

OFFICIAL MINUTES FREEDMAN COMMUNITY MEETING
MARCH 12, 2015 | WILLIAM LENOIR MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

The following Board members were present:

Darrell Pennell, Chairman
Duane Knight, Vice-Chairman
Dottie Darsie
Linda Coffey
Teresa Branch

The following administrative staff members were present:

Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent
Dr. Jeff Church, Associate Superintendent for Auxiliary Services
Libby Brown, School Community Relations Director
David Johnson, Finance Officer

OPENING CEREMONIES

Darrell Pennell, Chairman, welcomed the community and thanked Lisa Vaughn for hosting the meeting at William Lenoir Middle School.

Darrell Pennell, Chairman, introduced the Caldwell County Board of Education Members, and Mayor Joseph Gibbons who introduced the City Council Members, and Lisa Vaughn, Principal of William Lenoir Middle School.

Lisa Vaughn welcomed the community, thanked everyone for attending, and for their support of William Lenoir Middle School.

Darrell Pennell, Chairman introduced Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent of Caldwell County Schools. Dr. Stone set the purpose of the meeting and introduced Dr. Jeff Church who presented on the progress of the new William Lenoir Middle School.

Dr. Stone presented the history of William Lenoir Middle School and the process to a new middle school.

Dr. Stone opened the floor to any questions, comments, or suggestions from the community concerning the future use of the original William Lenoir Middle School facility.

COMMUNITY QUESTION, COMMENTS, OR SUGGESTION

- Name should reflect Freedman(example: The Freedman School)
- Establish a memorial at the site of the original school
- Use the facility for the Patterson Science Center
- Shopping center for black entrepreneurs
- Freedman Museum
- Community Library for Freedman (African American History and African
- Freedman STEM School
- Freedman STEM Center (Local business to support)
- Jobs Training Center/Work Place Development
- Exceptional Children's School
- Summer Reading Center - before and after School
- Not an alternative school
- Community Arts/Literature Multicultural Center
- Resource Center for multiple sources
- Community Partnerships
- Demographics of area - needs of the people central service building
- Do not want to lose public school presence - would like kids in the building
- Pre-k center for county
- Worried about pre-k being centralized
- Consolidate West Lenoir and Valmead
- Events Center
- Possible Art Gallery
- Arts and Cultural Center
- Technology or Child Nutrition with a Staff Development Component
- Summer camps for students at low cost
- CCC&TI Collaboration
- Rent kitchen to community groups

Dr. Stone thanked the community for their participation in the meeting and for their support of the Caldwell County Schools.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further question or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM

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Darrell Pennell
Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Educat...

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Steve Stone, Ed.D
Superintendent of Schools