

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Caldwell County Board of Education met on January 30, 2012, at 6:00 PM for a community board meeting at South Caldwell High School.

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. Caryl Burns, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Dr. Jeff Church, Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services
Libby Brown, School/Community Services Director
Karla Miller, Assistant Finance Officer
Katrina McEllen, Director, High School Curriculum
Keith Hindman, Director, Middle School Curriculum
Stephen Martin, Director, Elementary School Curriculum

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

OPENING CEREMONIES

After a presentation by the "Hudson Hornet Horns," directed by Leah Spicer, Chairman Darrell Pennell welcomed the community and thanked Mike Peake, Principal, South Caldwell High School, for hosting the meeting.

Mike Peake, Principal, South Caldwell High School, also welcomed the community to the home of the Spartans and thanked the board, the community, and feeder school staff members and students for taking the time to attend the meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone thanked the community, staff and students for attending the meeting, and introduced the following staff members from the Education Center: Dr. Jeff Church, Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services, Dr. Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services, Dr. Caryl Burns, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Libby Brown, School/Community Services Director, Karla Miller, Finance Officer, Katrina McEllen, Director of High School Curriculum, Keith Hindman, Director of Middle School Curriculum, Stephen Martin, Director of Elementary Curriculum, and Dawn Weese, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent. He noted how proud he is of our school system and administrators and how much he appreciates the time taken to showcase our student talent.

INVOCATION

Teresa Branch introduced Micki Thurman, Teacher Assistant, 2nd Grade, Dudley Shoals Elementary School, who gave the invocation.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS/THE NATIONAL ANTHEM/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Linda Coffey introduced the South Caldwell High School NJROTC who presented the Presentation of Colors, directed by Lieutenant Colonel Hank Winn and Senior Chief Arnold Correll; the Granite Falls Middle School Chorus, who performed the National Anthem, directed by Shay Barnes; and Karson Jackson, Caitlin Finley and Colton Hartley, Sawmills Elementary School students, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATES

Dottie Darsie recognized the following elementary schools and introduced the principal/administrator presenting the attached School Improvement Plan updates for his/her respective school: Jason Teffeteller, Baton Elementary School; Gwyn Roop, Dudley Shoals Elementary; Andrew Miller, Granite Falls Elementary School; Robyn Helton, Hudson Elementary Schools; and Robin DiBernardi, Sawmills Elementary School.

Dr. Helen Hall recognized the following middle and high schools and introduced the principal/administrator presenting the attached School Improvement Plan updates for his/her respective school: Bill Schreiber, Granite Falls Middle School; Bill Griffin, Hudson Middle School; Keith Dancy, Gateway School; and Mike Peake, South Caldwell High School.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

RECOGNITION

Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins recognized MacKenzie Williams, 8th Grade student and Keenan Dula, 9th Grade student, Gateway School, Ushers, and the artwork display at the entrance of the theatre featuring student art from within the South Caldwell High School district.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Duane Knight introduced the following special presentations: "Baton Bearitones," Phil Stinson, Director; a solo by Lexi Summerlin 4th Grade Student, Hudson Elementary School; and a solo, "I Am An Original," By Zoe Shaw, 5th Grade Student at Granite Falls Elementary School.

ADJOURMENT

There being no further business to come before the board and upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Vice- Chair Tim Hawkins, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Signed _____

Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

Attest:

Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education