

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

The Caldwell County Board of Education met at 7:00 PM on July 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  
Linda Coffey  
Mike LaBrose  
Chris Becker

Dr. Helen Hall and Tim Hawkins were absent.

The following administrative staff were present:

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

Chairman Dottie Darsie called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Dr. Caryl Burns, Associate Superintendent for Educational Program Services, gave the invocation and students from the Sawmills WrapAround Program led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ACTION - AGENDA**

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously approved the proposed agenda with the following changes: Item VIII, Section B, Number 4, Administrative Recommendation, was added as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

### **ACTION - MINUTES**

Upon motion of Chris Becker and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the June 9, 2008, Regular Board Meeting, the June 30, 2008, Special Session, and the June 30, 2008, Closed Session.

## **HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone and the Caldwell County Board of Education presented a plaque to Bob Query, Finance Officer, in recognition of 8 years of service to the Caldwell County Schools with a total of 40 years of public service in the area of finance.

Mike LaBrose presented certificates and lapel pins to the Collettsville, Dudley Shoals, Happy Valley, Kings Creek, Sawmills and Valmead WrapAround Programs in recognition for earning their five-star license rating through the North Carolina Division of Child Development.

## **INFORMATION – UPDATE – WRAPAROUND PROGRAM**

Mary Kidder, Director of WrapAround Services, gave a brief update to the board regarding the rigorous process for earning a five-star license rating and some of the activities taking place within the WrapAround programs throughout the county.

## **ACTION – PROPOSED NEW BOARD POLICY #5430 – ELECTRONIC STORED INFORMATION RETENTION**

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously agreed to place the attached new Board Policy 5430, Electronic Stored Information Retention, on a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

## **ACTION – PROPOSED REVISION TO BOARD POLICY #8400 – WORKER’S COMPENSATION STUDENT INSURANCE**

Upon motion of Chris Becker and second by Mike LaBrose, the board unanimously agreed to place the attached revision to Board Policy #8400, Worker’s Compensation Student Insurance, on a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

## **ACTION – BIDS FOR CALDWELL COUNTY SCHOOLS CHILD NUTRITION DEPARTMENT**

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell, the board unanimously approved the attached bids for Caldwell County School’s Child Nutrition Department as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

## **ACTION – ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously approved Jacob Tuttle as an Assistant Principal at South Caldwell High School effective August 1, 2008, for a two-year contract as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

## **ACTION - PERSONNEL MATTERS**

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell 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 – STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS FOR 2007-2008**

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell, the board unanimously approved the attached student transfer requests for 2008-2009, as presented by Associate Superintendent for Educational Program Services Dr. Caryl Burns.

### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Chairman Dottie Darsie gave a report to the board regarding the Drop-Out Impact Seminar that she and Student Services Director Ervil Anderson attended. She noted that the seminar provided excellent statistical information and that Caldwell County is already doing many of the suggestions that were presented during the conference. Currently, programs are being reviewed to determine which ones are making a difference in keeping students in school. The biggest determining factor noted among drop outs is that most of these students were retained for one grade level and only 11% of these students end up graduating.

Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell gave a brief update regarding the June Special Issues Seminars she attended. The following sessions were offered: Communicating With Your Community, Making Your Voice Heard in the Legislative Process and a session regarding required board policies. There was also a legislative school law update provided.

### **BOARD INFORMATION/POSSIBLE ACTION**

There were no board information and/or possible action; however, Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone welcomed newly appointed Assistant Superintendent of Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church to his first board meeting.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Dottie Darsie announced the next regular board meeting on Monday, August 11, 2008, 7:00 PM in the Board Room of the Education Center.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the board, upon motion of Vice Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell, second by Chris Becker, and the unanimous approval of the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.

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Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

Attest:

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Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education