

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Caldwell County Board of Education met at 7:00 PM on March 10, 2008, in the Board Room of the Education Center, Lenoir, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

Chairman Dottie Darsie
Vice Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell
Chris Becker
Linda Coffey

Dr. Helen Hall, Tim Hawkins and Mike LaBrose were absent.

The following administrative staff was present:

Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent
Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services
Donnie Bassinger, Associate Superintendent for Auxiliary 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

Chairman Dottie Darsie called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Dottie Darsie opened the meeting for public comment. There was no public comment.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Nancy Felton, Resource Inclusion Teacher, William Lenoir Middle School, gave the invocation and Nathan Roberts and Aaron Wingate, 8th Grade, Hudson Middle School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION - AGENDA

Upon motion of Chris Becker and second by Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell, the board unanimously approved the proposed agenda as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION - MINUTES

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the February 11, 2008, Regular Board Meeting, the February 11, 2008, Closed Session and the February 25, 2008, Community Board Meeting.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Chairman Dottie Darsie presented a certificate and lapel pin to Bob Cutts of Bob's Lenoir Optical Service, for his generous contributions to the visually challenged and impaired students in the Caldwell County School System.

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Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell presented certificates and lapel pins to the following recipients of advanced educational degrees: Mariel Meadows, Granite Falls Middle School, Master's Degree in Instructional Technology, Appalachian State University; Carolyn Query, Hudson Middle School, Master's Degree in Instructional Technology, Appalachian State University; and Nancy Felton, William Lenoir Middle School, Master's Degree, Middle Grades Math, Appalachian State University.

Chris Becker presented certificates and lapel pins to the following 2008 Recitation Competition winners: DeMacy Kincaid, Gamewell Middle School, 1st Place; Nathan Roberts, Hudson Middle School, 2nd Place; Aja Bailey, William Lenoir Middle School, 3rd Place, William Sherrill, William Lenoir Middle School, 4th Place and Aaron Wingate, Hudson Middle School, 5th Place.

Linda Coffey presented certificates and lapel pins to the following 2008 Caldwell County Spelling Bee winners: Anna White, Granite Falls Middle School, 1st Place; Brad Roberts, Oak Hill School, 2nd Place and Jared Greene, Collettsville School, 3rd Place.

Chairman Dottie Darsie presented a certificate and lapel pin to Danny Anderson, Athletic Director, West Caldwell High School, for achieving his 500th record breaking career win at West Caldwell High School.

Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell presented a certificate and lapel pin to the following winners in the North Carolina Wrestling Championship: Chris Townsend, South Caldwell High School, 1st Place, 135lb. Weight Class; Johnny Lefevers, Hibriten High School, 3rd Place, 145lb. Weight Class; Zoi Ouelette, Hibriten High School, 3rd Place, 215lb. Weight Class; Dustin Potter, South Caldwell High School, 4th Place, 145lb. Weight Class; and Jesse Nelson, South Caldwell High School, 4th Place, 160lb. Weight Class.

Chris Becker presented certificates and lapel pins to the following award winners in the Hibriten High School Men's Swim Team Competition: Hibriten High School Men's Swim Team, 2nd Place in the North Carolina 1A/2A Championship; Kyle Hites, Caldwell Early College, 1st Place, 200 Meter Individual Medley, 100 Meter Breaststroke and named MVP; Kyle Hites, Caldwell Early College, Stephen Bottoms and Kevin Chuang, Hibriten High School and Ted Esch, Career Center Middle College, 1st Place, 200 Meter Medley Relay; Gray Beane and Kyle Hites, Caldwell Early College, Ted Esch, Career Center Middle College and Stephen Bottoms, Hibriten High School, 1st Place, 200 Freestyle Relay; Gray Beane and Travis Tolliver, Caldwell Early College, Kevin Chuang, Jake Washburn, Hibriten High School, 2nd Place, 400 Relay; Stephen Bottoms, Hibriten High School, 2nd Place, 100 Freestyle; 3rd Place, 500 Freestyle and Ted Esch, Career Center Middle College, 2nd Place, 100 Butterfly and 500 Freestyle.

INFORMATION – UPDATE ON COMMUNITY IN SCHOOLS

Debbie Eller, Director, Community In Schools, thanked the board for 19 years of support and noted that over 400 students had been served in the program this year. She updated the board on the recent three year grant awarded to CIS by the Department of Education totaling \$575,000, which supplies funding for after school programs in all four K-8 schools.

ACTION-CALDWELL EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL MASCOT RECOMMENDATION

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously approved the name "Mustangs" as the Caldwell Early College High School Mascot.

ACTION – PROPOSED 2008-2009 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Upon motion of Chris Becker and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached proposed 2008-2009 school calendar following a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION - PERSONNEL MATTERS

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell 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 – EASEMENT FOR AT&T

Upon motion of Linda Coffey and second by Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell, the board unanimously approved the attached easement at Davenport A+ School to AT&T as presented by Associate Superintendent of Auxiliary Services Donnie Bassinger.

ACTION – 2007-2008 AUDIT CONTRACT

Upon motion of Chris Becker and second by Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell, the board unanimously approved the attached 2007-2008 Audit Contract as presented by Finance Officer Bob Query.

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

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached budget amendments to the State Public School Fund, Local Current Expense Fund, Federal Grants Fund and Capital Outlay Fund as presented by Finance Officer Bob Query.

ACTION – STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS FOR 2007-2008

Upon motion of Chris Becker and second by Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell, the board unanimously approved the attached student transfer requests for 2007-2008, as presented by Associate Superintendent for Educational Program Services Dr. Caryl B. Burns.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell gave a brief report regarding the Board of Education/County Commissioner Liaison Committee meeting. The committee met with Senator Jim Jacumin and Representative Edgar Starnes regarding funding to implement “Project Lead the Way,” and the ASAP (A Suspensions Alternative Program) program. She also noted that funding is being pursued through federal and state agencies, as well as grant money.

Chris Becker did not give a report on the NCSBA Special Issues Seminar on Personnel he attended since a report had been given earlier on the same seminar attended by Chairman Dottie Darsie, Tim Hawkins and Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell.

BOARD INFORMATION/POSSIBLE ACTION

There was no board information and/or possible action.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Dottie Darsie announced the Board of Education Spring Board Retreat, Monday, March 17, 2008, 3:30 PM in the Staff Development Room of the Education Center, the next regular board meeting on Monday, April 14, 2008, 7:00 PM in the Board Room of the Education Center, and the Community Board Meeting on Monday, April 28, 2008, 7:00 PM at Hibriten High School.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, upon motion of Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell, second by Linda Coffey, and the unanimous approval of the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Signed:

Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

Attest:

Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education