

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

The Caldwell County Board of Education met at 5:30 PM on July 27, 2009, for a Special Session in the Board Room of the Education Center, Lenoir, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall  
Chris Becker  
Dottie Darsie  
Tim Hawkins  
Mike LaBrose

Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell and Linda Coffey were absent.

The following administrative staff personnel 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 Program Services  
Karla Miller, Finance Officer  
Libby Brown, School-Community Relations Director

Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **ACTION - AGENDA**

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Tim Hawkins, the board unanimously approved to add Budget Modifications to Item IV, Number 2, as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously approved Mr. Doug Rhoney as Principal for West Caldwell High School as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone. Mr. Rhoney will begin his tenure with the Caldwell County Schools as soon as Burke County Schools releases him from employment.

### **BUDGET MODIFICATIONS**

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously approved to modify the local budget, based on the current, proposed state budget cuts of 1.1 million dollars and the recommendations of the Board/Budget Finance Committee as presented by Finance Officer Karla Miller. The board approved to decrease all school system employees' local supplement by 0.25%, a savings of \$159,332.00, and decreasing Teacher Assistant employment by one-half hour from 7.5 hours to 7 hours per work day, a savings of \$285,404.00. Clerical and custodial employees will also be reduced in working hours by 30 minutes per work day from 8 hours to 7.5 hours, a savings of \$270,295.00. The board also approved to use Fund Balance monies in the amount of \$419,220.00 to absorb the remaining funds needed to meet the projected shortfall of 1.1 million dollars. These budget modifications enabled the school system to save 55 teacher assistant positions and 20 clerical and custodial positions, a total of 75 positions.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall announced the next regular board meeting on Monday, August 10, 2009, 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 Tim Hawkins, second by Dottie Darsie, and the unanimous approval of the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Signed:

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Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

Attest:

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Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education