

Official Minutes of the Caldwell County Board of Education Meeting January 13, 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
Karla Miller, Finance Director
Libby Brown, School Community Relations Director
Ed Blair, School Board Attorney

OPENING CEREMONIES

Duane Knight, Board Member gave the invocation. Oak Hill School students, David Moore and Steven Spears led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION-APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion of Duane Knight and second by Dr. Helen Hall, the Board unanimously approved the agenda.

ACTION | APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Linda Coffey, the Board unanimously approved the December 09, 2013 Regular Session Minutes, and the December 09, 2013, Closed Session Board of Education Minutes.

ACTION | APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Joe Sims, the Board unanimously approved the December 16, 2013 Special Session Minutes.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

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

- The “Rescue My Desk” giveaway winners, Kim King, Oak Hill School and Melanie Roland, Happy Valley School (Contest sponsored by Anything Office, Inc. of Lenoir)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Darrell Pennell, Chairman, opened the meeting for public comment. Lower Creek Elementary School student, Gwyneth Frye addressed the Board in reference to item XII. A (1) (a) Naming of the New Middle School Building. Ms. Frye was lobbying in support of maintaining the existing name, “William Lenoir Middle School.”

HISTORY OF FREEDMAN AND WILLIAM LENOIR MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dr. Helen Hall and Libby Brown presented the history of Freedman School and its transition to William Lenoir Middle School. They spoke to why the name William Lenoir means so much to the people of Caldwell County.

ACTION | APPROVAL OF PROPOSED REVISION TO BOARD POLICIES 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, AND 1800 GOVERNING PRINCIPLES | 30 DAY COMMENT PERIOD

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Tim Hawkins, Vice-Chairman, the Board unanimously approved the attached policies for thirty-day public comment period, as presented by Dr. Stone, Superintendent.

ACTION | 2014-2015 SCHOOL CALENDARS | 30 DAY COMMENT PERIOD

Upon motion of Duane Knight and second by Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved the Traditional and the Early College/Middle College 2014-2015 school calendars for a thirty-day comment period.

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 Joe Sims, 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 Duane Knight and second by Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved the attached student transfer request for 2013-2014, as presented by Dr. Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Human Resources.

ACTION | CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR THE NEW MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Duane Knight, the Board unanimously approved the attached bid from Hickory Construction Company for the construction of the new middle school, as presented by Dr. Jeff Church, Assistant Superintend for Auxiliary Services.

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Tim Hawkins, Vice-Chairman, the Board unanimously approved \$14,550,348.00 and the transference of \$50,000.00 from interest earnings from previous projects, into the budget for the new middle school project, as presented by Dr. Jeff Church, Assistant Superintend for Auxiliary Services.

ACTION | BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Duane Knight, the Board unanimously approved the attached amendments to the State Public School Fund and Capital Outlay Fund as presented by Karla Miller, Finance Director.

ACTION | NAMING OF THE NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously voted to maintain the name, “William Lenoir Middle School” for the new middle school being constructed next to Hibriten High School.

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Duane Knight, the Board unanimously approved naming the entrance road into the new school, “Wildcat Trail.”

ASSIGNMENT OF BOARD COMMITTEES

Darrell Pennell, Chairman, announced the 2014 Board Committees assignments. (See Attached)

CONVENE TO CLOSE SESSION

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins, Vice-Chairman, and second by Dr. Helen Hall, the Board unanimously voted to convene to Closed Session at 6:41 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Darrell Pennell, Chairman, made the following announcements:

- **Community Board Meeting** | January 27, 2014 | West Caldwell High School | 6:00 PM, Community Meeting
- **Board of Education Meeting** | February 10, 2014 | Education Center | 5:45 PM, Student Art Gallery Reception | 6:00 PM, Board Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board and upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall, and second by Tim Hawkins, Vice-Chairman, and with unanimous approval of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Signed:

Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

Attest:

Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education