

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

The Caldwell County Board of Education met at 7:00 PM on April 2, 2007, in the Board Room of the Education Center, Lenoir, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

Dottie Darsie, Chairman  
Dr. Sharon S. Pennell, Vice-Chairman  
Chris Becker  
Tim Hawkins  
Mike LaBrose  
Linda Coffey

Dr. Helen Hall was absent.

The following administrative staff were present:

Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent  
Donnie Bassinger, Associate Superintendent for Auxiliary Services  
Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Human Resources  
Dr. Caryl Burns, Associate Superintendent for Educational Services  
Bob Query, Finance Officer  
Ervil Anderson, Director of Student Support Services  
Libby Brown, School-Community Relations Director  
Ed Blair, School Board Attorney

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

Chairman Dottie Darsie opened the meeting and asked Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone to introduce the Davenport A+ School Violin Master Class for a special performance.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Dottie Darsie opened the meeting for public comment. Four people signed up to comment on the Lessons on Wheels update.

### **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Leta Hartley, Teacher of the Year, Gamewell Middle School, gave the invocation. Ben Crisp, 8th Grade Student, Gamewell Middle School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ACTION - AGENDA**

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell, the board unanimously approved the proposed agenda with the following change: Item IX, Article A, Number 1, was deleted from the 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 12, 2007 regular board meeting and the February 26, 2007 Community Board meeting.

### **HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone presented certificates of achievement from the North Carolina School Board's Association to Chairman Dottie Darsie for achieving the Diploma of Honor level for over 600 hours of board training and to Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell, for achieving the Scholar's Circle level for over 900 hours of board training.

### **HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Chris Becker presented a certificate of recognition and a lapel pin to Gretchen Conway, Early Childhood Coordinator with the Even Start Program, for her selection as the Toyota National Family Literacy Teacher of the Year by the National Center for Family Literacy.

Linda Coffey presented a certificate of recognition and a lapel pin to Nancy Posey, South Caldwell High School, for her selection as a winner in the Charlotte Observer's Sonnet Competition for her sonnet "On Teaching Creative Writing."

Chairman Dottie Darsie presented certificates of achievement and lapel pins to the following individuals for achieving Master's Degrees in the following areas: Angel Clark, Software Specialist/Web Master, Caldwell County Schools, Instructional Technology Specialist Computer, Appalachian State University; Donna Marmolejo, 2nd Grade Teacher, Kings Creek School, Instructional Technology Specialist Computer, Appalachian State University; Ann Matthews, PE Teacher, West Lenoir Elementary School, Instructional Technology Specialist Computer, Appalachian State University; Susan Walker, Curriculum Coach, Gamewell Elementary School, Public School Administration, Appalachian State University and Robin Yount, 7th Grade Teacher, Hudson Middle School, Middle School Education, Gardner-Webb University.

### **EDUCATION FOUNDATION COMMUNITY EDUCATION GRANTS**

Pat Triplett, Director, Education Foundation, awarded the following recipients with Community Education Grants: Mary Collins Hardy, Granite Falls Elementary School, "Orff Ensemble;" Carol Cox, Hibriten High School, "Veterans Oral History;" Denise Allen and Jessica Griffith, Caldwell Early College High School, "Testing the Waters: A Water Quality Project for Caldwell County Students;" and Candace Tippett, Granite Falls Middle School, "Glimpsing the Past, Grasping the Future."

### **ACTION – GRADUATION DATE**

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell and second by Dr. Helen Hall, the board unanimously approved Friday, June 8, 2007, as the 2006-2007 graduation date as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

### **ACTION - PERSONNEL MATTERS**

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell, the board unanimously approved the attached personnel matters as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resources Trish Johnson.

### **ACTION – ADM APPLICATIONS FOR CARPET REPLACEMENT AT SOUTH CALDWELL HIGH SCHOOL**

Upon motion of Chris Becker and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached ADM Applications for carpet replacement at South Caldwell High School as presented by Associate Superintendent of Auxiliary Services Donnie Bassinger.

### **ACTION – BIDS FOR CARPET REPLACEMENT AT SOUTH CALDWELL HIGH SCHOOL**

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached bid awarded to S & S Carpet Sales for carpet replacement at South Caldwell High School as presented by Associate Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Donnie Bassinger.

### **ACTION – STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS FOR 2006-2007**

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Tim Hawkins, the board unanimously approved the attached student transfer requests for 2006-2007 as presented by Student Support Services Director Ervil Anderson.

### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell gave an update on the recent Board of Education/County Commission Liaison Committee meeting where the Early College High School was discussed. Grading is almost complete with the construction of the building to begin in April. Classes are projected to begin August 1, 2007.

Chairman Dottie Darsie gave a report regarding the NCSBA President's Invitational she recently attended. This seminar dealt primarily with the core course of study changes in high school curriculum that will apply to freshman entering high school in 2008.

Chris Becker gave a PowerPoint Presentation regarding his participation in the NSBA 2007 Technology Site Visit to Richland School, District 2, in Columbia, South Carolina. He reviewed a summary of "technology by the numbers" regarding the number of computers, servers, software applications, Internet bandwidth, etc. that the school system enjoys and noted they have been working on this technology for the past 10 years. He also reported on their usage of ITEC Classrooms, "pod-casting" and "converged media."

### **BOARD INFORMATION/POSSIBLE ACTION**

There was no board information and/or possible action.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Dottie Darsie announced the Board Retreat, March 15, 2007, 3:00 PM in the Staff Development Room of the Education Center, the next regular board meeting on Monday, April 2, 2007, 7:00 PM in the Board Room of the Education Center and the Community Board Meeting at Hibriten High School, Monday, April 30, 2007 at 7:00 PM.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the board, and upon motion of Tim Hawkins, second by Linda Coffey, and the unanimous approval of the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

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Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education