Official Minutes of the Caldwell County Board of Education Meeting February 09, 2015

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

Dottie Darsie

Linda Coffey

Tim Hawkins

Joe Sims

Teresa Branch

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, Associate Superintendent for Auxiliary Services

David Johnson, Director of Finance

Ed Blair, Board Attorney

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chairman Pennell led the invocation for the Board. Students from Horizon Elementary School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION | APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon motion of Mr. Joe Sims, and seconded by Mrs. Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved the January 12, 2015, Regular Session Minutes and the January 12, 2015, Closed Session Minutes.

Upon motion of Ms. Linda Coffey, and seconded by Mrs. Teresa Branch, the Board unanimously approved the January 26, 2015, Community Board Meeting Minutes.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

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

- Art Gallery Students
- Caldwell County Middle School Spelling Bee Winners
- Million Word Readers: Bronwyn Talbert and Ella Harris
- Libby Brown, Community Services Director, has received a Blue Ribbon Award from the North Carolina School Public Relations Association for the special purpose publication *Parent Power*

ACTION-APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion of Mrs. Dottie Darsie, and seconded by Mr. Tim Hawkins, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Darrell Pennell opened the meeting for public comment. There was no public comment.

ACTION | PROPOSED BOARD POLICY REVISIONS | APPROVAL/ADOPTION FOLLOWING A ONE-MONTH PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD | PRESENTED BY DR. STEVE STONE, SUPERINTENDENT

Upon motion of Mrs. Dottie Darsie, and seconded by Mrs. Teresa Branch, the Board unanimously approved/adopted the following Board Policies following a 30 day comment period: 1510-4200-7270, 1710-4021-7230, 1720-4015-7225, 3210, 3225-4312-7320, 3320, 3410, 3420, 4050, 4202-5029-7272, 4235-6130-7263, 5070-7350, 5120, 6200, 6210, 6220, 6225, 6230 New, 6230, 7265, 7420, 7425, 7950, 9020, 9120, and 9220.

ACTION | APPROVAL FOR A ONE-MONTH PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD | PRESENTED BY DR. STEVE STONE, SUPERINTENDENT

Upon motion of Mr. Tim Hawkins, and seconded by Mrs. Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved the following Board Policy for a 30 day comment period: 3621 | Student Athletic Eligibility (revision.)

Upon motion of Mr. Joe Sims, and seconded by Ms. Linda Coffey, the Board unanimously approved the following Board Policy for a 30 day comment period: 4201/7271 | Injury and Loss Prevention (adoption.)

Upon motion of Mrs. Dottie Darsie, and seconded by Mrs. Teresa Branch, the Board unanimously approved the following calendars for a 30 day comment period: 2015-2016 Traditional Calendar and the 2015-2016 Caldwell Early College High School Calendar/Career Center Middle College Calendar.

INFORMATION/ACTION | PERSONNEL MATTERS | PRESENTED BY DR. TRISH JOHNSON, ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT FOR HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES

The attached personnel matters were presented to the Board for information only.

Upon motion of Mrs. Teresa Branch, and seconded by Mr. Tim Hawkins, the Board unanimously approved the attached personnel matters.

ACTION | 2014-2015 STUDENT TRANSFER REQUEST | PRESENTED BY DR. TRISH JOHNSON, ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT FOR HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES

Upon motion of Mr. Tim Hawkins, and seconded by Mrs. Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved the attached student transfer request for the 2014-2015 school year.

ACTION | APPROVAL OF ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS' LOCAL ACCOUNTABILITY | PRESENTED BY DR. CARYL BURNS, ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM SERVICES

Upon motion of Mr. Tim Hawkins, and seconded by Mrs. Teresa Branch, the Board unanimously approved the Alternative Schools' Local Accountability Option C for Horizons Elementary and Gateway School.

ACTION | AUXILIARY SERVICES | PRESENTED BY DR. JEFF CHURCH, ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT FOR AUXILIARY SERVICES

Upon motion of Mrs. Dottie Darsie, and seconded by Ms. Linda Coffey, the Board unanimously approved the 5 year Systel Business Equipment Copier Lease for the district.

Upon motion of Mrs. Teresa Branch, and seconded by Mr. Joe Sims, the Board unanimously approved the HVAC replacement bids for the Education Center. Hickory Sheet Metal presented the lowest bid.

ACTION | FINANCE | PRESENTED BY DAVID JOHNSON, FINANCE OFFICER

Upon motion of Mrs. Teresa Branch, and seconded by Mrs. Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved the following Budget Amendments: (9) State Public School Fund, (10) Federal Grant Fund, (11) Special Grant Fund, and (12) Capital Outlay Fund.

INFORMATION | BOARD

Mrs. Dottie Darsie reported on the National School Board Association (NSBA) Advocacy Institute Conference.

INFORMATION | PRESENTED BY DR. STEVE STONE, SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Stone reported that West Lenoir Elementary School Principal, Amy Lowman has requested a temporary medical leave of absence. Dr. Helen Hall will be serving in her stead.

A-F grades for schools have been release by the State. We are advocating for change in the State's grading system.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Darrell Pennell made the following announcements:

- **Education Summit** | February 20, 2015 | Hibriten High School
- **Board Meeting** |March 09, 2015 | Education Center | Art Gallery 5:45 PM | Board Meeting 6:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board and upon motion of Mr. Tim Hawkins, and second by Mrs. Teresa Branch, and with unanimous approval of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Signed:

Attest:

Darrell Pennell, Chairman,
Caldwell County Board of Education

Dr. Steve Stone, Secretary,
Caldwell County Board of Education