

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Caldwell County Board of Education met on March 26, 2012, at 5:00 PM for a Community Board Meeting at Hibriten High School.

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. Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services
Dr. Caryl Burns, Associate Superintendent for Educational Program Services
Dr. Jeff Church, Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services
Libby Brown, School/Community Services Director
Karla Miller, Finance Director
Katrina McEllen, Director, High School Curriculum
Keith Hindman, Director, Middle School Curriculum
Mary Kidder, Director, Wrap Around Program

Darrell Pennell, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Dottie Darsie, the Board went into Closed Session to discuss negotiations and a possible real estate contract pursuant to N.C.G.S.143.318.11(5)

After a brief closed session the Board returned to Open Session at 5:44 PM.

The public enjoyed a musical selection by Madeline Smith, Caldwell Early College High School and an art presentation by Lower Creek Elementary School students.

ACTION- PATTERSON SCHOOL LEASE

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins, Vice Chairman, and second by Dr. Helen Hall, the Board unanimously approved an eight year lease with the Patterson School Foundation. Patterson School will be used as a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Center.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chairman Darrell Pennell welcomed the community and thanked Brian Oliver, Principal, Hibriten High School, for hosting the meeting.

Brian Oliver, Principal, Hibriten High School, welcomed the community to Hibriten High School and thanked the Board, the community, and feeder school staff members, and students for taking the time to attend the meeting.

INVOCATION

Teresa Branch introduced Pam Bass, Teacher of the Year, from Kings Creek School, who gave the invocation.

COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone thanked the community, staff and students for attending the meeting, and introduced the staff members from the Education Center, and Kathy Chandler, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Linda Coffey introduced the Happy Valley School Boy Scouts Troop 299 who presented the Presentation of Colors and the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

NATIONAL ANTHEM/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Linda Coffey introduced the Hibriten High School Advance Chorus who presented the *The National Anthem*.

STATUS REPORTS

Dottie Darsie recognized the following elementary school principals who presented their attached School Improvement Plan Reports: Julia Curry, Davenport A+ School; Debbie Indicott, Lower Creek Elementary School; Carol Sturgis, Valmead Elementary School; and Andy Berry, Whitnel Elementary

Dr. Helen Hall recognized the following K-8 and middle school principals who presented their attached School Improvement Plan Reports: Andy Puhl, Happy Valley School; Milland Bradley, Kings Creek School; Dr. Phyllis Blair, Oak Hill School; and Lisa Vaughn, William Lenoir Middle School

Tim Hawkins, Vice-Chairman, recognized the following high school principals who presented their attached School Improvement Plan Reports: Candis Hagaman, Caldwell Early College High School; and Brian Oliver, Hibriten High School

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Darrell Pennell opened the meeting for public comment.

Teresa Branch complimented the attending principals for all they do in their schools and communities. She noted their commitment to children and families is exceptional. She encouraged the public to thank their child's principal and teachers.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Duane Knight introduced the following special presentations: Davenport 5th grade students who performed an excerpt from the musical *Annie*; Valmead Elementary School, 5th grade students performed a Vision/Mission Wrap, and Bailey Woods performed 2 musical selections on the harp; Whitnel Elementary School, Fourth Grade Singers performed 2 musical selections, and William Lenoir Middle School Jazz Band performed 3 musical selections.

Chairman Darrell Pennell thanked everyone for the wonderful job they did with the musical presentations and recognized the ushers from Caldwell Early College High School. He also asked everyone to stop by and look at the art presentations by Lower Creek Elementary School in the lobby.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion of Linda Coffey and second by Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

Signed _____
Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

Attest:

Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education