

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Caldwell County Board of Education met at 6:00 PM on March 12, 2012, in the Board Room of the Education Center, Lenoir, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

Darrell Pennell, Chairman
Tim Hawkins, Vice-Chairman
Teresa Branch
Linda Coffey
Dottie Darsie
Dr. Helen Hall
Duane Knight

The following administrative staff members were present:

Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent
Dr. Caryl B. Burns, Associate Superintendent for Educational Program Services
Dr. Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services
Dr. Jeff Church, Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services
Karla Miller, Finance Director
Libby Brown, School-Community Relations Director
Ed Blair, School Board Attorney

Chairman Darrell Pennell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Reverend Marvin Yarborough, Director of Ministries at Union Grove Baptist Church and member of the Caldwell County School's Clergy Crisis Support Team, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEIGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The pledge was led by Girl Scouts of America: Samantha Muller of Troop 2378; Bethany Green, Sara Hedrick, and Ariel Miller of Troop 10345

ACTION – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins, Vice-Chairman, and second by Duane Knight, the Board unanimously approved the proposed agenda with the following amended changes: change Item XIV to a Closed Session to discuss Attorney Client Privilege; and changing X: B.3. to XV.

ACTION – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Dr. Helen Hall, the Board unanimously approved the January 30, 2012, Community Board Meeting minutes.

Upon motion of Teresa Branch and second by Tim Hawkins, Vice Chairman, the Board unanimously approved the February 13, 2012, Board of Education Meeting minutes and the

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Dottie Darsie, Board Member, praised the 100th year of the National Girl Scouts. Ms. Darsie presented background information on the first Girl Scouts. Since its beginning the Girl Scouts have helped encourage millions of girls and young women all over the world to build courage, confidence, character, and leadership skills. The programs exist in the lives of more than 10 million girls and women in 145 countries worldwide. More than 50 million women are alumni of the Girl Scouts. Girl Scouts have a long collaboration with Caldwell County Schools. We applauded the purpose and the principles of the Girl Scouts of America. 2012 has been proclaimed as *The Year of the Girl*.

Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent, presented three members of the board with certificates from the North Carolina School Board Association. All members of local boards of education are required to receive a minimum of 12 clock hours of training annually. A Certificate of Merit was presented to Darrell Pennell, A Certificate of Advanced Achievement was presented to Dr. Helen Hall, and The Gold Award was presented to Dottie Darsie.

Libby Brown, School Community Services Director, announced the Student Artwork Selections for the Education Center Art Gallery: Leah White, Julina Weiss, Cierra Hollifield – Collettsville School; Isaiah Helms, Austin Sturgis, Charlotte Gardner – Davenport A+ School; Gavin Nash, Mika Hayes, Krista Cornett – Sawmills Elementary School; Jess Taylor, Layla Spears, Kaytlin Castro – Happy Valley; Hope Kelly, Corbin Landers, Preston Triplett – Kings Creek School.

Libby Brown, School Community Services Director, announced the Honors and Recognitions recipients for the month of March and Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone and members of the Caldwell County Board of Education presented certificates to the following individuals/groups:

- At the North Carolina BETA Convention this year, students from South Caldwell, Hibriten High School and Early College High School competed in a statewide competition and surpassed their peers by placing first, second, or third in the following areas: South Caldwell: Santara Greene, third place, Creative Writing; David Marhao, third place, Social Studies; Jonah Farris, first place, English
- The South Caldwell High School Quiz Bowl Team placed second in the state. Team member included Jonah Farris, Isaac Pearson, David Marhao, Ryan Abts, Morgan McNiee, and Ashley Pelfrey. Hibriten High School; Addison McGee, first place, Poetry Contest; The Hibriten Quiz Bowl Team placed second. Team members include Jenny Hughes, Will Long, Josh McMenemy, and Douglas Terry. Both South Caldwell High School and Hibriten High School Quiz Bowl Teams will be eligible to compete at the National Convention in Greensboro this June. Caldwell Early College High School: Patrick Mangan, second place, US History; Anna White, third place spelling.
- Amelia Hawkins, fifth year student who has been awarded a full scholarship to Princeton University, has been selected as the recipient of the CCC&TI Student Academic Excellence Award. In April Amelia will travel to Raleigh and be recognized at the 2012 Academic Excellence Event, “The Great Whitin the 58.” As part of this honor she will participate in an awards program and tour the Governor’s Mansion.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A special presentation was given by Dr. Donna James with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Dr. James honored the Caldwell County School System by recognizing the amazing job done in the accreditation process. She stated that Caldwell County Schools takes the vision of graduating job and college ready students to heart. The SACS team also recognized that all financial decisions made by Caldwell County Schools are directed toward the District Initiatives. All twenty-six schools were presented a framed certificate to be displayed. The School System received a plaque and banner to be displayed at the Education Center.

INFORMATION - STEM PRESENTATION

Malen Braswell, Instructional Facilitator at Caldwell Early College presented an update on the STEM Teacher Training Project. Participants will be trained in the teaching field during a 15 month program. They are looking for mid-career professionals that hold degrees in one of the STEM areas. Please contact the Caldwell Early College if you know anyone who meets the requirements and wishes to enter into the teaching field.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Darrell Pennell, Chairman, opened the meeting for public comment. There was no public comment.

INFORMATION – COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS

Debbie Eller, Communities in Schools Director, presented on Communities in Schools Accreditation. CIS serves over 6000 children with level one service. Communities in Schools received National accreditation in June, 2011.

ACTION – PROPOSED REVISION TO BOARD POLICY 3500 - STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Dr. Helen Hall, the Board unanimously approved the motion to put on thirty day comment period the proposed board policy revisions to Board Policy 3500 (Student Activities).

ACTION – 2012-2013 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Upon motion of Linda Coffey and second by Dr. Helen Hall, the Board unanimously approved Calendar Option 5 for the 2012-2013 school year. Calendar 5 covers the 185 days required by the state and also allows us to use the Weather Waiver option. It allows 89 days in the first semester and allows exams to take place before Christmas break. Calendar 5 addresses the issue of prepaying teachers, so teachers will be paid for more days when they return in August.

INFORMATION – PERSONNEL MATTERS

Dr. Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services, presented the attached personnel matters to the Board for information only.

ACTION – PERSONNEL MATTERS

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

ACTION – STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS FOR 2011-2012

Upon motion of Teresa Branch and second by Linda Coffey, the Board unanimously approved the attached student transfer requests for 2011-2012 as presented by Dr. Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services.

ACTION – BID FOR HVAC REPLACEMENT AT GAMEWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HUDSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved the attached bid for replacement of HVAC Systems at Gamewell Middle School and Hudson Middle School as presented by Dr. Jeff Church, Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services.

ACTION – 2012-2013 AUDIT CONTRACT

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins, Vice-Chairman, and second by Dr. Helen Hall, the Board unanimously approved the attached 2012-2013 Audit Contract as presented by Karla Miller, Finance Director.

ACTION – BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND, LOCAL CURRENT EXPENSE FUND AND FEDERAL GRANTS FUND

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Teresa Branch, the board unanimously approved the attached budget amendments to the State Public School Fund, Local Current Expense Fund, and the Federal Grants Fund as presented by Karla Miller, Finance Director.

CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins, Vice-Chairman, and second by Dr. Helen Hall, the Board unanimously agreed to go into Closed Session at 7:14 PM to discuss legal matters pursuant to N.C.G.S. 1430-318.11 (a) (1)

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Darrel Pennell called the meeting back to order and turned the meeting over to Dr. Stone

BOARD INFORMATION/POSSIBLE ACTION

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins, Vice-Chair, and second by Linda Coffey the Board unanimously agreed to table Item XV, The Patterson School Lease and agreed to meet March 26, 2012, at 4:00 PM, before the 6:00 PM Community Board Meeting to discuss the Patterson School Lease.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Darrell Pennell, Chairman, announced the Community Board meeting on Monday, March 26, 2012, 6:00 PM at Hibriten High School. The next regular Board of Education Meeting will be held on Monday, April 16, 2012, 6:00 PM in the Board Room of the Education Center. (It is scheduled on the third Monday due to Spring Break). A Work Session is scheduled for 4:00 PM on Monday, April 30, 2012, in the Staff Development Room of the Education Center.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board and upon motion of Teresa Branch, second by Dr. Helen Hall, and with the unanimous approval of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Signed:

Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

Attest:

Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education