

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Caldwell County Board of Education met at 6:00 PM on May 9, 2011, in the Board Room of the Education Center, Lenoir, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

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

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 Officer
Libby Brown, School-Community Relations Director
Ed Blair, School Board Attorney, Groome, Tuttle, Pike and Blair

Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Reverend Marvin Yarborough, Director of Ministry, Union Grove Baptist Church and Member, Clergy Crisis Support Team, gave the invocation. Taylor Franklin, Kayla Rupard and Faith Smith, 8th Grade Students, Collettsville School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Dr. Helen Hall, the board unanimously approved the proposed agenda with the following change: move Article IV, Organization of the Board and place under Article XIV., Item C., as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Darrell Pennell, the board unanimously approved the April 18, 2011, Regular Board Minutes and the April 18, 2011, Closed Session Minutes as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

School Community Services Director Libby Brown announced the "Student Spotlight" recipient, Chris Campbell, 12th grade student at South Caldwell High School. A video was viewed by the board and audience outlining Chris's accomplishments and a certificate and lapel pin were presented to Chris by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone and the members of the Caldwell County Board of Education.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

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

- Middle and High School Bands – Hibriten High School Symphonic Band, Superior, Director, Kevin Townsend; South Caldwell High School Concert Band, Superior, South Caldwell High School Symphonic Band, Excellent, Director, Jason Childers; Collettsville School Advanced Band, Superior, Director, Jonathan Beal; Gamewell Middle School Concert Band, Excellent, Director, Amanda Inabinet; Granite Falls Middle School Seventh-Grade Band, Superior, Granite Falls Middle School Eighth Grade Band, Superior, Director, Sarah Stafford; Hudson Middle School Seventh Grade Band, Superior, Hudson Middle School Eighth Grade Band, Excellent, Director, Leah Spicer; William Lenoir Middle School Seventh Grade Band, Superior, William Lenoir Middle School Eighth Grade Band, Superior, Director, Terry Reid.
- North Carolina Honors Band Students - Chris Austin, Bass Clarinet, Lisa Kolpin, Clarinet, Anthony Piedl, French Horn, Nocoa Spencer, Clarinet, South Caldwell High School; Joseph Reid, Trumpet and Jada Roberts, Bass Clarinet, William Lenoir Middle School.
- Middle and High School Choruses – Hibriten High School Advanced Chorus, Superior, Hibriten High School Beginning Chorus, Excellent, Director, Nancy Witcher; South Caldwell High School Advanced Women's Chorus combined with Beginning Chorus, Superior, Director, Alice Robson; Gamewell Middle School 7th and 8th Grade Chorus, Large Ensemble, Excellent, Gamewell Middle School 6th Grade Chorus, Small Ensemble, Excellent, Director, Alice McIntyre; Granite Falls Middle School 8th Grade Chorus, Superior, Granite Falls Middle School 7th Grade Chorus, Excellent, Director, Shay Barnes; Hudson Middle School 6th Grade Chorus, Superior, Hudson Middle School 7th Grade Chorus, Superior, Hudson Middle School 8th Grade Chorus, Superior, Director, Sherry January; William Lenoir Middle School 6th Grade Chorus, Superior, William Lenoir Middle School 7th Grade Chorus, Superior, William Lenoir Middle School 8th Grade Chorus, Superior, Director, Carla Reid; William Lenoir Middle School Treble Chorus, Superior; Superior Solo Choral Performances: Ashley Baker and Beth Payne, Hibriten High School; Erica Bolick, Santara Greene and Emily Potter, South Caldwell High School.
- SkillsUSA State Competition – Career Center Middle College: Quinton Wright, 1st Place, Residential Wiring, Zachary Blevins, 2nd Place, Residential Wiring, Stan Vines, Advisor; Stephanie Gilbert, 1st Place, Creed A, Jesse Fox, Advisor; Caden Haigler, Franklin Hagan and Josh Tarr, 1st Place, Engineering, Freda Parker, Advisor; Paul Morrow and Paul Trigger, 1st Place, Robotics, Freda Parker, Advisor; Raymond Croon, 3rd Place, Carpentry, Jesse Fox Advisor; Jordan Cheek, Brittany Wilson, Kierston Matheson, Madison Port, Julia Presnell, Krista Vang and Caleb Reece, 3rd Place, Opening and Closing Ceremony, Kim Poole, Advisor; Hibriten High School: Hunter Pipes, 1st Place, Graphics Communications, Aaron Tucker, Advisor; Thomas Gavin Keller, 2nd Place, Masonry, Tracy Bradshaw, Advisor; South Caldwell High School: Ronnie Huffman, 3rd Place, Masonry Estimating, Scott Settlemyre, Advisor; West Caldwell High School: Jessica Henning, 3rd Place, Masonry Bulletin Board, Matt Woods, Advisor.
- 2011 Lorraine S. Mummert Volunteer of the Year-Nancy Triplett, Sawmills Elementary School.
- Student Artwork Selections for the Education Center Art Gallery: Cassidy Eides, Mary Basking, Kevin Pineda, Davenport A+ School; Claire Kent, Haley Sawyer, Milly Hanson, Lower Creek Elementary School; Walter Robles, Gabriella Alessio, Stephen Davis, Granite Falls Elementary School; Brooklyn Hightower, William Wright, Jacob Foust, Gamewell Elementary School and sculptures from various classes at Hudson Elementary School.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Dr. Helen Hall, the board unanimously approved to extend Brian Oliver, Principal, Hibriten High School, contract to four years through June 30, 2014, as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF SENATE BILL 344-TAX CREDITS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached resolution opposing Senate Bill 344, Tax Credits for Children with Disabilities, as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – PROPOSED NEW BOARD POLICY 4610, AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR USE, FOR ONE MONTH COMMENT PERIOD

Upon motion of Linda Coffey and second by Dr. Helen Hall, the board unanimously approved to place the attached proposed new Board Policy 4610, Automatic External Defibrillator Use, on a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – PROPOSED POLICY REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICY 1330, BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION TRAINING; BOARD POLICY 1354, BOARD MEMBER REMOVAL FROM OFFICE; BOARD POLICY 1600, CALDWELL COUNTY SCHOOLS FIVE YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN; BOARD POLICY 2000, BOARD MEETINGS; BOARD POLICY 2300, SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCILS; BOARD POLICY 3310, ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE; BOARD POLICY 3620, STUDENT HEALTH AND BOARD POLICY 6820, SYSTEMWIDE REDUCTION IN FORCE FOR LICENSED PERSONNEL FOLLOWING A ONE MONTH COMMENT PERIOD

Upon motion of Teresa Branch and second by Darrell Pennell, the board unanimously approved the attached revisions to Board Policy 1330, Board Member Orientation Training, following a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved to delete the attached Board Policy 1354, Board Member Removal from Office, following a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached revisions to Board Policy 1600, Caldwell County Schools Five Year Strategic Plan, following a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

Upon motion of Darrell Pennell and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously approved the attached revisions to Board Policy 2000, Board Meetings, following a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

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Upon motion of Teresa Branch and second by Darrell Pennell, the board unanimously approved to delete the attached Board Policy 2300, Board Member Orientation Training, following a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached revisions to Board Policy 3310, Alcohol and Drug Abuse, following a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

Upon motion of Teresa Branch and second by Dr. Helen Hall, the board unanimously approved the attached revisions to Board Policy 3620, Student Health, following a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously approved the attached revisions to Board Policy 6820, Systemwide Reduction in Force for Licensed Personnel, following a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

INFORMATION – PERSONNEL MATTERS

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

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Teresa Branch, the board unanimously approved the attached personnel matters as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services Dr. Trish Johnson.

ACTION – STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS FOR 2010-2011

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Darrell Pennell, the board unanimously approved the attached student transfer requests for 2010-2011, as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services Dr. Trish Johnson.

ACTION – DRIVER EDUCATION CONTRACT

Upon motion of Darrell Pennell and second by Dr. Helen Hall, the board unanimously approved the attached North Carolina Driving School's Driver's Ed Contract for a period of three years as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church.

ACTION – 2011-2012 CHILD NUTRITION LUNCH PRICE INCREASE

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously approved the attached Child Nutrition Department lunch price increase as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church.

ACTION – ROLLOVER BIDS FOR MILK AND BREAD

Upon motion of Darrell Pennell and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached rollover bid pricing for milk and bread for the 2011-2012 school year as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church.

ACTION – LOCAL CURRENT EXPENSE 2011-2012 BUDGET REQUEST

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Teresa Branch, the board unanimously approved the attached Local Current Expense 2011-2012 Budget Request as presented by Finance Officer Karla Miller.

ACTION – BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND AND FEDERAL GRANTS FUND

Upon motion of Teresa Branch and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously approved the attached budget amendments to the State Public School Fund and the Federal Grants Fund as presented by Finance Officer Karla Miller.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dr. Helen Hall gave a report on the recent Finance Committee meeting. The committee reviewed the proposed 2011-2012 current expense budget that was submitted to the Board of County Commissioners on May 7, 2011. The proposed budget totals \$17,825,997. Dr. Hall noted the tight budget year ahead, not just for the board of education, but also for the County Commissioners, and thanked them for their consideration and support of the district's proposal. The district requested an additional \$300,000 dollars to assist in funding two Child Family Support Teams and two School Resource Officers, positions that would be cut under the proposed budget from the state. The district could face losing as much as \$8,817,535, the toughest budget impact we've faced to date, which will force the district to lose teacher assistants at the second and third grade level. The board is committed to doing everything it can to protect instructional staff positions in the school system, yet the challenges continue to increase as our finances diminish.

BOARD INFORMATION/POSSIBLE ACTION

Upon motion of Teresa Branch and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously approved the attached 2011-2012 Board Meeting Schedule as presented by Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins.

APPOINTMENT – INTERIM BOARD VACANCY

Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins instructed board members to hold an open ballot vote and announce the name of the person they choose to fill the interim board vacancy. Teresa Branch voted for Bob Henson, Dr. Helen Hall voted for Duane Knight, Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins voted for Joe Sims, Linda Coffey voted for Joe Sims, Dottie Darsie voted for Duane Knight and Darrell Pennell voted for Duane Knight. No consensus was reached.

Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins instructed board members to hold a second open ballot vote and announce the name of their second choice to fill the interim vacancy. Teresa Branch, Dr. Helen Hall, Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins, Linda Coffey, Dottie Darsie and Darrell Pennell voted unanimously for Duane Knight to fill the vacant board seat until the board elections in December 2014.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

In the election for the position of Chairman of the Board, Teresa Branch, Dr. Helen Hall, Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins, Linda Coffey, Dottie Darsie and Darrell Pennell voted for Darrell Pennell. Darrell Pennell was elected Chairman.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board and upon motion of Darrell Pennell, second by Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins, and the unanimous approval of the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Signed:

Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

Attest:

Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education