

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Caldwell County Board of Education met at 7:00 PM on June 8, 2009, in the Board Room of the Education Center, Lenoir, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall
Chris Becker
Linda Coffey
Dottie Darsie
Mike LaBrose

Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell and Tim Hawkins were absent.

The following administrative staff members were present:

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

Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall opened the meeting for public comment. There was no public comment.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Michael Smith, Technology Facilitator, Caldwell Early College High School, gave the invocation and Tyler Stokes, Jennifer Starnes and Jonathan Johnson, students, Caldwell Early College High School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION - AGENDA

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

ACTION - MINUTES

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the May 11, 2009, Regular Board Meeting.

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the May 26, 2009, Board Retreat.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Chris Becker presented a certificate and lapel pin to the following Caldwell County Schools 2009 honor recipients: Teresa Branch, Principal of the Year, Caldwell Early College High School; Joshua Scott, Educator of the Year, Hibriten High School; Karen Beal, Associate of the Year, Gamewell Middle School; and Nancy Austin, Bus Driver of the Year, Lower Creek Elementary School.

Linda Coffey presented a certificate and lapel pin to Elyse Addington, Davenport A+ School, for her selection as the 2009 Parkway Bank Outstanding Caldwell County Rookie Teacher of the Year.

Dottie Darsie presented a certificate to the Caldwell Early College High School in recognition for being named a Finalist Real DEAL (Dedicated Educators Administrators and Learners) School by the North Carolina Governor's office.

Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall presented a certificate and lapel pin to Savanna Tester, Hibriten High School, in recognition for placing first in the 200 Yard, 800 Yard and Mile Run at the North Carolina Junior Classical League and Mary Beth Keller, Hibriten High School, for placing third in the Tenth Grade Essay Competition in the North Carolina Junior Classical League.

ACTION – PROPOSED REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICY 7532, SHARED ACCOUNTABILITY STANDARDS AND BOARD POLICY 7550, GRADUATION FOR ONE MONTH COMMENT PERIOD

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously approved to place the attached revisions to Board Policy 7532, Shared Accountability Standards and Board Policy 7550, Graduation, on a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – PROPOSED REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICY 3200, STUDENT ATTENDANCE, FOLLOWING A ONE MONTH COMMENT PERIOD

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Mike LaBrose, the board unanimously approved the attached revisions to Board Policy 3200, Student Attendance, following a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

REQUEST TO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO BORROW FOR LOCAL SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Upon motion of Linda Coffey and second by Dottie Darsie, the board approved to request that the Caldwell County Board of County Commissioners borrow the sum of \$25 million dollars for the Caldwell County Schools to complete the projects on the five-year facilities plan and to build a new William Lenoir Middle School as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone. Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone noted that funds borrowed would not generate a tax increase for Caldwell County citizens and that these funds are restricted to school construction use.

ACTION – TEACHERS ELIGIBLE FOR CAREER STATUS

Upon motion of Mike Labrose and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously approved the attached list of teachers eligible for Career Status as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services Trish Johnson.

ACTION - PERSONNEL MATTERS

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Linda Coffey, Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall and Chris Becker, the attached personnel matters were approved as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services Trish Johnson. Mike LaBrose abstained from voting.

ACTION – STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS FOR 2008-2009

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously approved the attached student transfer requests for 2008-2009, as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services Trish Johnson.

ACTION – STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS FOR 2009-2010

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached student transfer requests for 2009-2010, as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services Trish Johnson.

ACTION – 2009-2012 SAFE SCHOOLS PLAN

Upon motion of Chris Becker and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached 2009-2012 Safe Schools Plan as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services Trish Johnson.

2009-2010 TITLE I APPLICATION

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously approved the 2009-2010 Title I Application as presented by Associate Superintendent of Educational Program Services Dr. Caryl Burns.

2009-2010 CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION PLAN

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously approved the attached 2009-2010 Career Technical Education Plan as presented by Associate Superintendent of Educational Program Services Dr. Caryl Burns.

ACTION – DONATION

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Mike LaBrose, the board unanimously approved the attached donation as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church.

ACTION – 2009-2010 LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PRICE INCREASE

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously approved to increase breakfast prices by .15 cents and lunch prices by .25 cents effective with the 2009-2010 school year as presented by Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jeff Church. This is the first price increase since the 2002/2003 school year.

ACTION – 2009-2010 INTERIM BUDGET PROPOSAL REQUEST

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the 2009-2010 Interim Budget Proposal as presented by Finance Officer Karla Miller.

**ACTION – STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND AND FEDERAL GRANTS FUND
BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

Upon motion of Chris Becker and second by Mike LaBrose, the board unanimously approved the attached State Public School Fund and Federal Grants Fund budget amendments as presented by Finance Officer Karla Miller.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dottie Darsie reported on the recent Board of Education/County Commissioners Liaison Committee meeting. The state budget was discussed and all were very concerned regarding the level of cuts. Mrs. Darsie noted that we were very appreciative of the \$200,000 dollars approved by the Commissioners for our Continuation Budget. The five-year facilities plan was presented and Mrs. Darsie noted that the Commissioners appeared to be positive regarding a request by the school system to borrow \$25 million dollars for the five year facilities plan and to begin construction of the new William Lenoir Middle School.

BOARD INFORMATION/POSSIBLE ACTION

Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall presented the attached 2009-2010 Notice of Board Meetings schedule noting the community board meetings had been rotated for next year and the special budget session held at the end of each year was added. Upon motion of Chris Becker and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously approved the 2009-2010 Notice of Board Meetings as presented by Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall announced the Caldwell County Board of Education Special Session on Monday, June 29, 2009, 5:30 PM in the Board Room of the Education Center and the next regular board meeting on Monday, July 13, 2009, 7:00 PM in the Board Room of the Education Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 PM.

Signed:

Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

Attest:

Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education