

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Caldwell County Board of Education met at 7:00 PM on June 14, 2010, in the Board Room of the Education Center, Lenoir, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

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

The following administrative staff members were present:

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Teresa Simmons, Media Assistant, Dudley Shoals Elementary Schools, gave the invocation and the Battle of the Books Students from Dudley Shoals Elementary School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION - AGENDA

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously approved the proposed agenda with the following addition: add to Item VIII, A., 7, Five Year Strategic Plan, as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION - MINUTES

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the May 17, 2010, Regular Board Meeting, the May 17, 2010, Board Retreat and the May 17, 2010, Closed Session.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Linda Coffey presented a certificate and lapel pin to the following 2010 “Of the Year” recipients for Caldwell County Schools: Crystal Matheson, 2010 Lorraine S. Mummert Volunteer of the Year; Judy Self, Instructional Support Person of the Year; Andy Berry, Caldwell County Schools Principal of the Year; Adam Warren, Rookie Teacher of the Year and Lowell Rogers, Caldwell County Schools Teacher of the Year.

Chairman Dr. Helen Hall presented certificates and lapel pins to the following SKILLS USA State Championship Winners: Hibriten High School: Hunter Pipes, 3rd Place, Graphics Communications; Sean Braswell, 1st Place, Justin Summerow, 2nd Place and Evan Stapleton, 3rd Place, Precision Machining; West Caldwell High School: Kristin Atkins and Brittany Coffey, 2nd Place, Masonry Bulletin Board; South Caldwell High School: Katelyn Cannon, 1st Place, Masonry Poster Board; Career Center Middle College: Hiram Aranda, Glenn Schwartz, Raleigh Smith, 1st Place, and Sarah Holgerson, Taylor McCrary and Krista Vang, 2nd Place, Engineering; Raymond Croon, 2nd Place, Carpentry 1; Jordan Cheek, Kierston Matheson, Julia Presnell, 1st Place, Promotional Bulletin Board; Joshua Branham, 1st Place and Scott Taylor, 2nd Place, Plumbing.

Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins presented a certificate and lapel pin to Dudley Shoals Elementary School students for winning the countywide elementary Battle of the Books competition.

Dottie Darsie presented a certificate and lapel pin to the Career Center Middle College and Caldwell Early College Robotics Teams for placing 17th out of 40 teams competing this year.

Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins presented a certificate and lapel pin to the following students whose artwork is on display in the Education Center Art Gallery during the month of June: Dudley Shoals Elementary School: Daniela Arroyo, 1st Grade, Ryan Thomson, 5th Grade and Kevon Wilson, 3rd Grade; Granite Falls Elementary School: Emma Crider, 4th Grade, Lauren Shultz, 2nd Grade and Rachel Titus, Kindergarten; Hudson Elementary School: Jocelyn Bivens, 5th Grade, Jafeth Bonilla, 2nd Grade and Austin Griffin, 3rd Grade; Lower Creek Elementary School: Turner Smith, 1st Grade, Chloe Montoya, 3rd Grade and Macy Penley, 2nd Grade; Gamewell Elementary School: Madison Hatton, 5th Grade; Makenzie Helms, 5th Grade and Dylan Brown, 5th Grade.

ACTION – PROPOSED REVISED BOARD POLICY 3140 – STUDENT ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY AND BOARD POLICY 7522 – HONORS – FOR ONE MONTH COMMENT PERIOD

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously agreed to place the attached revisions to Board Policy 3140, Student Athletic Eligibility and Board Policy 7522, Honors, on a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – PROPOSED REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICY 3620 – STUDENT HEALTH AND 7211 – ABSTINENCE UNTIL MARRIAGE CURRICULUM – FOLLOWING A ONE MONTH COMMENT PERIOD

Upon motion of Chris Becker and second by Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins, the board unanimously approved the attached revisions to Board Policy 3520, Student Health and Board Policy 7211, Abstinence Until Marriage Curriculum, following a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – 2010-2011 TITLE 1 APPLICATION

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously approved the 2010-2011 Title 1 Application as presented by Lesa Widener, Director, Title 1 and Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone

ACTION – 2010-2013 ACADEMICALLY INTELLECTUALLY GIFTED PLAN

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved to place the 2010-2013 Academically Intellectually Gifted Plan on a one month comment period as presented by Reba Yarborough, AIG Director and Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – DRIVER’S ED CONTRACT

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously approved the attached North Carolina Driving School’s Driver’s Ed Contract for a period of one year as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – 2010-2011 CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION PLAN

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the 2010-2011 Career Technical Education Plan as presented by Kathy Jo Eckard, CTE Director and Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – CALDWELL COUNTY SCHOOLS FIVE YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously approved the Caldwell County Schools Five Year Strategic Plan as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION - PERSONNEL MATTERS

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

ACTION – STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS FOR 2010-2011

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins and second by Mike LaBrose, the board unanimously approved the attached student transfer requests for 2010-2011, as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services Dr. Trish Johnson.

INFORMATION – UPDATE ON HUDSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, SAWMILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND WILLIAM LENOIR MIDDLE SCHOOL

Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church updated the board on Hudson Elementary School and Sawmills Elementary School. Contractors meet on a monthly basis and both sites are approximately a week behind. The projects are scheduled for completion in August and the buildings should be ready for occupancy on August 16, 2010.

Construction drawings are being finalized for the new Hibriten District middle school and will be ready to present to the board in late July or August.

ACTION – NCDOT TRAFFIC SIGNAL STUDY AND RESOLUTION

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously approved the attached resolution supporting the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of SR 1109 Pinewood Road and SR 1252 Burt Huffman Drive as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church.

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

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins, the board unanimously approved the attached budget amendments to the State Public School Fund and Federal Grants Fund as presented by Finance Officer Karla Miller.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall gave a report to the board regarding the recent Board of Education/County Commissioner Liaison Committee meeting. Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone thanked the County Commissioners for the increase of \$50,000 to our local budget. Budget recommendations from the state for the upcoming school year were reviewed and members voiced their concerns regarding Lottery money being used for items other than capital projects. Board members voiced their frustrations regarding the 13 million dollar cap the County Commissioners placed on the school system. Chairman Hall noted that the Rising Stars program and June Scholars were cut from the budget in order stay true to the school system's commitment to preserving jobs in the classroom.

CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins, 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 8:05 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 8:15 PM.

BOARD INFORMATION/POSSIBLE ACTION

Chairman Dr. Helen Hall instructed board members to hold an open ballot to appoint a candidate of their choice to the CCC&TI Board of Trustees. Alvin Daughtridge's term expires June 30, 2010. The board unanimously approved Alvin Daughtridge for another four-year term, expiring June 30, 2014.

SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION

Chairman Dr. Helen Hall gave a review of the Superintendent's evaluation and noted that Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone had outstanding performances and exceeded expectations on all 6 instruments he was evaluated on. She noted that Dr. Stone maintains an outstanding, harmonious relationship with the board; is always available to discuss important matters and responds to the board quickly and is trustworthy and honest. He has performed admirably in times of adversity and continues his professional growth as he manages our school system, He has a broad knowledge and strong leadership abilities and his vision has been constant throughout his tenure with the Caldwell County School System.

APPOINTMENT – ITERIM BOARD VACANCY

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins, the board unanimously agreed to establish the process wherein the interim board seat, vacated by the death of Dr. Sharon S. Pennell, would be filled until the November 2010 election. The person appointed to fill the vacancy would be approved by a four to two vote and the chosen candidate would be sworn in at the July 12, 2010, Board of Education meeting.

Chairman Dr. Helen Hall instructed board members to hold an open ballot and announce the name of the person they choose to fill the interim vacancy. Chris Becker voted for Darrell Pennell, Mike LaBrose voted for Duane Knight, Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins voted for Darrell Pennell, Chairman Dr. Helen Hall voted for Barbara Weiller, Linda Coffey voted for Darrell Pennell and Dottie Darsie voted for Barbara Weiller.

Chairman Dr. Helen Hall instructed board members to hold a second open ballot and announce the name of their second choice to fill the interim vacancy. Dottie Darsie voted for Duane Knight, Linda Coffey voted for Darrell Pennell, Chairman Dr. Helen Hall voted for Duane Knight, Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins voted for Darrell Pennell, Mike LaBrose voted for Darrell Pennell and Chris Becker voted for Darrell Pennell. By a vote of 4 to 2, Darrell Pennell was selected to serve as an interim Board of Education member until the board elections in November 2010.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY CONTRACT

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously approved a four-year contract beginning July 1, 2010, and ending June 30, 2014, with Ed Blair of Groome, Tuttle, Pike and Blair, to serve as School Board Attorney as presented by Chairman Dr. Helen Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall announced a special session of the board on Monday, June 28, 2010, 5:30 PM in the Board Room of the Education Center and the next regular board meeting on Monday, July 12, 2010, 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 Chris Becker, second by Dottie Darsie, and the unanimous approval of the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Signed:

Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

Attest:

Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education