

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Caldwell County Board of Education met at 7:00 PM on March 8, 2010, 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
Linda Coffey
Tim Hawkins

Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell and Mike LaBrose were absent.

The following administrative staff members were present:

Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent
Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services
Dr. Caryl Burns, Associate Superintendent for Educational Program 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

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. Charles Woodie and Tom Thuss addressed the board regarding Board Policy 3140 currently on comment period. Charles Woodie asked the board to address various issues in the current policy in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 and also asked the board to grant equal opportunity for all students to participate in athletics within common reason. Tom Thuss commended the board for the revisions made to the policy and felt these changes would prevent student recruitment for athletics purposes.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Anna Croke, 8th Grade Teacher, William Lenoir Middle School, gave the invocation and Aidan Croke, 1st Grade Student, Gamewell Elementary School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION - AGENDA

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

ACTION - MINUTES

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the February 8, 2010, regular board meeting and the February 22, 2010, community board meeting.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone presented NCSBA Certificates for 2008-2009 board training to the following board members: Linda Coffey, Certificate of Merit; Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall, Certificate of Achievement; Mike LaBrose, Diploma of Honor and Dottie Darsie, Silver Award.

Dottie Darsie presented a certificate and lapel pin to William Lenoir Middle School in recognition as one of three schools in North Carolina to be selected as a “Schools to Watch” middle school.

Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall presented a certificate and lapel pin to Anna Crooke, William Lenoir Middle School, in recognition for being selected as the North Carolina Middle School Association’s Region 7 Teacher of the Year.

Tim Hawkins presented a certificate and lapel pin to the following 2009 Caldwell County Spelling Bee Winners: 1st Place, Destiny Curtis, Hudson Middle School; 2nd Place, Anteeniya Bell, Gamewell Middle School; and 3rd Place, Adina Jan, William Lenoir Middle School.

Chris Becker presented a certificate and lapel pin to the following NC Beta Club Winners: Jared Dremann, South Caldwell High School, NC Beta Club Science Champion; Priscilla (PQ) Liu, Hibriten High School, NC State Beta Club President; Meghan McGreal and Kaylee Brookshire, South Caldwell High School, 3rd Place Scrapbook Competition; Sydney Sides, South Caldwell High School, 3rd Place, Short Story Competition; and Harrison Carter, Hibriten High School, 3rd Place, Music and Fine Arts Competition.

Linda Coffey 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 March: Cody Sutton, Caldwell Early College High School; Cole Gragg, Collettsville School; Marcus Perry, Oak Hill; Walker Carpenter, Kings Creek; Ohana Calloway, Oak Hill; Savannah Surgeon, Kings Creek; Nathan Nichols, Happy Valley; Caleb Harmon, Kings Creek; Ashton Beaman, Kings Creek; Heather Tomlinson, Kings Creek; and Kaitlin Pearson, Kings Creek. Sculptures by Lucus Hartley and Madison Curtis of Happy Valley.

ACTION – PROPOSED 2010-2011 CALDWELL EARLY COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER MIDDLE COLLEGE CALENDAR – FOLLOWING ONE MONTH COMMENT PERIOD

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously approved the attached proposed 2010-2011 Caldwell Early College and Career Center Middle College Calendar following a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – PROPOSED REVISION TO BOARD POLICY 3110, ASSIGNMENT OF STUDENTS FOR ONE MONTH COMMENT PERIOD AND BOARD POLICY 3140, STUDENT ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY FOR AN ADDITIONAL ONE MONTH COMMENT PERIOD

Upon motion of Chris Becker and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously approved to place the attached revisions to Board Policy 3110, Assignment of Students, on a one month comment period and Board Policy 3140, Student Athletic Eligibility, on an additional one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

**ACTION – PROPOSED NEW BOARD POLICY 4600, INTERSCHOLASTIC COACHES
FOLLOWING A ONE MONTH COMMENT PERIOD**

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously approved the attached proposed new Board Policy 4600, Interscholastic Coaches, following a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR GOOGLE FIBER INITIATIVE

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached Resolution of Support for Google Fiber Initiative as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION - PERSONNEL MATTERS

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Tim Hawkins, the board unanimously approved the attached personnel matters as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services Trish Johnson.

ACTION – STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS FOR 2009-2010

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

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall reported on the recent meeting of the Board of Education/County Commissioner Liaison Committee. Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone reported that the new William Lenoir Middle School costs were mid-range compared to other middle school construction projects with an all-inclusive cost of \$18 million dollars. Dr. Stone wants to present the construction plan to the County Commissioners in early May. Members asked that the site plan design and square footage totals be discussed at the next meeting with the architect in attendance. The state budget was also discussed and anticipated funding. Dr. Stone advised that the state was looking at a possible 1% pay increase for employees, which would mean employees who are paid from local funds would also have to be compensated. Tony Helton also shared that the county's projected budget for next year is \$1 million dollars short.

BOARD INFORMATION/POSSIBLE ACTION

Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone announced that social workers appreciation week was celebrated March 1-5, 2010, and reminded everyone to thank a social worker for their hard work to the Caldwell County Schools.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall announced the Community Board meeting on Monday, March 29, 2010, at West Caldwell High School and the next regular board meeting on Monday, April 19, 2010, in the Board Room of the Education Center. Vice-Chairman Hall advised the board meeting in April was held one week late due to the Easter holiday and spring break.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously declared the meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Signed:

Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

Attest:

Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education