

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Caldwell County Board of Education met on January 27, 2014, at 6:00 PM for a Community Board Meeting at West Caldwell High School.

The following members were present:

Darrell Pennell, Chairman
Tim Hawkins, Vice-Chairman
Dottie Darsie
Dr. Helen Hall
Linda Coffey
Joe Sims

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
Libby Brown, School/Community Services Director
Karla Miller, Finance Director
Vickie Sproul, Director, Elementary School Curriculum
Keith Hindman, Director, Middle School Curriculum
Kathy Chandler, Administrative Assistant

Darrell Pennell, Chairman, called meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. in the Theatre of West Caldwell High School

OPENING CEREMONIES

Darrell Pennell, Chairman, welcomed the community and thanked Jeff Link, Principal, West Caldwell High School, for hosting the meeting.

Jeff Link, Principal, West Caldwell High School, welcomed the community to West Caldwell High School and thanked the Board, the community, feeder schools, staff members, and students for taking the time to attend the meeting.

INVOCATION

Dr. Helen Hall introduced Casey Cannon, First Grade Teacher, Whitnel Elementary School, who gave the invocation.

COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent, thanked the community, staff and students for attending the meeting and introduced the Education Center Staff.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Joe Sims introduced students from the West Caldwell High School, NJROTC Color Guard Unit for the Presentation of Colors and the West Caldwell Chorus, who sang *The National Anthem*.

Also introduced were students from the Gamewell Middle School Student Council, who led *The Pledge of Allegiance*.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Dottie Darsie recognized the following elementary and K- 8 school principals who presented their attached School Improvement Plans: Collettsville School, Craig Styron, Principal; Gamewell Elementary School, Charmion Frizzell, Principal; Horizons Elementary School, Teresa Hartley, Principal; West Lenoir Elementary, Kristy Hollar, Principal; Whitnel Elementary School, Andy Berry, Principal.

Linda Coffey recognized the following middle and high school principals who presented their attached School Improvement Plans: Gamewell Middle School, Dr. Michael Wyant, Principal and West Caldwell High School, Jeff Link, Principal.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Darrell Pennell, Chairman, opened the meeting for public comment.

Dr. John Thuss thanked the School Board for all their hard work in the planning of the new middle school and urged the Board to keep things equal throughout the District. Dr. Thuss thanked the Maintenance Department and Dr. Jeff Church for their fast work in taking care of the dry weather spring that formed under the football field.

He requested that the Board keep West Caldwell High School in mind when discussing next year's budget. He stated that the school does not have enough practice fields and the school is in need of a second entrance.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Tim Hawkins, Vice-Chairman, introduced special presentations by Gamewell Elementary School, West Lenoir Elementary School, and Collettsville School.

RECOGNITIONS

Darrell Pennell, Chairman, thanked everyone for the wonderful job they did with the musical presentations and recognized Horizons Elementary School ushers, and the student art display by Horizons Elementary School, Gamewell Elementary School, Gamewell Middle School, West Lenoir Elementary School, and West Caldwell High School.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board and upon motion of Tim Hawkins, Vice-Chairman, and second by Dr. Helen Hall the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

Signed _____
Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

Attest: _____
Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education