

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

The Caldwell County Board of Education met at 7:00 PM on January 8, 2007, in the Board Room of the Education Center, Lenoir, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

Dottie Darsie, Chairman  
Dr. Sharon S. Pennell, Vice-Chairman  
Chris Becker  
Mike LaBrose  
Linda Coffey  
Dr. Helen Hall  
Ed Blair, School Board Attorney

Tim Hawkins was absent.

The following administrative staff were present:

Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent  
Donnie Bassinger, Associate Superintendent for Auxiliary Services  
Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Human Resources  
Dr. Caryl Burns, Associate Superintendent for Educational Services  
Bob Query, Finance Officer  
Ervil Anderson, Director of Student Support Services  
Libby Brown, School-Community Relations Director

Chairman Dottie Darsie called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Dottie Darsie opened the meeting for public comment. There was no public comment.

### **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Meredith Belton, Teacher of the Year, Whitnel School, gave the invocation. Trent Peterkin and Kandace Pennell, 3rd Grade Students, Whitnel School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ACTION - AGENDA**

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the proposed agenda as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

### **ACTION - MINUTES**

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the December 4, 2006 regular board meeting, the December 19, 2006 special session and the December 19, 2006 closed session.

## **HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Chairman Dottie Darsie presented a plaque and certificate of appreciation to Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell for her service as Chairman to the Caldwell County Board of Education.

Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone presented a certificate of appreciation to the Caldwell County Board of Education in compliance with the North Carolina School Board Association's designation of the month of January as school board appreciation month. Several of the schools throughout the county also honored board members with cards and tokens of appreciation.

Mike LaBrose presented certificates of achievement to Jayson Miller, Junior, Hibriten High School in recognition for placing 1st in the 2AA Division at the Western Regional Chess Championship and to the Hibriten High School Chess Team for placing 1st in the 2AA Division at the Western Regional Chess Championship.

Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell presented a certificate of achievement to Peter Slivka, Senior, South Caldwell High School, for placing 1st in the 4A Division at the Western Regional Chess Championship.

Linda Coffey presented certificates of achievement to Dustin Hartley, Junior, West Caldwell High School, for placing 2nd in the 2AA Division, Tim Balls, Freshman, West Caldwell High School, for placing 3rd and the West Caldwell High School Chess Team for placing 2nd in the 2AA Division at the Western Regional Chess Championship.

Dr. Helen Hall presented a certificate of achievement to the South Caldwell High School Quiz Bowl Team in recognition for scoring 1435 out of 2000 in the 2006 Fall Knowledge Master Open.

## **INFORMATION – UPDATE ON WRAPAROUND PROGRAM**

Mary Kidder, Director, WrapAround Program, updated the board regarding the recent financial re-alignment of the program and budget.

## **ACTION – PROPOSED BOARD POLICY 1345 – BOARD MEMBER SERVICE**

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously approved to extend the comment period on Policy 1345, Board Member Services, attached, for an additional thirty days due to language revisions for possible approval at the February board meeting as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

## **ACTION – PROPOSED 2007-2008 SCHOOL CALENDAR-ONE-MONTH COMMENT PERIOD**

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell, the board unanimously approved to place the attached 2007-2008 proposed school calendar on a one-month comment period for possible approval at the February 12, 2007 board meeting as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

## **ACTION - PERSONNEL MATTERS**

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached personnel matters as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resources Trish Johnson.

## **ACTION – APPROVAL OF BEGINNING TEACHER SUPPORT PLAN**

Upon motion of Linda Coffey and second by Dr. Helen Hall, the board approved the attached Beginning Teacher Support Plan as presented by Adrienne McKinnon, Professional Development Coordinator.

## **ACTION – LOTTERY FUNDS DISTRIBUTION AND BIDS FOR AIR CONDITIONING, BOILER AND CHILLER REPLACEMENTS**

Upon motion of Chris Becker and second by Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell, the board unanimously approved the distribution of lottery funds as presented by Associate Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Donnie Bassinger. Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Linda Coffey the board unanimously approved the attached bids for air conditioning, boiler and chiller replacements as presented by Associate Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Donnie Bassinger.

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

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached budget amendments for State Public School Fund, Local Current Expense Fund and Federal Grants Fund as presented by Finance Officer Bob Query.

## **ACTION – STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS FOR 2006-2007**

Upon motion of Chris Becker and second by Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell, the board unanimously approved the attached student transfer requests for 2006-2007 as presented by Student Support Services Director Ervil Anderson.

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

Chairman Dottie Darsie gave a brief report regarding the recent Board/County Commissioner Liaison Committee meeting. The two topics of discussion were the furnishings for the Early College High School and to schedule a time to discuss general projections for the needs of the school system.

## **BOARD REPORTS/INFORMATION/POSSIBLE ACTION**

Chairman Dottie Darsie reviewed the board placements for the 2007 Board Committee assignments and announced that the April 9, 2007 board meeting would be moved to April 2, 2007 due to Easter Monday falling on the 9th per the attached revised board meeting schedule.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Dottie Darsie announced the new board member orientation to be held February 8, 2007, 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM, in the Superintendent's Office at the Education Center, the next regular board meeting on Monday, February 12, 2007, 7:00 PM in the Board Room of the Education Center and the Community Board Meeting at South Caldwell High School, Monday, February 26, 2007 at 7:00 PM.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the board, and upon motion of Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell, second by Linda Coffey, and the unanimous approval of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

Attest:

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Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education