

# OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## SPRING WORK SESSION

*Date | time* 03/12/2017 2:00 PM | *Location:* Education Center |

*Called to order by* Darrell Pennell, Chairman

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### In Attendance

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

Caldwell County Schools Administrative Staff: Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent; Dr. Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent Human Resource Services; Dr. Caryl Burns, Associate Superintendent for Educational Program Services; Dr. Jeff Church, Associate Superintendent for Auxiliary Services; Libby Brown, Director of Community Relations; David Johnson, Director of Finance; and Destin Hall, Board Attorney

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### Welcome/Invocation for the Board

Chairman Pennell welcomed everyone and led the invocation for the Board.

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### Information | Superintendent

Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone introduced guest from Emergency Services: Caldwell County Sheriff Alan C. Jones, Lenoir Chief of Police Scott Brown, Hudson Chief of Police Andy Day, Granite Falls Chief of Police Chris Jenkins, Caldwell County Sheriff Department Captain Steve Rich, and Caldwell County Sheriff Department Chief Deputy Major Marc Jardon.

Sheriff Jones, Chief Brown, Chief Day, and Chief Jenkins spoke to their individual division's involvement in Caldwell County Schools.

All those in attendance addressed the issue of safety in schools and what is needed to improve the process and make the schools as safe as possible for students and staff.

Destin Hall touched on the process and policy concerning the correct way to handle future situations that involve school employees. Mr. Hall will work with the staff to review new procedures.

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### Information | Auxiliary Services

Associate Superintendent Dr. Jeff Church presented several items for informational purposes only.

The Board heard an update from McKissick Associates on the Granite Falls Middle School Project and were presented with revisions to the project.

The Board acknowledged the need to move forward with the Energy Management Plan. Dr. Church was instructed to proceed with the process after he presented an overview of the savings.

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### Information | Educational Program Services

Associate Superintendent Dr. Caryl Burns along with the Educational Program Services presented an update from the Poverty Task Force. Dr. Burns shared the research and best practices the Task Force is utilizing to improve the situations for disadvantaged students.

Dr. Burns presented an update on the Career and Technical Education classes that are offered in the Caldwell County System and the assessment process for each class.

## 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 Spring Work Session was adjourned at 5:50 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

