

# Official Minutes of the Caldwell County Board of Education Meeting November 10, 2014

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The Caldwell County Board of Education meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM, at the Education Center.

The following people were present:

Darrell Pennell, Chairman  
Tim Hawkins, Vice Chairman  
Dottie Darsie  
Dr. Helen Hall  
Linda Coffey  
Duane Knight  
Joe Sims

The following administrative staff members were present:

Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent  
Dr. Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services  
Dr. Caryl Burns, Associate Superintendent for Educational Program Services  
Dr. Jeff Church, Associate Superintendent for Auxiliary Services  
David Johnson, Director of Finance  
Ed Blair, Board Attorney

## **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Ms. Dottie Darsie gave the invocation for the Board. Granite Falls Middle School Project Unify Students led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ACTION-APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Upon motion of Vice Chairman Tim Hawkins, and seconded by Mrs. Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved the agenda with the following change: Amend to add item XVI (a) Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318. (A)(1) - Personnel Issue.

## **ACTION | APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall, and seconded by Mr. Duane Knight, the Board unanimously approved the October 13, 2014, Regular Session Minutes.

Upon motion of Mrs. Dottie Darsie, and seconded by Mr. Joe Sims. The Board unanimously approved the October 27, 2014, Fall Work Session Minutes and the October 27, 2014, Community Board Meeting Minutes.

### **HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS**

School Community Services Director Ms. Libby Brown, announced individuals for honors and recognitions:

- Education Center Art Gallery
- One Million Word Readers:
  - Collettsville - Anya Blackwelder 1,010,749
  - Granite Falls Elem - Davis W. Smith 1,595,380
  - Granite Falls Middle - Sydney Propst 1,251,998
  - Hudson Middle - Alissa Taylor 1,263,577
  - Oak Hill - Joseph G. Montelongo 1,053,241
  - Whitnel - Chloe Bullington 1,478,340
  - William Lenoir - Nicolas Thomson 1,378,383 (first to reach 1 million this year)
  - Kelly Houck 1,338,009
  - Grayson Clark 1,152,883
  - Kemdyn Clement 1,093,607
- Board Member Dr. Helen Hall was honored for eight years of service to the Caldwell County Board of Education.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

### **2013-2014 AUDIT REPORT**

Dr. Stone, Superintendent, introduced Robert Brown, CPA, with Boggs, Crump, and Brown, CPAs, who gave a report on the findings of the 2013-2014 Audit. Mr. Brown reviewed the 2013-2014 Audit Report and noted the school system is well positioned financially.

### **CALL TO ORDER PUBLIC HEARING | NAMING OF THE HIBRITEN HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL FIELD**

Chairman Darrell Pennell called the Hearing to order at 6:45 PM. Jim Blanton, Mary Bruce, and Lewis Wright addressed the Board in favor of naming the Hibriten High School softball field after David A. Pope Sr. With no other person to address the Board, Chairman Darrell Pennell convened the Public

Hearing at 6:58 PM. The Board will consider the information and render their decision at a later time.

**ACTION | NEW BOARD POLICY 5024/6127/7266 EMERGENCY EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTOR (EAI) DEVICE | ONE-MONTH PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD | PRESENTED BY DR. STEVE STONE, SUPERINTENDENT**

Upon motion of Mrs. Dottie Darsie, and seconded by Vice Chairman Tim Hawkins, the Board unanimously approved Board Policy 5024/6127/7266 Emergency Epinephrine Auto-Injector (EAI) Device for a one-month comment period.

**INFORMATION | PERSONNEL MATTERS | PRESENTED BY DR. TRISH JOHNSON, ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT FOR HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES**

The attached personnel matters were presented to the Board for information only.

**ACTION | PERSONNEL MATTERS | PRESENTED BY DR. TRISH JOHNSON, ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT FOR HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES**

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall, and seconded by Mrs. Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved the attached personnel matters.

**ACTION | 2014-2015 STUDENT TRANSFER REQUEST | PRESENTED BY DR. TRISH JOHNSON, ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT FOR HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES**

Upon motion of Mr. Duane Knight, and seconded by Mr. Joe Sims, the Board unanimously approved the attached student transfer request for the 2014-2015 school year.

**INFORMATION | DIFFERENTIATION PAY PLAN | PRESENTED BY DR. TRISH JOHNSON, ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT FOR HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES**

The Board was presented with a skeleton draft of the Differentiation Pay Plan. The proposed plan will be presented at the December 01, 2014, meeting, barring no changes from the State Legislature.

**ACTION | SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS | PRESENTED BY DR. CARYL BURNS, ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT EDUCATION PROGRAM SERVICES**

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall, and seconded by, Mr. Joe Sims, the Board unanimously approved all twenty-six 2014-2016 School Improvement Plans as presented.

**ACTION | FINANCE ITEMS | PRESENTED BY DAVID JOHNSON, FINANCE DIRECTOR**

Upon motion of Mrs. Dottie Darsie, and seconded by Vice Chairman Tim Hawkins, the Board unanimously approved the amendments to the State Public School Fund (4,) Federal Grant Fund (5,) and Special Grant Fund (6.)

**BOARD INFORMATION**

Board Members Mrs. Dottie Darsie, Dr. Helen Hall, and Chairman Darrell Pennell presented information on the North Carolina School Board Association Fall Law Conference

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Darrell Pennell made the following announcements:

- Next Board Meeting | December 01, 2014 | Education Center | 5:45 Pm Art Gallery | 6:00 PM Board of Education Meeting

**CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (A)(1) PERSONNEL ISSUE**

Upon motion of Mr. Duane Knight and seconded by Vice Chairman Tim Hawkins, the Board convened to closed session at 7:35.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

Upon motion of the Vice Chairman Tim Hawkins and seconded by Dr. Helen Hall, Board reconvened to Open Session at 7:55 PM

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board and upon motion of Vice Chairman Tim Hawkins, and second by Mr. Duane Knight, and with unanimous approval of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Signed:

Attest:

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Darrell Pennell, Chairman,  
Caldwell County Board of Education

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Dr. Steve Stone, Secretary,  
Caldwell County Board of  
Education