

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

The Caldwell County Board of Education met on January 31, 2011, for a community board meeting at West Caldwell High School.

The following members were present:

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

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 Watson, Director, High School Curriculum  
Stephen Martin, Director, Elementary School Curriculum

Chairman Chris Becker called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM.

### **OPENING CEREMONIES**

After a video presentation of Horizon Elementary School's Music Class, Will Freeman, Director, Chairman Chris Becker welcomed the community and thanked Doug Rhoney, Principal, West Caldwell High School, for hosting the meeting.

Doug Rhoney, Principal, West Caldwell High School, also welcomed the community to the home of the Warriors and thanked the board, the community, and feeder school staff members and students for taking the time to attend the meeting.

### **INVOCATION**

Doug Rhoney, Principal, West Caldwell High School, gave the invocation.

### **APPRECIATION**

Chairman Chris Becker thanked West Caldwell High School's Food II Class instructed by Ms. Debra Hadley and Ms. Lauren Newson for the brownies and cupcakes they provided the board members.

### **PRESENTATION OF COLORS/THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Linda Coffey introduced the West Caldwell High School NJROTC who presented the Presentation of Colors, directed by Commander Butch McClendon and Chris Adkins, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Student from Whitnel School, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Dottie Darsie introduced Gamewell Middle School's chorus students who performed the National Anthem with hand bells they received from a Bright Ideas Grant through Blue Ridge Electric Corporation.

## **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 Watson, Director of High School Curriculum, Stephen Martin, Director of Elementary Curriculum, Ray Greene, Technology Technician and Dawn Weese, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent. He noted how proud he is of our school system and administrators and how much he appreciated the time taken to showcase our student talent.

## **STATUS REPORTS**

Dr. Helen Hall recognized the following elementary schools and introduced the principal presenting the attached status reports for his/her respective school: Melissa Costin, Collettsville School, Vickie Sproul, Gamewell Elementary School, Gwyn Roop, Horizons Elementary School, Felicia Simmons, West Lenoir Elementary School and Annette Swanson, Whitnel Elementary School.

Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins recognized the following middle and high schools and introduced the principal presenting the attached status reports for his respective school: Chris Greene, Gamewell Middle School and Doug Rhoney, West Caldwell High School.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Chris Becker opened the meeting for public comment. There was no public comment.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Darrell Pennell introduced the following special presentations: Collettsville School's 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band, Jonathan Beal, Director; Eagle Eye News, West Lenoir Elementary School, Ryan Becker and Ann Matthews, Directors, and Gamewell Elementary School Fifth Graders from Mrs. Lisa Black's Class presenting "The Water Cycle."

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the board, and upon motion of Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins and second by Darrell Pennell, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

Attest:

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Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education