

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

The Caldwell County Board of Education met at 6:00 PM on June 13, 2011, in the Board Room of the Education Center, Lenoir, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

Chairman Darrell Pennell  
Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins  
Teresa Branch  
Linda Coffey  
Dottie Darsie  
Dr. Helen Hall

The following administrative staff members were present:

Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent  
Dr. Caryl B. Burns, Associate Superintendent for Educational Program Services  
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 6:00 PM.

### **ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE**

The Honorable Robert M. Brady, Chief Judge, 25th District, administered the Oath of Office to interim board member Duane Knight to fill the seat left vacant by the March 2011 resignation of Chris Becker.

### **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Dr. Steve Butler, Chaplain, Caldwell County Hospice and member, Clergy Crisis Support Team, gave the invocation. Natalee Brown, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade student and Dallin Brown, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade student, Davenport A+ School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Dr. Helen Hall, the board unanimously approved the proposed agenda with the following change: add Item XVII, Item A., Possible Administrative Appointment, following Item XVI, Closed Session to Discuss Personnel Issues Pursuant to N.C.G.S. Section 143.318.11 (A) (1), as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

### **ACTION – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins and second by Teresa Branch, the board unanimously approved the May 9, 2011, Regular Board Minutes as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

## HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

School Community Services Director Libby Brown announced the "Student Spotlight" recipient, Morgan Carlton, 12<sup>th</sup> grade student at West Caldwell High School. A video was viewed by the board and audience outlining Morgan's accomplishments. Morgan was unable to attend the meeting due to Governor's School; therefore, her certificate and lapel pin will be forwarded to her on behalf of Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone and the members of the Caldwell County Board of Education.

School Community Services Director Libby Brown announced the Student Artwork Selections for the Education Center Art Gallery: Hannah Laws, Emma Blankenship and Abby Gragg, Sawmills Elementary School; Madison Moore, Dudley Shoals Elementary School; Kelly Horne, Gamewell Middle School; Caleb Robinson, William Lenoir Middle School; Samantha Kempf, West Caldwell High School; Destiny Snyder and Brandon Wiant, Gamewell Elementary School; Caitilyn Story, Baton Elementary School; Vince Bradshaw, Hibriten High School; and Lindsay Costello, South Caldwell High School.

Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone, and the members of the Caldwell County Board of Education, recognized Maleah Haas, Nancy Crawford and Celeste Brantolino, members of William Lenoir Middle School PTA/PTO, for the "Our Children Are Worth a Cent" event hosted on the campus of Granite Falls Middle School. Certificates were presented to Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone and members of the Caldwell County Board of Education by the representatives reflecting that over 950 people attended the event, 1,169 postcards were collected in support of the continuation of the one cent sales tax to fund education in North Carolina, and the postcards, along with 1,778 signatures were presented to Senator Warren Daniel on May 28, 2011. The board thanked the PTA/PTO representatives for their efforts.

School Community Services Director Libby Brown announced the Honors and Recognitions recipients for the month of June and Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone and the members of the Caldwell County Board of Education presented certificates and lapel pins to the following individuals/groups:

- Advanced Educational Degrees – Cathy Barlow, Oak Hill/Gateway School, Masters Degree in Curriculum Instructional Specialist, Appalachian State University; Annie Croon, Gamewell Elementary School, Masters Degree in Reading Education, Appalachian State University; Brandy Cutrell, Granite Falls Middle School, Masters Degree in Behaviorally/Emotionally Disabled, East Carolina University; Jeffery Crouch, Gamewell Elementary School, Masters Degree in Elementary Education, Grand Canyon University; Shannon Greene, Gamewell Elementary School, Masters Degree in Elementary Education, Grand Canyon University; Donna Hart, Gamewell Elementary School, Masters Degree in Elementary Education, Grand Canyon University; Randy Hart, Gamewell Elementary School, Masters Degree in Elementary Education, Grand Canyon University; Carolyn Lail, Collettsville School, Masters Degree in Middle Grades Language Arts, Appalachian State University; Teresa Larson, Gamewell Elementary School, Masters Degree in Curriculum and Instruction in Reading, Grand Canyon University; Angela Meeks, Gamewell Elementary School, Masters Degree in Curriculum and Instruction in Reading, Grand Canyon University; Jessica Milewski, Caldwell Early College High School, Masters Degree, Secondary Social Studies, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania; Laurie Moore, Hibriten High School, Masters Degree in Curriculum and Instructional Reading, Grand Canyon University; Rebecca NeSmith, Oak Hill Elementary School, Masters Degree in Elementary Education, Appalachian State University; Lindsay Pierce, Gamewell Elementary School, Masters Degree in Elementary Education, Grand Canyon University; Emily Rhoney, Granite Falls Elementary School, Masters Degree in Reading Education, Appalachian State University; Robyn Rodriguez, Gamewell Elementary School, Masters Degree in Elementary Education, Grand Canyon University and Tonya Ward, Gamewell Elementary School, Masters Degree in Curriculum and Instruction in Reading, Grand Canyon University.

## **HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS**

- 2011-2012 "Of The Year" Awards: Crystal Coffey, Gamewell Elementary School, Bus Driver of the Year; Rebecca Gragg, West Lenoir Elementary School, Associate of the Year; Jennifer Crowe, School Social Worker, Instructional Support Person of the Year; Leigh Anne Frye, Hibriten High School, Assistant Principal of the Year; Bill Griffin, Hudson Middle School, Principal of the Year; Torrey Annas, Gamewell Middle School, Rookie Teacher of the Year and Ann Matthews, West Lenoir Elementary School, Teacher of the Year.
- Granite Falls Middle School FBLA State Winners: Ashlyn Minton, 1st Place, Business Communications; Erica Hall, 2nd Place, Business Math; Kori Burgess, 2nd Place, Business Careers Recognition Testing; Leah Smith, and Emily and Abbey Lambert, 2nd Place, Community Service Project; Lauren Arrington and Megan Laws, 3rd Place, Computer Slide Show and Taylor Hartley and Lauren Arrington, 3rd Place, FBLA Spirit Cheer.

Regina Barrier, Western Outreach Coordinator for The Science House of NC State University, presented the Caldwell County Board of Education with the Opal Mann Greene Engagement and Scholarship Award for excellence as a community-based team demonstrating democratic strategies, mutually-beneficial actions, scholarship, and valued community outcomes.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Darrell Pennell opened the meeting for public comment. There was no public comment.

### **ACTION – PROPOSED NEW BOARD POLICY 4610, AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR USE, FOLLOWING A ONE MONTH COMMENT PERIOD**

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously approved the attached proposed new Board Policy 4610, Automatic External Defibrillator Use, following a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

### **ACTION – REQUEST TO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO USE FIVE INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS AS TEACHER WORKDAYS FOR 2011-2012**

Upon motion of Linda Coffey and second by Dr. Helen Hall, the board unanimously approved the request to the State Board of Education to use five instructional days as teacher workdays for the 2011-2012 school year as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

## **INFORMATION – PERSONNEL MATTERS**

Dr. Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services, presented the attached personnel matters to the board for information only.

### **ACTION – PERSONNEL MATTERS**

Upon motion of Teresa Branch and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached personnel matters as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services Dr. Trish Johnson.

### **ACTION – STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS FOR 2010-2011 AND 2011-2012**

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Dr. Helen Hall, the board unanimously approved the attached student transfer requests for 2010-2011, as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services Dr. Trish Johnson.

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously approved the attached student transfer requests for 2011-2012, as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services Dr. Trish Johnson.

### **ACTION – 2011-2012 TITLE I APPLICATION**

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Teresa Branch, the board unanimously approved the 2011-2012 Title I Application as presented by Associate Superintendent for Educational Program Services Dr. Caryl B. Burns.

### **ACTION – 2011-2012 CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN**

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins and second by Teresa Branch, the board unanimously approved the attached 2011-2012 Career Technical Education Local Plan as presented by Associate Superintendent for Educational Program Services Dr. Caryl B. Burns.

### **ACTION – RENEWAL DOCUMENTATION FOR COOPERATIVE INNOVATIVE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

Upon motion of Teresa Branch and second by Dr. Helen Hall, the board unanimously approved the attached five year renewal documentation for Cooperative Innovative High School Programs as presented by Associate Superintendent for Educational Program Services Dr. Caryl B. Burns.

### **ACTION – BIDS FOR ROOF REPLACEMENT AT GAMEWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously approved the attached roof replacement bid for Gamewell Elementary School to Lafave's Construction as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church.

### **ACTION – BIDS FOR WIRELESS INFRASTRUCTURE WIRE INSTALLATION**

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Duane Knight, the board unanimously approved the attached bids for wireless infrastructure wire installation as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church.

### **ACTION – PROPOSED WRAPAROUND RATE INCREASE**

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Dr. Helen Hall, the board unanimously approved the attached proposed WrapAround Program rate increase as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church.

**ACTION – BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND, LOCAL  
CURRENT EXPENSE FUND, FEDERAL GRANTS FUND AND CAPITAL OUTLAY  
FUND**

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins and second by Dr. Helen Hall, the board unanimously approved the attached budget amendments to the State Public School Fund, the Local Current Expense Fund, the Federal Grants Fund and the Capital Outlay Fund as presented by Finance Officer Karla Miller.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Teresa Branch gave a report on the Board of Education/County Commissioner Liaison meeting held June 7, 2011. County Commissioners Rob Bratcher and Clay Bollinger, County Manager Stan Kiser, Finance Manager Tony Helton, Board of Education members Darrell Pennell and Teresa Branch, Finance Officer Karla Miller, and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Steve Stone were in attendance. A proposed 5.8% reduction is included in the budget this year, with a potential 6% reduction next year, totaling a 3.6 million discretionary reduction. The board is waiting on final approval of the budget and looking at strategies to implement any necessary cuts in a way that will least impact teaching and learning. Board members want to keep people employed and Mrs. Branch noted that the County Commissioners approved an additional \$50,000 this year for the school system that will help in that effort. She also expressed the board's appreciation to the County Commissions for these additional funds. The liaison committee plans to meet again in August 2011.

**BOARD INFORMATION/POSSIBLE ACTION**

Chairman Darrell Pennell noted the attached 2011 Board of Education Committees for the 2011-2012 school year.

Chairman Darrell Pennell instructed board members to hold an open ballot to appoint a candidate of their choice to the CCC&TI Board of Trustees. Inez Jones' term expires June 30, 2011, and she does not want to be reappointed. Teresa Branch, Linda Coffey, Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins, Darrell Pennell and Duane Knight voted for Bill Stone to fill the vacancy and Dr. Helen Hall and Dottie Darsie voted for Mattie Patterson to fill the vacancy. By a vote of 5 to 2, Bill Stone was approved for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2011, and expiring June 30, 2015.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins and second by Teresa Branch, 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 7:31 PM.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously agreed to come out of Closed Session and reconvene to Open Session at 8:00 PM.

Upon motion of Duane Knight and second by Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins, the board unanimously agreed to approve Jeff Link as Principal of West Caldwell High School effective July 1, 2011, for a four year term, as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Darrell Pennell announced the Special Session Budget Meeting on Monday, June 27, 2011, at 5:30 PM and the next regular board meeting on Monday, July 11, 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 Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins, second by Dr. Helen Hall, and the unanimous approval of the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Signed:

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Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

Attest:

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Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education