

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

The Caldwell County Board of Education met at 11:30 AM on July 21, 2011, in the Board Room of the Education Center, Lenoir, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

Chairman Darrell Pennell  
Teresa Branch  
Linda Coffey  
Dottie Darsie  
Dr. Helen Hall  
Duane Knight

Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins was absent.

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  
Karla Miller, Finance Officer  
Libby Brown, School-Community Relations Director  
Ed Blair, School Board Attorney, Groome, Tuttle, Pike and Blair

Chairman Darrell Pennell called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

### **ACTION – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously approved the proposed agenda as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Upon motion of Teresa Branch and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously agreed to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel issues pursuant to N.C.G.S. Section 143.318.11 (A) (1) at 11:31 AM.

### **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Duane Knight, the board unanimously agreed to come out of Closed Session and reconvene to Open Session at 12:15 PM.

### **ACTION – 2011-2012 SCHOOL CALENDAR REVISIONS**

The 2011-2012 school calendars were revised to reflect the new School Calendar Law, HB-200, Section 7.29 (A), SL 2011-145, G.S. 115c-84.2, which adds five instructional days to school calendars. The Caldwell County Schools received a waiver to use these additional days as mandatory teacher workdays. The board asked the superintendent to investigate the legality of dividing the Early/Release Days, using one half of the day for student instruction and one half of the day as part of the mandatory workdays. Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously approved the attached revisions to the 2011-2012 school calendars pending that investigation.

## **INFORMATION – ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone announced the following administrative moves for information only: Andy Berry, Principal, Dudley Shoals Elementary School to Principal at Whitnel Elementary School; Gwyn Roop, Principal, Horizons Elementary School to Principal at Dudley Shoals Elementary School, Amy Lowman, Assistant Principal at South Caldwell High School to Assistant Principal at Granite Falls Elementary School and Annette Swanson, Principal at Whitnel Elementary School to Assistant Principal at West Caldwell High School. All moves will be effective July 25, 2011.

## **ACTION – ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Upon motion of Teresa Branch and second by Duane Knight, the board unanimously approved Keith Hindman, Principal, Baton Elementary School, as Director of Middle School Curriculum, The Education Center, for a two-year contract effective July 25, 2011, as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

Upon motion of Linda Coffey and second by Teresa Branch, the board unanimously approved Teresa Hartley, Assistant Principal, Granite Falls Elementary School, as Principal of Horizons Elementary School for a two-year contract effective July 25, 2011, as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Dr. Helen Hall, Chairman Darrell Pennell, Linda Coffey and Duane Knight, the board approved Jason Teffeteller, Assistant Principal at Gamewell Middle School, as Principal of Baton Elementary School for a two-year contract effective July 25, 2011, as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone. Teresa Branch opposed the motion.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Darrell Pennell announced the next regular board meeting on Monday, August 8, 2011, 6:00 PM in the Board Room of the Education Center.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the board and upon motion of Linda Coffey, second by Dr. Helen Hall, and the unanimous approval of the board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:43 PM.

Signed:

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Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

Attest:

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Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education