

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

The Caldwell County Board of Education met at 7:00 PM on January 14, 2008, in the Board Room of the Education Center, Lenoir, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

Chairman Dottie Darsie  
Vice Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell  
Chris Becker  
Linda Coffey  
Dr. Helen Hall  
Tim Hawkins  
Mike LaBrose

The following administrative staff was present:

Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent  
Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services  
Donnie Bassinger, Associate Superintendent for Auxiliary Services  
Dr. Caryl Burns, Associate Superintendent for Educational Program Services  
Bob Query, Finance Officer  
Libby Brown, School-Community Relations Director  
Ed Blair, School Board Attorney, Groome, Tuttle, Pike and Blair

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.

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone announced that the month of January is Board of Education Appreciation Month. Sue Gilbert with the TransLife Class at Hibriten High School and Sha-Kre Bonilla, student at Hibriten High School, honored the board with baskets made by the students in the TransLife, Life Skills and Occupational Course of Study classes at Hibriten High School.

Herb Greene, Chairman of the Caldwell County Board of County Commissioners, also addressed the board and expressed his appreciation on behalf of the Caldwell County Board of County Commissioners for the hard work of the board of education members and the successful collaboration the board and the county commissioners have enjoyed.

### **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Dana Shook, 3rd Grade Teacher, Sawmills Elementary School, gave the invocation and Cody Ayers and Dakota Helderman, SAY Students at South Caldwell High School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ACTION - AGENDA**

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

## **ACTION - MINUTES**

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Mike LaBrose, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the December 10, 2007, Regular Board Meeting, and the December 10, 2007, Closed Session.

## **HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Chairman Dottie Darsie, the Caldwell County Board of Education and Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone presented a certificate and lapel pin to the following 2007 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certified Teachers: Heather Childress, Baton School; Angela Longano and Denise Schulz, Granite Falls Elementary School; Margaret Martine and Jonathan White, Hibriten High School; Tamara Herman, Jennifer Lail and Joan Renfro, Hudson Elementary School; Scott Schreiber, Hudson Middle School; Susan McFarland, Kings Creek Elementary School; Nancy Mitchell and Dana Shook, Sawmills Elementary School; Nancy Hiatt, Rebekah Keith, Rebecca Mckercher and Amy Todd-Paine, South Caldwell High School; Melissa Wilcox, Valmead Elementary School; Curtis Cloaninger and Brenda Kimberlin, West Caldwell High School; Meredith Belton and Tami Shook-Carter, Whitnel Elementary School and Jamie Lewis and Rachel Main, William Lenoir Middle School.

Tim Hawkins presented a certificate and lapel pin to the following Model United Nations Competition winners from William Lenoir Middle School: Kady Braswell, Molly Owens, 7th Grade, Michael Burgess, Will Long, Brian Vu and Josh McMenemy, 8th Grade, Superior Delegation Award and Aja Bailey and Brandon Oxford, 8th Grade, Excellent Delegation Award.

Mike LaBrose presented a certificate and lapel pin to the following recipients of the High School Chess Team Awards: Hibriten High School Chess Team, North Carolina 2AA Chess Championship winners and also placed second in the 2AA Class at the North Carolina Western Regional; Kevin Chuang, Senior, Hibriten High School, First Place in the state tournament with a 4-0 score; Jason Miller, Senior, Hibriten High School, Second Place in the Western Regional Tournament; West Caldwell High School Chess Team, First Place in the 2007 Western Regional Tournament and Matt Embler, Sophomore, West Caldwell High School, First Place Individual Award in the 2007 Western Regional Tournament.

Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell presented a certificate and lapel pin to the South Caldwell High School Quiz Bowl Team in recognition for placing first in Western North Carolina and fourth in the state.

Chris Becker presented a certificate and lapel pin to Steve Brooks, Director of the Sovereign Alliance for Youth (SAY) Program and the SAY Students at South Caldwell High School in recognition for outstanding dedication and achievement in the area of Juvenile Justice by the Governor's Crime Commission, North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety.

## **HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Linda Coffey presented a certificate and lapel pin to Pat Triplett, Director, Education Foundation of Caldwell County, in recognition for her selection as the first recipient of the "Lifelong Learning Award" sponsored by Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation.

## **INFORMATION – PROTECTING THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY: AED'S**

Alicia Stanislaw, School Nurse, and Tommy Courtner and Kenneth Teague, Caldwell County Emergency Services, gave a PowerPoint presentation to the board regarding Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and their function and importance to the Caldwell County Schools. Two AEDs are currently housed at each high school.

## **ACTION – 2007-2008 GRADUATION DATES**

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell, the board unanimously approved Friday, June 6, 2008, as the graduation date for our regular high schools and Friday, May 23, 2008, as the Caldwell County Career Center Middle College graduation date.

## **ACTION - PERSONNEL MATTERS**

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached personnel matters as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services Trish Johnson.

## **ACTION – BIDS FOR WINDOW REPLACEMENTS – VARIOUS SCHOOLS**

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the bid awarded to Davidson Sash for window replacements at Baton Elementary, Collettsville Elementary, Gamewell Middle, Granite Falls Middle, Hudson Middle, Oak Hill Elementary, Sawmills Elementary and Whitnel Elementary Schools as presented by Associate Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Donnie Bassinger.

## **ACTION – WINDOW REPLACEMENTS – VARIOUS SCHOOLS**

Upon motion of Linda Coffey and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously approved the window replacements for Baton Elementary, Collettsville Elementary, Gamewell Middle, Granite Falls Middle, Hudson Middle, Oak Hill Elementary, Sawmills Elementary and Whitnel Elementary Schools as presented by Associate Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Donnie Bassinger.

## **ACTION – BIDS FOR BUILDING ADDITION TO EDUCATION CENTER**

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Dr. Helen Hall, the board unanimously approved the bid awarded to Carolina Shelter Construction for the building addition to the Education Center as presented by Associate Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Donnie Bassinger.

## **ACTION – BUDGET AMENDMENTS – STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND, FEDERAL GRANTS FUND AND CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND**

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

**ACTION – STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS FOR 2007-2008**

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously approved the attached student transfer requests for 2007-2008, as presented by Associate Superintendent for Educational Program Services, Dr. Caryl Burns.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell gave a brief report regarding the last meeting of the Board of Education/County Commissioner Liaison Committee meeting. She reported that the Early College is making progress and is on schedule, the underground aquifers in Happy Valley were discussed and a tentative budget timeline was set.

**BOARD INFORMATION/POSSIBLE ACTION**

Chairman Dottie Darsie issued the attached 2008 Board Committee Assignments and the attached 2008-2009 Board Meetings notice.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Dottie Darsie announced the next regular board meeting on Monday, February 11, 2008, 7:00 PM in the Board Room of the Education Center, the Community Board Meeting, Monday, February 25, 2008, at South Caldwell High School and the Board of Education Spring Board Retreat, Thursday, March 20, 2008, 4:00 PM in the Staff Development Room of the Education Center.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Dr. Helen Hall, the board unanimously agreed to go into Closed Session at 8:03 PM pursuant to N.C.G.S. Section 143-318.11 (A) (5). No action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously agreed to adjourn the Closed Session at 8:50 PM. There being no further business to come before the board and upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM.

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Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

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Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education