

Official Minutes of the Caldwell County Board of Education Meeting March 10, 2014

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
Dr. Helen Hall
Linda Coffey
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
Libby Brown, School Community Relations Director
Ed Blair, School Board Attorney

OPENING CEREMONIES

Dr. Caryl Burns, Associate Superintendent gave the invocation. Collettsville School students, Chloe Blair, Kayle Hardin, and Boyd Hindman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION-APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved the agenda with the following revisions, deletion of item XVI; Closed Session.

ACTION | APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon motion of Duane Knight and second by Tim Hawkins, Vice-Chairman, the Board unanimously approved the February 10, 2014, Regular Session Minutes, and the February 10, 2014, Closed Session Minutes.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

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

- Education Center Art Gallery Students
- Jacob Houck, Sophomore at West Caldwell High School, Won the NC 2A Wrestling Championship in the 126 lb. Weight Division
- Caleb Wooten, Junior at West Caldwell High School, Placed 3rd in the State in the 190 lb. Weight Division at the NC 2A Wrestling Competition
- 25 Caldwell County Middle School Students Who Have Read Over 1 Million Words During The First Semester
- South Caldwell High School State Beta Winners
- Hibriten High School's American Field Service (AFS Club) has Received National Recognition

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS WEEK AND NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELORS WEEK

Jill Duffy, Student Support Services recognized National School Social Workers Week and National School Counseling Week. Mrs. Duffy commended all of Caldwell County Schools' Councilors and Social Workers.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION UPDATE

Kathy Jo Eckard, CTE Director and CTE Teachers, Patty Ramsey and Gina Kincaid presented a Career and Technical Education update.

ACTION | APPROVAL OF PROPOSED REVISION TO BOARD POLICIES 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, AND 1800 GOVERNING PRINCIPLES | FOR ADOPTION

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Dr. Helen Hall, the Board unanimously approved the attached policies for adoption, as presented by Dr. Stone, Superintendent.

ACTION | 2014-2015 SCHOOL CALENDARS | FOR APPROVAL

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Joe Sims, the Board unanimously approved the Traditional and the Early College/Middle College 2014-2015 school calendars.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins, Vice-Chairman, and second by Duane Knight, the Board unanimously approved Steve O. Soots as the Director of the Caldwell County Schools' Maintenance Department, effective March 01, 2014.

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 Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved the attached personnel matters, as presented by Dr. Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Human Resource

ACTION – STUDENT TRANSFER REQUEST FOR 2013-2014

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Tim Hawkins, Vice-Chairman, the Board unanimously approved the attached student transfer request for 2013-2014, as presented by Dr. Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Human Resources.

ACTION | BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins, Vice-Chairman, and second by Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved the attached amendments to the State Public School Fund and Federal Grants Fund, as presented by Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent.

2013-2014 AUDIT CONTRACT

Upon motion of Duane Knight and second by Joe Sims, the Board unanimously approved the 203-2014 Audit Contract from Boggs, Crump & Brown, P.A., as presented by Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent.

BOARD INFORMATION

Dottie Darsie presented information from the National School Board Association Advocacy Institute Conference.

Joe Sims presented information from the North Carolina School Board Association School Board 101 Training.

SUPERINTENDENT'S INFORMATION

In honor of School Board Appreciation Month, the Board was presented with cards made by Caldwell County Schools' Wrap-Around program.

Dr. Stone announced February 20 and March 28 as make-up days for the school system.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Darrell Pennell, Chairman, made the following announcements:

- **Ground Breaking Ceremony** for the new William Lenoir Middle School will be February 15, 2014 at 4:00 PM.
- **Board of Education Meeting** | March 10, 2014 | Education Center | 6:00 PM
- **Board Work Session** | March 24, 2014 | South Caldwell High School | 3:00 PM
- **Community Board Meeting** | March 24, 2014 | South Caldwell High School | 6:00 PM

CONVENE TO CLOSE SESSION

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins, Vice-Chairman, and second by Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously voted to convene to Closed Session at 7:01 PM pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143.-318.11 (a) (3) to discuss Garrison vs. Caldwell County Schools Board of Education and Dr. Steve Stone.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Tim Hawkins, Vice-Chairman, the Board unanimously voted to reconvene to Open Session at 7:32 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board and upon motion of Joe Sims, and second by Tim Hawkins, Vice-Chairman, and with unanimous approval of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Signed:

Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

Attest:

Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education