

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Caldwell County Board of Education met at 7:00 PM on May 14, 2007, in the Board Room of the Education Center, Lenoir, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

Dottie Darsie, Chairman
Dr. Sharon S. Pennell, Vice-Chairman
Chris Becker
Linda Coffey
Dr. Helen Hall
Tim Hawkins
Mike LaBrose

The following administrative staff were present:

Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent
Donnie Bassinger, Associate Superintendent for Auxiliary Services
Dr. Caryl Burns, Associate Superintendent for Educational Services
Bob Query, Finance Officer
Libby Brown, School-Community Relations Director
Ed Blair, School Board Attorney

Ervil Anderson, Director of Student Support Services, was absent.

Chairman Dottie Darsie called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Dottie Darsie opened the meeting for public comment. There was no public comment.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chairman Dottie Darsie noted that the Special Musical Presentation would be delayed as Zac Walker was running late due to a ballgame.

Steve Brooks, Project Direct, Spartan Alliance for Youth, South Caldwell High School, gave the invocation and Jon Ford and Candace Triplett, 9th Grade Students, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION - AGENDA

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Mike LaBrose and second by Tim Hawkins the Board unanimously approved the proposed agenda with the following addition: a Board of Education/County Commissioner Liaison Committee Report, Item C, Section XIV, Board Committee Reports, as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION - MINUTES

Upon motion of Chris Becker and second by Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the April 2, 2007, Regular Board Meeting, and the April 30, 2007, Community Board Meeting.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Dottie Darsie presented certificates and lapel pins to the following 2007 Caldwell County Schools Honor recipients: Irene Tuttle, Associate of the Year, Hibriten High School; Glenda Wright, Bus Driver of the Year, Collettsville School; Gail Williams, Educator of the Year; Valmead School and Marcia Arnold, Volunteer of the Year, Oak Hill School.

Chris Becker presented certificates and lapel pins to the following individuals for their selection as the Corning Cable Systems Excellence in Teaching Award recipients: Amy Bradley, Science Teacher, Hibriten High School, Teaching Award for Science and Tamara Hines, South Caldwell High School, Teaching Award for Math.

Linda Coffey presented a certificate and lapel pin to Kathleen Mitchell, Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher, South Caldwell High School, in recognition for her selection as one of the top eight Family and Consumer Science Teachers in the Nation by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Tim Hawkins presented a certificate and lapel pin to Steve Brooks, Social Studies Teacher, South Caldwell High School, in recognition for his selection as the 2007 Blue Ribbon Award Winner by the Caldwell Committee for Healthy Families.

Mike LaBrose presented a certificate and lapel pin to Trevor Parrish, 7th Grade Student, Hudson Middle School, in recognition for his first place win in the Soil and Water Conservation District Speech Competition.

Linda Coffey presented certificates and lapel pins to the following recipients that placed at the middle and high school level at the North Carolina Choral, Solo and Ensemble Festivals: Gamewell Middle School, 7th Grade Chorus, Superior Rating, Erin Penley, Director; Gamewell Middle School, 6th and 8th Grade Chorus, Excellent Rating, Erin Penley, Director; Granite Falls Middle School Chorus, Superior Rating, Shay Barnes, Director; Happy Valley Chorus, Superior Rating, Lindsay Scarborough, Director; Jennifer Canterbury, 8th Grade, Hudson Middle School, Superior Rating, Sherry January, Director; Hudson Middle School 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Chorus, Superior Rating, Sherry January, Director; William Lenoir Middle School 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Chorus, Superior Rating, Carla Reid, Director; Katelyn Aldridge, Shatera Dixon, Jessica Rhyne and Kimberly Moore, Hibriten High School, Superior Rating in the Solo and Small Ensemble, Nancy Witcher, Director; Jessica Rhyne, Amber Clark, Tabitha DeGuzman, Ashley Walsh and Shatera Dixon, Superior Rating in Small Ensemble, Nancy Witcher, Director; Hibriten High School Advanced Chorus, Superior Rating, Nancy Witcher, Director; Hibriten High School Beginning Chorus, Nancy Witcher, Director; South Caldwell Beginning Chorus, Women's Chorus and Vocal Ensemble, Superior Rating, Alice Barlowe, Director; West Caldwell High School Small Choral Ensemble, Excellent Rating, Nancy Witcher, Director.

Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell presented certificates to the following recipients that placed at the middle and high school level at the Northwest District Band Festival: Hudson Middle School, 8th Grade Band, Excellent Rating, Cathy Cook, Director; William Lenoir Middle School, 7th and 8th Grade Bands, Superior Rating, Terry Reid, Director; William Lenoir Middle School, 8th Grade Jazz Band, Superior Rating, Terry Reid, Director; South Caldwell High School, Concert and Symphonic Bands, Superior Rating, Jason Childers, Director and West Caldwell High School, Symphonic Band, Superior Rating, Randy Ingold, Director.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Chris Becker presented certificates and lapel pins to the following winners at the NC SkillsUSA State Competitions: TeamWorks, 1st Place, Career Center High School, Louis Foust, Max Barlowe, Billy McElyea and Marc Colvard; Justin Gryder, Career Center High School, 1st Place, Carpentry; Michael Lutz, Career Center High School, 1st Place, Plumbing; Robert Colley, Career Center High School, 1st Place, Firefighting; Danyell Riggins, Career Center High School, 1st Place, Preschool Teaching Assistant; Aaron Lynch, Hibriten High School, 1st Place, Precision Machining Technology; Erin Holman and Johnna Creech, South Caldwell High School, 1st Place, Masonry Posterboard; Newland West, Career Center High School, 2nd Place, Plumbing; Allison Reid, Career Center High School, 2nd Place, Customer Service; Zachary Ferguson, Career Center High School, 2nd Place, Extemporaneous Speaking; Eric Church, Career Center High School, 2nd Place, Carpentry; James Rogerson, Hibriten High School, 2nd Place, Advertising Design; Josh Billings, Hibriten High School, 2nd Place, Graphic Communications; Brennen Goldman, Hibriten High School, 2nd Place, Job Interview; Seth Carswell, South Caldwell High School, 2nd Place, Masonry Estimating; Dustin Atkins, Career Center High School, 3rd Place, Plumbing; Richard Watson, Career Center High School, 3rd Place, Residential Wiring; Chris Bumgarner, South Caldwell High School, 3rd Place, Criminal Justice; Shane Calloway, Chris Griffin, Jeff Hall and Chris Kirby, South Caldwell High School, Masonry Quiz Bowl and Zach Ferguson, Career Center High School, Alternate, State Officer. Instructors: Jesse Fox, Residential Construction Technology; Debbie Pennell, Information Systems Technology; Michael Swanson, Industrial Piping; Stan Vines, Electrical Technology; Mike Winn, Residential Construction Technology; Marty Gibson, Metals Manufacturing; Career Center High School; Aaron Tucker, Printing Graphics and Mike Pennington, Drafting, Hibriten High School; Scott Settlemeyre, Masonry and Kathy Hobbs, Business, South Caldwell High School.

Mike LaBrose presented certificates and lapel pins to the following State FBLA Conference winners from Granite Falls Middle School; Savannah Childers, Hayley Lafevre and Danielle Arney, 1st Place, American Enterprise Project; Jana LaBrose, 2nd Place, FBLA Creed; Lauren Hazard, 3rd Place, Keyboarding I and Emily Potter, 3rd Place, Community Service Project. Instructors: Dawn Carpenter and Hollie Hurst.

Dr. Helen Hall presented a certificate and lapel pin to Valerie April Templeton, South Caldwell High School, for her selection as a North Carolina Teaching Fellow Recipient.

SPECIAL MUSICAL PRESENTATION

Chairman Dottie Darsie introduced Zac Walker, 5th Grade, Lower Creek Elementary School, who performed his original song, "Please Come Home," in honor of our troops in Iraq. Chairman Darsie also announced that Zac had recorded the song and it was airing on local radio stations and also noted that he had an article recently in the local newspaper. Zac noted that his ball team won the game 11 to 0.

ACTION – AIG PLAN 2007-2010

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell, the board unanimously approved to place the 2007-2010 AIG Plan on a thirty-day comment period as presented by Laura Ball, AIG Specialist, William Lenoir Middle School.

ACTION – EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL AND CAREER CENTER HIGH SCHOOL 2007-2008 SCHOOL CALENDARS

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously approved the attached 2007-2008 school calendar for the Early College High School and the Career Center High School as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – PROPOSED NEW POLICY 7551-EARLY GRADUATION

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell and second by Tim Hawkins, the board unanimously approved the attached Board Policy 7551, Early Graduation, following a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – PROPOSED POLICY 3300, STUDENT CONDUCT - ADDITIONAL ONE MONTH COMMENT PERIOD

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved to place the attached Board Policy 3300, Student Conduct, on an additional one month comment period due to additional language regarding “validated gang members” for possible approval at the June board meeting as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION - PERSONNEL MATTERS

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell and second by Chris Becker, the Board unanimously approved the attached personnel matters as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services Trish Johnson.

ACTION – BIDS FOR ROOF REPLACEMENTS AT HAPPY VALLEY, HUDSON MIDDLE, HIBRITEN HIGH, SAWMILLS, LOWER CREEK AND VALMEAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell and second by Mike LaBrose, the board unanimously approved the attached bid for roof replacements at Happy Valley, Hudson Middle, Hibriten High, Sawmills, Lower Creek and Valmead Elementary Schools as presented by Associate Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Donnie Bassinger.

ACTION – ADM APPLICATIONS FOR ROOF REPLACEMENTS AT HAPPY VALLEY, HUDSON MIDDLE, HIBRITEN HIGH, SAWMILLS, LOWER CREEK AND VALMEAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Dr. Helen Hall, the board unanimously approved the attached ADM Application for roof replacements at Happy Valley, Hudson Middle, Hibriten High, Sawmills, Lower Creek and Valmead Elementary Schools as presented by Associate Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Donnie Bassinger.

ACTION-2007-2008 BUDGET REQUEST

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Linda Coffey, the Board unanimously approved the attached 2007-2008 Budget Request, as presented by Finance Officer Bob Query.

ACTION – BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND, LOCAL CURRENT EXPENSE FUND, FEDERAL GRANTS FUND, CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND AND CHILD NUTRITION ENTERPRISE FUND

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell and second by Tim Hawkins, the Board unanimously approved the attached budget amendments for the State Public School Fund, Local Current Expense Fund, Federal Grants Fund, Capital Outlay Fund and Child Nutrition Enterprise Fund as presented by Finance Officer Bob Query.

ACTION – STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS FOR 2007-2008

Upon motion of Chris Becker and second by Linda Coffey, the Board unanimously approved the attached student transfer requests for 2007-2008, as presented by Associate Superintendent for Educational Program Services.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman Dottie Darsie reported on the Employers Support of the National Guard and Reserve's "Boss Lift" she attended. Individuals from Business and Industry, law enforcement, etc. went to Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, boarded a KC-135 tanker plane and experienced a mid-air refueling. They also toured an airbase in Charleston, SC, as well as McIntyre Air Force Base, attending demonstrations on explode ordinances, touring F-16 fighter jets, and interviewing pilots, etc. Chairman Darsie also read the names of our veterans who served at various schools within Caldwell County.

Chris Becker, Dr. Helen Hall, Tim Hawkins and Mike LaBrose gave individual reports on the sessions they attended at the National School Board Association's National Conference in San Francisco, CA. Chris Becker reported on the DARE program and electronic board meetings seminars, as well as the speech made by Jamie Lee Curtis, keynote speaker. Mike LaBrose reported on the No Child Left Behind, IDEA and Federal mandate seminars he attended, Tim Hawkins reported on the legal issues seminar he attended regarding ELL, (English Language Learners), and Dr. Helen Hall reported on the General Sessions and the keynote speakers at each session. Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone also attended the conference.

Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell gave a report on the recent Board of Education/County Commissioner Liaison Committee meeting where our budget concerns were the focal point. Dr. Pennell also encouraged board members to attend the County Commissioner's meeting scheduled for May 21, 2007, as the budget allocations will be announced.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Dottie Darsie announced the next regular Board Meeting on Monday, June 11, 2007, 7:00 PM in the Board Room of the Education Center.

CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved to go into Closed Session at 8:24 PM to discuss personnel matters pursuant to N.C.G.S. Section 143-318.11 (A) (1). No action was taken in the Closed Session

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell, the board unanimously agreed to adjourn the Closed Session at 8:55 PM. There being no further business to come before the board and upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Mike LaBrose, the board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM.

There being no further business to come before the board, Chairman Dottie Darsie, upon unanimous approval of the board, declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Signed _____
Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

Attest:

Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education