

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

The Caldwell County Board of Education met at 7:00 PM on July 12, 2010, in the Board Room of the Education Center, Lenoir, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins  
Linda Coffey  
Dottie Darsie  
Mike LaBrose  
Darrell Pennell

Chairman Dr. Helen Hall and Chris Becker were absent.

The following administrative staff members were present:

Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent  
Dr. Jeff Church, Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services  
Dr. Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services  
Dr. Caryl Burns, Associate Superintendent for Educational Program Services  
Karla Miller, Finance Officer  
Ed Blair, Attorney, Groome, Tuttle, Pike and Blair

Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

### **ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE**

The Honorable Robert M. Brady, Chief Judge, 25th District, administered the Oath of Office to Darrell Pennell to fill the current seat vacated by Dr. Sharon S. Pennell as an interim board member until the November 2010 election.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins opened the floor for public comment. Karson Woodie, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student at Hudson Elementary School, addressed the board stating that she was the only girl to win the Presidential Physical Fitness Award at her school and does not think she should be penalized to attend a closed school just because she plays sports. Charles Woodie, Parent, addressed the board and said although the policy had been slightly amended, he felt there were no great additions and gave the board statistics as to the number of children that would be negatively affected by the current language. He noted that most of the children impacted were elementary students at the 6<sup>th</sup> grade level who would be impacted negatively again at the 9<sup>th</sup> grade level if they participated in sports. He feels that the current policy had little or no community involvement or input.

### **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Mike LaBrose, Board Member, gave the invocation and Hannah Smith, future Caldwell County Schools' student, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ACTION - AGENDA**

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the proposed agenda with the following changes: Item IX, A., 2 was changed from Administrative Recommendations to the Academically Intellectually Gifted Plan for approval; Item XII, Closed Session to Discuss Personnel Issues Pursuant to N.C.G.S. Section 143.318.11 (A) (1) was added, and Item XIII, Administrative Recommendations, was added as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

## **ACTION - MINUTES**

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the June 14, 2010, Regular Board Meeting, the June 14, 2010, Closed Session, the June 28, 2010, Special Session and the June 28, 2010, Closed Session.

## **HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Dottie Darsie presented a certificate and lapel pin to the following students whose artwork is on display in the Education Center Art Gallery during the month of July: Mackenzie Parsons, Brandon Trivette and Madison Hamby, Sawmills Elementary School; Tyler Winkler, Makenzie Goff, Melanie Hart, Kaylee Brookshire, Lindsey Brewer, Trevor Zajac and Sandy Vang, South Caldwell High School; and Emily Spencer, Jacie Harris, Spencer Davis and Katie Scott, West Caldwell High School.

## **ACTION – PROPOSED REVISED BOARD POLICIES 3140 – STUDENT ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY AND 7522 – HONORS FOLLOWING A ONE MONTH COMMENT PERIOD**

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Mike LaBrose, the board unanimously agreed to amend Board Policy 3140, Student Athletic Eligibility, and add the following statement to the policy: “The Superintendent has the discretion to grant transfers for children of school system staff members. These students will be eligible to participate in athletics upon enrollment in the requested school.” Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached revisions, including the amendment, to Board Policy 3140, Student Athletic Eligibility, following a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously agreed to amend Board Policy 7522, Honors, by deleting bullet number two under Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Junior Marshals that states: “Beginning with the Class of 1999, students not taking a full load of credit bearing courses for all four years will be ineligible for these honors.” Upon motion of Linda Coffey and second by Dottie Darsie, Darrell Pennell and Tim Hawkins, the board approved the attached revisions, including the amendment, to Board Policy 7522, Honors, following a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone. Mike LaBrose opposed the motion.

## **ACTION – ACADEMICALLY INTELLECTUALLY GIFTED PLAN**

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the 2010-2013 Academically Intellectually Gifted Plan following a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

### **ACTION - PERSONNEL MATTERS**

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

### **ACTION – STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS FOR 2010-2011**

Upon motion of Linda Coffey and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously approved the attached student transfer requests for 2010-2011, as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services Dr. Trish Johnson.

### **ACTION – BIDS FOR PAVING AT HIBRITEN HIGH SCHOOL**

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Darrell Pennell, the board unanimously approved the attached bids for paving at Hibriten High School as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church.

### **ACTION – BIDS FOR CHILD NUTRITION**

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached bids for the Caldwell County School's Child Nutrition Department as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Upon motion of Darrell Pennell and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously agreed to go into Closed Session at 7:34 PM to discuss personnel issues pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143.318.11 (A) (1).

### **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Darrell Pennell, the board unanimously agreed to come out of Closed Session and reconvene to Open Session at 8:07 PM.

### **ACTION – ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Mike LaBrose, the board unanimously approved Candace Hagaman for a two year term to serve as Principal of the Early College High School. Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved Keith Hindman for a four year term to serve as Principal of Baton Elementary School. Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Dottie Darsie, Darrell Pennell, and Tim Hawkins, the board approved Chris Greene for a two year term to serve as Principal of Gamewell Middle School. Linda Coffey opposed the motion.

### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Linda Coffey gave a report to the board regarding the recent NCSBA Special Issues Seminar and Policy Conference she attended. The training focused on board policies and procedures, as well as the state budget. She gave a brief overview of the budget outlook and lottery fund changes. She noted that several bills that were passed and/or changed were discussed and gave highlights on Bill 1774 regarding Free and Reduced Lunch.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins announced the next regular board meeting on Monday, August 9, 2010, 7:00 PM in the Board Room of the Education Center.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the board, and upon motion of Darrell Pennell, second by Mike LaBrose, and the unanimous approval of the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Signed:

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Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

Attest:

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Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education