

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Caldwell County Board of Education met at 7:00 PM on March 9, 2009, in the Board Room of the Education Center, Lenoir, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell
Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall
Linda Coffey
Dottie Darsie
Tim Hawkins

Chris Becker 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. 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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

OPENING CEREMONIES

Randy Ingold, Band Director, West Caldwell High School, gave the invocation and Tyler Ervin, Senior, West Caldwell High School, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell introduced Mr. Bill Schreiber, new Principal of the Career Center Middle College, to the audience and board.

ACTION - AGENDA

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

ACTION - MINUTES

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the February 9, 2009, Regular Board Meeting and the February 23, 2009, Community Board Meeting.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Tim Hawkins presented a certificate and lapel pin to Shirley Robbins, Widower of Mr. Jack Robbins, in recognition for the 2.2 million dollars bequeathed to the Caldwell County Schools by her late husband.

Linda Coffey presented a certificate and lapel pin to Cliff Swanson, Junior, Hibriten High School, in recognition for being selected as the North Carolina State Beta Club President.

Dottie Darsie presented a certificate and lapel pin to Tyler Ervin, Senior, West Caldwell High School, in recognition for receiving a Superior Award in Security Council for China at the Appalachian State University High School Model United Nations Competition.

Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall presented a certificate and lapel pin to Casey Sweet, 7th Grade, Oak Hill School, in recognition for being awarded the highest honor of Gold Key at the Mid-Carolina Region Scholastic Art Competition.

Tim Hawkins presented a certificate and lapel pin to Charlie Mitchell, 8th Grade, Kings Creek School, in recognition for being awarded a Silver Key and an Honorable Mention in the Mid-Carolina Region Scholastic Art Competition.

Linda Coffey presented certificates and lapel pins to the following Spelling Bee Winners: Kari Burgess, Granite Falls Middle School, 1st Place; Emily McFarland, William Lenoir Middle School, 2nd Place; and Jared Greene, Collettsville School, 3rd Place.

Dottie Darsie presented a certificate and lapel pin to Randy Ingold, Band Director, West Caldwell High School, in recognition for his selection to receive the 2009 North Carolina Bandmaster's Annual Award of Excellence.

Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall presented a certificate and lapel pin to Zoi Ouellette, Hibriten High School, in recognition for winning the North Carolina State Wrestling Championship.

Tim Hawkins presented a certificate and lapel pin to Kyle Hites, Teddy Esch, Gray Beane, Collin Hites and Jake Washburn, Hibriten High School Men's Swim Team Competition Winners in recognition for their 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place wins.

Linda Coffey presented a certificate and lapel pin to the Caldwell Early College High School in recognition for being selected as one of four New Schools Project "Learning Laboratory" for high school innovation in North Carolina.

EDUCATION FOUNDATION COMMUNITY EDUCATION GRANTS

Pat Triplett, Director, Education Foundation, presented Education Foundation Community Education Grants to the following winning recipients: Donna Nichols and Geba Davenport, Dudley Shoals Elementary School; Teresa Laramie, Gamewell Middle School; Barbara Fisher, Sawmills Elementary School; Libby Brown, Director, School/Community Services, Education Center; Shawn Clemons, Director, Middle School Curriculum, Education Center; Sharon Bryant, Granite Falls Middle School and students Landon Cline, Lauren Roland, Saraya Ford, Vakaria Wells, Hibriten High School.

ACTION – CALDWELL COUNTY EARLY COLLEGE AND CALDWELL CAREER CENTER MIDDLE COLLEGE 2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously approved to place the attached 2009-2010 Caldwell County Early College and Caldwell Career Center Middle College school calendar on a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – REVISION TO BOARD POLICY 3100 – ENROLLMENT OF STUDENTS

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall, the board unanimously approved the revisions to the attached Board Policy 3100, Enrollment of Students, following a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO USE LOTTERY MONEY TO BALANCE STATE BUDGET

Upon motion of Linda Coffey and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously approved the attached Resolution in Opposition to Use Lottery Money to Balance the State Budget to mail to the General Assembly Members and the Governor of North Carolina as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION - PERSONNEL MATTERS

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall, the board unanimously approved the attached personnel matters as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services Trish Johnson.

ACTION – STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS FOR 2008-2009

Upon motion of Linda Coffey 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 – LOTTERY APPLICATION FOR WINDOW REPLACEMENTS-VARIOUS SCHOOLS

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Tim Hawkins, the board unanimously approved the attached Lottery Application for window replacements at Baton Elementary, Gamewell Middle, Granite Falls Elementary, Granite Falls Middle, Happy Valley Elementary, Hibriten High, Horizons Elementary, Hudson Middle and Whitnel Elementary School as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church.

ACTION – BIDS FOR WINDOW REPLACEMENTS – VARIOUS SCHOOLS

Upon motion of Linda Coffey and second by Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall, the board unanimously approved the attached bids for window replacements at Baton Elementary, Gamewell Middle, Granite Falls Elementary, Granite Falls Middle, Happy Valley Elementary, Hibriten High, Horizons Elementary, Hudson Middle and Whitnel Elementary School as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church.

**ACTION - ADM APPLICATIONS FOR BOILER AND STEAM PIPE REPLACEMENTS
- VARIOUS SCHOOLS**

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached ADM Applications for boiler and steam pipe replacements at Happy Valley Elementary and Oak Hill Schools as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church.

ACTION – BIDS FOR BOILER AND STEAM PIPE REPLACEMENTS

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously approved the attached bids for boiler and steam pipe replacements for Happy Valley Elementary and Oak Hill Schools as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church.

ACTION – 2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall, the board unanimously approved the attached 2009-2010 school calendar following a one-month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – BUDGET AMENDMENTS – FEDERAL GRANTS FUND

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached budget amendments for the Federal Grants Fund as presented by Finance Officer Karla Miller.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell gave a report regarding the last meeting of the Board of Education/County Commissioner Liaison Committee meeting. She advised that Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone gave a very informative PowerPoint presentation on the *State of Caldwell County Schools* and noted that Caldwell County Schools is the largest employer in Caldwell County. The state budget crisis was discussed and Chairman Pennell advised that the state had already distributed figures on 3, 5, 7 and 9% cuts and how they will affect each LEA. She also noted that Caldwell County Schools will do everything possible to keep employee positions and the current level of service in our classrooms. Chairman Pennell strongly encouraged everyone to contact their legislators and make their voices heard.

BOARD INFORMATION/POSSIBLE ACTION

There was no board information or possible action items discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell announced the Community Board Meeting, Monday, March 30, 2009, at South Caldwell High School and the next regular board meeting on Monday, April 20, 2009, 7:00 PM in the Board Room of the Education Center. She noted the April board meeting fell on the 3rd Monday of the month due to the Easter holiday and spring break schedules.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Signed:

Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

Attest:

Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education