

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

The Caldwell County Board of Education met on March 28, 2011, for a community board meeting at South Caldwell High School at 5:30 PM. The business portion of the meeting took place in Room 358, Mr. Jonathan Haas' Classroom, followed by the community portion of the meeting in the South Caldwell High School theatre.

The following members were present:

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

The following administrative staff members were present:

Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent  
Dr. Jeff Church, Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services  
Dr. Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services  
Dr. Caryl Burns, Associate Superintendent for Educational Program Services  
Karla Miller, Finance Officer  
Ed Blair, Attorney, Groome, Tuttle, Pike and Blair

Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

### **ACTION – QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOND APPLICATION – REALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO GAMEWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Upon motion of Darrell Pennell and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached Qualified School Construction Bond Application to reallocate funds to Gamewell Elementary School as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church.

### **ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD**

In the election for the position of Chairman of the Board, Dottie Darsie and Dr. Helen Hall voted for Dr. Helen Hall, Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins voted for Tim Hawkins, Linda Coffey and Darrell Pennell voted for Linda Coffey and Teresa Branch voted for Teresa Branch. There was no consensus for Chairman of the Board.

In the second election for the position of Chairman of the Board, Teresa Branch voted for Teresa Branch, Darrell Pennell and Linda Coffey voted for Linda Coffey, Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins voted for Tim Hawkins, Dr. Helen Hall and Dottie Darsie voted for Dr. Helen Hall. There was no consensus for Chairman of the Board.

In the third election for the position of Chairman of the Board, Dottie Darsie and Dr. Helen Hall voted for Dr. Helen Hall, Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins voted for Tim Hawkins, Linda Coffey and Darrell Pennell voted for Linda Coffey and Teresa Branch voted for Teresa Branch. There was no consensus for Chairman of the Board.

## **ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD**

In the fourth election for the position of Chairman of the Board, Teresa Branch voted for Teresa Branch, Darrell Pennell and Linda Coffey voted for Linda Coffey, Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins voted for Tim Hawkins, Dr. Helen Hall and Dottie Darsie voted for Dr. Helen Hall. There was no consensus for Chairman of the Board.

Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone asked Ed Blair, School Board Attorney, what the board's options were as no consensus had been reached to elect the Chairman of the Board. Mr. Blair advised that the board could postpone the vote until the next board meeting or take another vote.

In the fifth election for the position of Chairman of the Board, Dottie Darsie and Dr. Helen Hall voted for Dr. Helen Hall, Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins voted for Tim Hawkins, Linda Coffey voted for Linda Coffey, Darrell Pennell voted for Darrell Pennell and Teresa Branch voted for Teresa Branch. There was no consensus for Chairman of the Board.

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved to postpone the reorganization of the board until a later date.

## **OPENING CEREMONIES**

After a performance by the Hudson Middle School 8th Grade Band, directed by Leah Spicer, Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins welcomed the community to South Caldwell High School and thanked Principal Mike Peake for hosting the meeting. Mike Peake, Principal, South Caldwell High School, welcomed the community, schools in attendance, and board members to the home of the Spartans.

Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins recognized the following individuals from The Education Center: 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, Karla Miller, Finance Officer, Katrina Watson, High School Curriculum Director, Stephen Martin, Elementary Curriculum Director and Dawn Weese, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent.

Teresa Branch introduced Jason Hines, Exceptional Children's Teacher, Baton Elementary School, who gave the invocation.

Linda Coffey introduced the South Caldwell High School NJROTC, directed by Lieutenant Colonel Hank Winn and Senior Chief Arnold Correll, who presented the colors and Cameron Perkins, Camden Woodie, Hannah Crunkleton, Kamdyn Anderson, Olyvia Carroll, Dillon Wilson, Logan Greene, Abby Kale, Nathaly Lopez and Isaiah Kirby, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Students, Hudson Elementary School, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dottie Darsie introduced the Granite Falls Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus, directed by Shay Barnes, who performed The National Anthem.

## **STATUS REPORTS**

Brief summaries of the attached status reports were given by the following individuals for his/her respective school: Keith Hindman, Principal, Baton Elementary School; Andy Berry, Principal, Dudley Shoals Elementary School; Andrew Miller, Principal, Granite Falls Elementary School; Robyn Stella, Principal, Hudson Elementary School; Robin DiBernardi, Principal, Sawmills Elementary School; Brian Suddreth, Principal, Granite Falls Middle School; Bill Griffin, Principal, Hudson Middle School; Bill Schreiber, Principal, Career Center Middle College and Mike Peake, Principal, South Caldwell High School.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins opened the floor for public comment. There was no public comment.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Darrell Pennell introduced the following students that performed the special presentations: "In the Jungle," First Grade Students, Sawmills Elementary School, Lee Ann Luman, Director; "Eagle News Report," Dudley Shoals Elementary Students, Geba Davenport and David Johnson, Directors; and South Caldwell High School Vocal Ensemble, Alice Robson, Choral Director.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

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

Attest:

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Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education