

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Caldwell County Board of Education met at 6:00 PM on January 9, 2012, in the Board Room of the Education Center, Lenoir, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

Chairman Darrell Pennell
Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins
Teresa Branch
Linda Coffey
Dottie Darsie
Dr. Helen Hall
Duane Knight

The following administrative staff members were present:

Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent
Dr. Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Human Resource 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

Dr. Caryl B. Burns, Associate Superintendent for Educational Program Services, was absent.

Chairman Darrell Pennell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Reverend Sam Craven, Pastor, Union Grove Baptist Church and member of the Caldwell County Schools Clergy Crisis Support Team, gave the invocation. Cub Scout Pack #260, Granite Falls Elementary School, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ACTION – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins and second by Dr. Helen Hall, the board unanimously approved the proposed agenda as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins and second by Dr. Helen Hall, the board unanimously approved the December 12, 2011, Regular Board Meeting minutes.

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the December 12, 2011, Closes Session minutes.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

School Community Services Director Libby Brown announced the "Student Spotlight" recipient, Julianna Martinez, Senior at Hibriten High School. A video was viewed by the board and audience outlining Julianna's accomplishments and a certificate and lapel pin were presented to Julianna by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone and the members of the Caldwell County Board of Education.

School Community Services Director Libby Brown announced the 17 new National Board Certified teachers awarded by the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards. A "gold star," certificate and lapel pin were presented to the following individuals by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone and the members of the Caldwell County Board of Education:

Kyle Dunn	West Caldwell High School
Celine Ellison	Hudson Middle
Jessica Greer	Collettsville School
Mariel Head	Granite Falls Middle
Frances Houston	William Lenoir Middle
Dawn Lowman	Granite Falls Middle
Monica Martin	Granite Falls Middle
Amy Mashburn	Hudson Elementary
Dawn McDaniel	Whitnel Elementary
Donna Nichols	Dudley Shoals Elementary
Melissa Philyaw	Collettsville School
Dabney Smith	Davenport A+ School
Traci Snyder	Hudson Elementary
Bryan Speagle	Granite Falls Middle
Tara Tucker	Granite Falls Middle
Jeanie Walker	Collettsville School
Diane West	Dudley Shoals Elementary

School Community Services Director Libby Brown announced the following individuals for honors and recognitions and a certificate and lapel pin were presented to recipients by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone and the members of the Caldwell County Board of Education:

- NC Rehabilitation Association Employers of the Year: City of Lenoir, Gravely's Hometown Brand and Days Gone By. Vanessa Mitchell, Vocational Rehabilitation Coordinator, also presented each employer with a plaque provided by the NC Rehabilitation Association.
- Sherry January, Hudson Middle School, Chorus Director, Richard Keasler Middle School Teacher of the Year Award
- Lower Creek Elementary, 2010-2011 North Carolina President's Challenge Physical Fitness and Sports Award, Kathy Terrell, PE Instructor

Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone recognized some of the participants from the 2011-2012 AP Development Class: Lowell Rogers, Paul Scherer, Kelly Smith, Julie Hall, Meredith Belk and Kim Case, stating that one of the requirements of the class is to attend a board of education meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ACTION – RESOLUTION – SCHOOL PAY DATE PROVISIONS

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously approved the attached resolution regarding the school pay date provisions defined in House Bill 720 as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – LETTER TO NCHSAA REGARDING REALIGNMENT ISSUES

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Dr. Helen Hall, the board unanimously approved the attached letter to the North Carolina High School Athletic Association regarding realignment issues as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – PROPOSED BOARD POLICY REVISIONS TO 3301, AUTHORITY OF SCHOOL PERSONNEL, 3400, STUDENT DUE PROCESS, 4310, COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES, 5200, EMPLOYMENT OF ADMINISTRATORS AND 6110, HIRING PROCEDURES FOLLOWING A ONE MONTH COMMENT PERIOD

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Teresa Branch, the board unanimously approved the attached proposed revisions to Board Policy 3301, Authority of School Personnel, following a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Duane Knight, the board unanimously approved the attached proposed revisions to Board Policy 3400, Student Due Process, following a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached proposed revisions to Board Policy 4310, Community Use of School Facilities, following a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Dr. Helen Hall, Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins, Duane Knight and Chairman Darrell Pennell, the board approved the attached revisions to Board Policy 5200, Employment of Administrators, following a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone. Teresa Branch and Linda Coffey opposed the motion.

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Dottie Darsie, Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins, Duane Knight and Chairman Darrell Pennell, the board approved the attached revisions to Board Policy 6110, Hiring Procedures, following a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone. Teresa Branch and Linda Coffey opposed the motion.

INFORMATION – PERSONNEL MATTERS

Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services Dr. Trish Johnson presented the attached personnel matters to the board for information only.

ACTION – PERSONNEL MATTERS

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached personnel matters as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services Dr. Trish Johnson.

ACTION – STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS FOR 2011-2012

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached student transfer requests for 2011-2012 as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services Dr. Trish Johnson.

ACTION – BIDS FOR CALDWELL HERITAGE MUSEUM BUILDING

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Teresa Branch, the board unanimously approved the attached low bid for roof replacement to Conover Construction for the Caldwell Heritage Museum as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church.

ACTION – 2012-2013 SCHOOL CALENDARS

Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone explained the three calendar options as follows concerning the 2012-2013 Traditional School Calendar:

OPTION 1: 180 Student Day Calendar – This is a "traditional" calendar that would take affect should the General Assembly remove the five additional instructional days.

OPTION 2: 180 Student Day Calendar with Waiver Approval – This calendar would take affect if the State Board of Education approves the waiver submitted by the district requesting the five instructional days be waived. In lieu of the five days, two mandatory "Common Core" staff development days are included and ten minutes has been added to the school day.

OPTION 3: 185 Student Day Calendar – This calendar would take affect should the General Assembly maintain that five additional instructional days be added to school calendars.

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Teresa Branch, the board unanimously approved to place the attached three draft traditional school calendars on one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND, LOCAL CURRENT EXPENSE FUND AND FEDERAL GRANTS FUND

Upon motion of Teresa Branch and second by Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins, the board unanimously approved the attached budget amendments to the State Public School Fund, Local Current Expense Fund and the Federal Grants Fund as presented by Finance Officer Karla Miller.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no board committee reports.

BOARD INFORMATION/POSSIBLE ACTION

There was no board information and/or possible action.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Darrell Pennell announced the Community Board meeting on Monday, January 30, 2012, 6:00 PM at South Caldwell High School, a work session at 4:00 PM on Monday, February 13, 2012, in the Staff Development Room of the Education Center and the next regular board meeting on Monday, February 13, 2012, 6:00 PM in the Board Room of the Education Center.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board and upon motion of Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins, second by Duane Knight, and the unanimous approval of the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Signed:

Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

Attest:

Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education