

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

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*Date | time* 9/11/2017 5:45 PM Public Hearing | *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. Jeff Church, Associate Superintendent for Auxiliary Services;
Dr. Trish Johnson Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services	David Johnson, Director of Finance;
Dr. Caryl Burns, Associate Superintendent for Educational Program Services,	Libby Brown, School Community Relations Director;
	Destin Hall, Board Attorney.

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### Public Hearing / Naming of the Softball Field at Collettsville

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Chairman Pennell opened the floor to the public to hear any comments concerning the naming of the softball field at Collettsville School after Denny Key.

Craig Styron, Principal, Collettsville School, commented on the overwhelming support from the Collettsville Community in naming the field after Denny Key for his numerous years of service as a coach at Collettsville as a volunteer and an employee of Caldwell County Schools.

Nathan Key, son of Denny Key, also spoke in support of the field being named after his father. Nathan Key spoke to his father's contributions to Collettsville School and the Collettsville Community.

There being no further public comment on the naming of the field 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 Public Hearing was adjourned at 5:58 PM.

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### Opening Ceremonies / Approval of Agenda and Previous Minutes

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Vice Chairman Duane Knight led the invocation for the Board. Students from Hudson Elementary School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Action Items:

*Upon motion* of Ann Edwards, and seconded by Dottie Darise, the Board unanimously approved the September 11, 2017, agenda.

*Upon motion* of Teresa Branch, and seconded by Tim Hawkins, the Board unanimously approved the August 14, 2017, Regular Session Minutes.

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### Public Comment

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Chairman Pennell opened the meeting for public comment. There was no public comment.

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## Announcements

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- September 14, 2017, Back to School Breakfast 9:00 AM
- September 27, 2017, NCSBA District VII Mtg. Avery County
- September 29, 2017, Early Release
- October 09, 2017 Board Meeting

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## Honors and Recognitions | Libby Brown, Community Relations Director

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- The National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) is pleased to announce that Derek Reeves, Athletic Director at Hibriten High School, has been recognized by this association as a Certified Athletic Administrator.
- Mike Swanson, CTE teacher, has been selected by the NC Home Builders Association as the Teacher of the Year.
- Plaque for AdvancEd Accreditation to Caldwell County Schools for accreditation.

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## Superintendent | Dr. Steve Stone

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### Information Items:

Superintendent Stone commented on the smooth opening of the 2017-2018 school year and stated that Communities In Schools collected more than 26,000 items for the students of Caldwell County. The ABC scores were released, "we have some work to do, but overall we made progress."

### Action Items:

*Upon motion* of Joe Sims, and seconded by Vice Chair Duane Knight, the Board unanimously approved to place the following policy revision on One Month Comment - 4150 School Assignments-Revised to include the following: "School System employees working at least 25 hours per week are required to file an Application for Student Transfer for their own children."

*Upon motion* of Dottie Darsie, and seconded by Teresa Branch, the Board unanimously approved to place the following *new* policy for Board Adoption on One Month Comment - 3103 Dual Enrollment of Private and Home School Students.

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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 Ann Edwards, and seconded by Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved the attached Usual and Customary Personnel Items. Board Member Teresa Branch recused herself, due to family member listed.

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

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## Education Program Services | Dr. Caryl Burns, Associate Superintendent

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### Action Items:

*Upon motion* of Teresa Branch, and seconded by Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved the 2017-2018 Alternative Accountability for Horizons and Gateway Schools Option C.

**Action Items:**

*Upon motion* of Dottie Darsie, and seconded Ann Edwards, the Board unanimously approved a three year contract with Republic Services for garbage disposal.

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CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. 143-318-11 (A) (3) LITIGATION - CAROL HAZEL VS. CALDWELL COUNTY SCHOOLS

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**Action Items:**

Upon Motion of Tim Hawkins, and seconded by Joe Sims, the Board unanimously approved to convene to Closed Session at 6:25 PM.

Upon Motion of Tim Hawkins, and seconded by Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved to reconvene to Open Session at 7:00 PM.

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**Information Item:**

Chairman Pennell appointed the following Board Members to serve as voting delegates for the North Carolina Annual Conference in November:

Dottie Darsie,  
Jos Sims,  
Duane Knight,  
and Ann Edwards.

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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 Joe Sims, and with the unanimous approval of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 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