

# OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

*Date | time* 3/12/2018 6:00 PM Board Meeting

*Called to order by* Darrell Pennell, Chair

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## In Attendance

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*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:*

Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent

Dr. Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent  
for Human Resource Services

Dr. Caryl Burns, Associate Superintendent  
Educational Program Services

Dr. Jeff Church, Associate Superintendent for  
Auxiliary Services

David Johnson, Director of Finance

Libby Brown, School Community Relations  
Director

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## Call to Order 6:00 PM / Opening Ceremonies / Approval of Agenda and Previous Minutes

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Board Darrell Pennell, led the invocation for the Board.

Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Action Items:

*Upon motion* of Ann Edwards, and seconded by Dottie Darsie, the Board approved the March 12, 2018, Agenda. Teresa Branch, Board Member, opposed the Agenda as presented. Branch made the motion to postpone Item VIII: A;4 - Resolution Concerning the Reconfiguration of Certain Grade Levels at West Lenoir Elementary School and Valmead Elementary School. The motion failed, the Agenda was approved as presented.

*Upon motion* of Vice Chair Duane Knight, and seconded by Ann Edwards, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of February 12, 2018, Regular Session Minutes.

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## Announcements

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March 30-April 6, 2018 - Spring Break

April 16, 2018, Board of Education Meeting

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## Public Comment

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Chairman Pennell opened the meeting for public comment. There were five requests for public comment. All request presented were aligned with Item VIII: A;4 Resolution Concerning the Reconfiguration of Certain Grade Levels at West Lenoir Elementary School and Valmead Elementary School.

Lynette Ramsey spoke in opposition to the Resolution.

Linda Robbins spoke in opposition to the Resolution.

Allison Franson spoke in favor of the Resolution.

Audrey Mood spoke in favor of the Resolution.

Beth Vonneget spoke in favor of the Resolution.

All presenters were allowed three(3) minutes to address the Board. Board Attorney Destin Hall, was the timekeeper.

**For Board Action:**

*Upon motion* of Dottie Darsie, and seconded by Vice Chair Duane Knight, the Board approved the 2018-2019 Traditional School Calendar and the Caldwell Early College/Career Center Middle College Calendar. Three comments were submitted on-line all favorable to the calendars as presented.

*Upon motion* of Dottie Darsie, and seconded by Ann Edwards, the Board approved Policy 7410 Teacher Contract. Two comments were submitted online, each asking for wording clarification.

*Upon motion* of Tim Hawkins, and seconded by Joe Sims, the Board approved to place Board Policy 3410 Testing and Assessment Program on a one-month public comment period.

*Upon Motion* of Dottie Darsie, and seconded by Ann Edwards, the Board Approved the Resolution Concerning the Reconfiguration of Certain Grade Levels at West Lenoir Elementary School and Valmead Elementary School. Teresa Branch opposed the motion and urged other members to reconsider. The motion passed 6 to 1 in favor of the Resolution.

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Human Resource Services | Dr. Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent

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**Information Items:**

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

**Action Items:**

*Upon motion* of Tim Hawkins, and seconded by Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved the attached Usual and Customary Personnel Items.

*Upon motion* of Ann Edwards, and seconded by Vice Chair Duane Knight, the Board unanimously approved the attached 2017-2018 Student Transfers.

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Auxiliary Services | Dr. Jeff Church, Associate Superintendent

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**Action Items:**

*Upon motion* of Ann Edwards, and seconded by Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved the Summer Remediation and Retesting Plan.

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**Action Items:**

*Upon motion* of Vice Chair Duane Knight, and seconded by Time Hawkins, the Board unanimously approved the Bid Tabs and Lottery Application for the West Caldwell Track Project. The contract was awarded to Mountain Crest LLC.

*Upon motion* of Vice Chair Duane Knight, and seconded by Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved a ten-year lease with Catawba Valley Sports Group, LLC. for the use of Walker Stadium.

*Upon motion* of Ann Edwards, and seconded by Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved the Investment Grade Audit with Energy Services and Solutions, Trane/Ingersoll Rand.

*Upon motion* made by Facilities Committee Chair Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously agreed to move forward with the lease options for the property located at 143 Cedar Valley Rd., Hudson, NC (Old Horizons Building.) The motion put forward by Facilities Chair, second not required.

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Finance | David Johnson, Director of Finance

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**Action Items:**

Upon motion of Ann Edwards, and seconded by Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved the following Budget Amendments:

State Public School Fund Amendment (6)

Federal Grant Fund Amendment (7)

Today counted as a complete day and does not have to be made up.

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**Board**

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**Action Item:**

*Upon Motion* of Dottie Darsie, and seconded by Ann Edwards, the Board unanimously approved to absolve the three instructional days missed due to weather.

*Upon motion* of Tim Hawkins, and seconded by Vice Chair Duane Knight, the Board unanimously approved to move the Hibriten District Walkthrough to April 23, 2018. The change is due to Superintendent Search Interviews.

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**Adjournment**

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There being no further business to come before the Board and upon motion of Tim Hawkins, and seconded by Vice Chair Duane Knight, and with the unanimous approval of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 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