

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

The Caldwell County Board of Education met at 7:00 PM on June 9, 2008, in the Board Room of the Education Center, Lenoir, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

Vice Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell  
Chris Becker  
Linda Coffey  
Dr. Helen Hall  
Tim Hawkins  
Mike LaBrose

Chairman Dottie Darsie was absent.

The following administrative staff was present:

Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent  
Donnie Bassinger, Associate Superintendent for Auxiliary Services  
Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services  
Dr. Caryl Burns, Associate Superintendent for Educational Program Services  
Libby Brown, School-Community Relations Director  
Ed Blair, School Board Attorney, Groome, Tuttle, Pike and Blair

Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell opened the meeting for public comment. There was no public comment.

### **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Jennifer Baker, 4th Grade Teacher, Sawmills Elementary School, gave the invocation and Jon Barrett Lewis, rising 4th Grader, Lower Creek School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ACTION - AGENDA**

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Mike LaBrose, the board unanimously approved the proposed agenda with the following addition: a personnel addendum was added to Item IX, Section 1, as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

### **ACTION - MINUTES**

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Mike LaBrose, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the May 12, 2008, Regular Board Meeting and the May 12, 2008, Closed Session.

## **HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone and the Caldwell County Board of Education presented a certificate, lapel pin and plaque to Donnie Bassinger, Associate Superintendent for Auxiliary Services, in recognition of 32.5 years of service to public education.

Tim Hawkins presented a certificate and lapel pin to Jamie Lewis, William Lenoir Middle School, in recognition for her selection as the Caldwell County School's 2008 Educator of the Year.

Mike LaBrose presented certificates and lapel pins to Jake Sigman, South Caldwell High School and Jennifer Baker, Sawmills Elementary School, in recognition for their selection as the 2008 Parkway Bank Outstanding Caldwell County Rookie Teachers of the Year.

Chris Becker presented a certificate and lapel pin to Becky Duncan, Whitnel Elementary School, in recognition for her selection as the 2008-2009 Teacher Assistant of the Year.

## **INFORMATION – UPDATE-SUMMER PROJECTS**

Donnie Bassinger, Associate Superintendent for Auxiliary Services, updated the board regarding carpet/tile replacements, window, and boiler replacements, carpet cleaning, gym floor refinishing, locker repair, and a/c replacements. He also gave an update regarding the Early College and noted it was on schedule for completion this summer.

## **ACTION – HIGH SCHOOL PARKING FEE INCREASES**

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved that the high school parking fee be increased from \$20.00 to \$30.00 per year as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

## **ACTION – ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the promotion of Gwyn Roop, Assistant Principal, South Caldwell High School, to Principal of Horizons Elementary School, effective July 1, 2008, thru June 30, 2010, as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

## **ACTION - PERSONNEL MATTERS**

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall 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 – 2008-2009 TITLE I APPLICATION**

Upon motion of Chris Becker and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the 2008-2009 Title I Application as presented by Associate Superintendent of Educational Program Services Dr. Caryl Burns.

### **ACTION – STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS**

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

### **ACTION – 2008-2009 CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION PLAN**

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Dr. Helen Hall, the board unanimously approved the attached 2008-2009 Career Technical Education Plan as presented by Associate Superintendent for Educational Program Services Dr. Caryl Burns.

### **ACTION – 2008-2009 INTERIM BUDGET PROPOSAL**

Upon motion of Linda Coffey and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously approved the attached 2008-2009 Interim Budget Proposal as presented by Finance Officer Bob Query.

### **ACTION – BUDGET AMENDMENTS – STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND, LOCAL CURRENT EXPENSE FUND, FEDERAL GRANTS FUND, CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND, AND CHILD NUTRITION ENTERPRISE FUND**

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Dr. Helen Hall, the board unanimously approved the attached budget amendments to the State Public School Fund, Local Current Expense Fund, Federal Grants Fund, Capital Outlay Fund, and Child Nutrition Enterprise Fund as presented by Finance Officer Bob Query.

### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no board committee reports.

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

Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell instructed the Board of Education to hold an open ballot to appoint candidates of their choice to the CCC&TI Board of Trustees. Larry Taylor's term expires June 30, 2008. The Board unanimously approved Larry Taylor for another four-year term, expiring June 30, 2012.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone announced the Retirement Banquet on Tuesday, June 10, 2008, 6:30 PM, at Cedar Rock Country Club and also advised that the school system would receive a \$410,000 grant from the Golden Leaf Foundation to implement "Project Lead the Way," a math and science based engineering curriculum, in every middle school throughout the county. He also clarified that the Elementary, Middle and High School Consultant positions were not new positions, rather positions created from the three curriculum consultant positions already in place at the Education Center.

Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell announced the Board of Education Special Session on Monday, June, 30, 2008, 5:30 PM in the Board Room of the Education Center and the next regular board meeting on Monday, July 14, 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 Tim Hawkins, second by Chris Becker, and the unanimous approval of the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

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Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

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Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education