

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Date | time 12/11/2017 4:00 PM NCSBA Superintendent Search Information | 6:00 Board Meeting
Called to order by Darrell Pennell, Chair

In Attendance

Caldwell County Board of Education: Chairman Darrell Pennell, Vice-Chair Duane Knight, Dottie Darsie, Tim Hawkins, Joe Sims, Teresa Branch, and Ann Edwards

Caldwell County Schools Administrative Staff:

David Johnson, Director of Finance
Libby Brown, School Community Relations Director
Destin Hall, Board Attorney

Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent
Dr. Trish Johnson Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services
Dr. Jeff Church, Associate Superintendent for Auxiliary Services

Call to Order / North Carolina School Board Association (NCSBA) Superintendent Search Presentation

The Board heard from the NCSBA on the next steps in the Superintendent Search. The following items were presented to the Board for Approval:

Information Item:

The Board read through the advertisement for the Superintendent Search and suggested edits to the description of the county. Once all the changes are made the full Board will be sent a corrected advertisement.

The Board selected where to advertise the Superintendent Search. No vote was required, all places selected were free of charge.

Action Items:

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie, and seconded by Vice Chair Duane Knight, the Board unanimously approved the February 5, 2018, Application Deadline.

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and seconded by Ann Edwards, the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent Search Application with the recommended changes made by the Board. Pages 9 and 10 will contain the edits.

Upon motion of Vice Chair Duane Knight, and seconded by Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved the Community Survey #1 and Staff Survey #1.

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins, and seconded by Dottie Darsie, the Board recessed for dinner at 5:15 PM.

Reconvene 6:00 / Opening Ceremonies / Approval of Agenda and Previous Minutes

Chairman Pennell and the Board congratulated Hibriten High School on winning the State 2 A Football Championship and praised the school and students for how they supported and rallied together to support the family of a fallen Panther.

Board Member Dottie Darsie led the invocation for the Board.
Students from Lower Creek Elementary School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action Items:

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins, and seconded by Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved the December 11, 2017, agenda with the request to amend the agenda to delete item XA(1) - Year End June 2017 Audit Report.

Upon motion of Teresa Branch and seconded by Joe Sims, the Board unanimously approved the November 06, 2017, Regular Session Minutes

Public Comment

Chairman Pennell opened the meeting for public comment. There were no requests for public comment prior to the meeting. One anonymous attendee requested to speak and was allowed. Destin Hall Board Attorney presented the ground rules and time allotment for each person wishing to speak. The anonymous attendee spoke to a previous incident and requested to know why it took another incident unrelated to the previous event for change to occur. Dr. Stone responded, "We would have to look back and find the incident you are referring to." Dr. Stone assured the attendee that Caldwell County Schools would be reviewing policy and procedures to make sure CCS is handling every situation according to the laws of North Carolina.

Announcements

December 18- January 01, 2018 – Holiday Break
January 08, 2018 – Board of Education Meeting

Honors and Recognitions | Libby Brown, Community Relations Director

Graduation Rate Achievement – 100% Caldwell Career Center Middle College and 95% Caldwell Early College High School

Superintendent | Dr. Steve Stone

Action Items:

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins, and seconded by Joe Sims, the Board unanimously approved new Board Policy 2670 Business Advisory Council and the appointment of the Council.

Council as follows:

Name	Position	Term
Steve Stone	Superintendent, CCS	Permanent by position
Mark Poarch	President, CCC&TI	Permanent by position
Libby Huff	CTE Director and Secretary	Permanent by position
Brian Suddreth	Principal	1 year
Krista Bridgwood	Bemis	2- year
Dawn Goshorn	Sattler Corp.	2-year
William Howard	Bernhardt Furniture Ind.	3-year
Deborah Ashley-Smith	Caldwell UNC Healthcare	3-year
Wendy Johnson	Council of Government	4 year

Human Resource Services | Dr. Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent

Information Items:

The attached Personnel Items were presented to the Board for information only.

Action Items:

Upon motion of Ann Edwards, and seconded by Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved the attached Usual and Customary Personnel Items.

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins, and seconded by Teresa Branch, the Board unanimously approved the attached 2017-2018 Student Transfers.

Educational Program Services | Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent

Action Items:

Upon motion of Ann Edwards, and seconded Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved the 2017-2018 School Improvement Plans.

Auxiliary Services | Dr. Jeff Church, Associate Superintendent

Action Items:

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie, Facilities Committee Chair, the Board unanimously approved the West Caldwell High School Land Acquisition. With the motion coming from the Committee Chair, no second was needed.

Superintendent | Dr. Steve Stone

Information Item:

Superintendent Stone announced the Granite Falls Community Meeting at 6:00 PM, on December 12, 2017, to discuss the progress on the Granite Falls Middle School Project. Dr. Stone congratulated Hibriten High School on winning the State Football Championship and commended them for a job well done. The team showed great sportsmanship. Dr. Stone announced the early dismissal on December 15 and on behalf of the board and himself and he wished everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday.

Board

Information Item:

Dottie Darsie, Ann Edwards, and Duane Knight presented information from the NCSBA Annual Conference. Chairman Pennell presented the 2018 Board Committees.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS MATTERS PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(A) (6), and N.C.G.S.143-11(a) (1) based upon N.C.G.S.115C-321

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie, and seconded by Tim Hawkins, the Board convened to Closed Session at 6:38 PM

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins, and seconded by Joe Sims, and with no more information to be discussed in Closed Session, the Board reconvened to Open Session at 7:50 PM.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board and upon motion of Tim Hawkins, and seconded by Dottie Darsie, and with the unanimous approval of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

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Darrell Pennell, Chairman
Caldwell County Board of Education

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Steve Stone Ed.D., Superintendent
Caldwell County Schools