

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

The Caldwell County Board of Education met at 7:00 PM on November 13, 2006, in the Board Room of the Education Center, Lenoir, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

Dr. Sharon S. Pennell, Chairman  
Mike LaBrose, Vice-Chairman  
Helen Beam  
Linda Coffey  
Tim Hawkins  
Kay Phillips  
Ed Blair, School Board Attorney

Dottie Darsie was absent.

The following administrative staff were present:

Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent  
Donnie Bassinger, Associate Superintendent for Auxiliary Services  
Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Human Resources  
Bob Query, Finance Officer  
Ervil Anderson, Director of Student Support Services  
Libby Brown, School-Community Relations Director

Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

### **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Sheila Klutz, Teacher of the Year, Dudley Shoals School, gave the invocation and the Boy Scout Troop of Dudley Shoals, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ACTION - AGENDA**

Upon motion of Helen Beam and second by Tim Hawkins, the Board unanimously approved the proposed agenda as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

### **ACTION - MINUTES**

Upon motion of Linda Coffey and second by Kay Phillips, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the October 9, 2006, regular Board Meeting, the October 9, 2006 Closed Session and the October 23, 2006 Community Board Meeting.

## **HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Helen Beam presented a certificate of achievement and a lapel pin to Valmead Elementary School in recognition for winning the 2005-2006 State Champion Presidential Physical Fitness Award in Category Two for School Enrolling 200 to 500 students.

Tim Hawkins presented a certificate of achievement and a lapel pin to Jeff Parham, South Caldwell High School, in recognition of his selection as the Male High School Coach of the Year by the North Carolina Association for Athletic Education.

Vice-Chairman Mike LaBrose presented certificates of achievement and lapel pins to Santara Greene, Hudson Middle School, Amber Clark and Jessica Rhyne, Hibriten High School, and Kyle Melton and Alicia Colvard, South Caldwell High School, for their selection to participate in the North Carolina Honors Chorus.

Kay Phillips presented a certificate of achievement and a lapel pin to Yvonne Smith, School Nurse, Gamewell Middle School, in recognition for earning her National Certification in School Nursing at UNC-Greensboro.

Linda Coffey presented certificates and lapel pins to the following for receiving Advanced Educational Degrees: Celine Ellison, Hudson Middle School, Master's Degree in Middle Grades Language Arts, Appalachian State University and Melissa Jones, West Lenoir Elementary School, Master's Degree in Elementary Education, Appalachian State University.

## **INFORMATION – UPDATE ON TESTING/NCWISE**

Craig Bryson, Director of Testing and Accountability, gave a brief PowerPoint Presentation to the Board reviewing test results and testing and accountability changes in 2006-2006. He also provided the Board with an ABCs results and No Child Left Behind, two-year comparison and an EOG Reading and Math scores three-year regional comparison.

## **INFORMATION – DELAY IN FIRST SEMESTER ALGEBRA I SCORES**

Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone advised the Board that the North Carolina Department of Instruction is introducing a new Algebra I test for the 2006-2007 school and as a result test scores for the first semester EOC will be delayed. He also noted that report cards for the fall semester will be reprinted once grades are recalculated.

## **INFORMATION – LOTTERY UPDATE**

Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone updated the Board on the first allotment of lottery dollars. There was \$95 million dollars allotted to 115 school districts and Caldwell County received its first of four allotments in the amount of \$228,590. The second, third and fourth allotments will follow every three months thereafter. These funds have been placed in Capital Outlay.

## **INFORMATION – PROPOSED BOARD POLICY REVISION TO POLICY 3200-STUDENT ATTENDANCE**

Upon motion of Helen Beam and second by Tim Hawkins, the Board unanimously approved to place Board Policy 3200-Student Attendance, attached, on a one-month comment period for possible approval at the December 2006 Board Meeting as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

**ACTION – CALENDAR WAIVER REQUEST FOR 2007-2008 CAREER CENTER HIGH SCHOOL**

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Mike LaBrose and second by Helen Beam, the Board unanimously approved the attached calendar waiver request for 2007-2008 at the Career Center High School as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

**ACTION – PROPOSED BOARD POLICY REVISIONS – 4510/7213-CALDWELL COUNTY SCHOOLS WELLNESS POLICY, 7240-ADVANCED PROGRAMS AND 7550-GRADUATION**

Upon motion of Kay Phillips and second by Tim Hawkins, the Board unanimously approved 4510/7213-Caldwell County Schools Wellness Policy, 7240-Advanced Programs and 7550-Graduation, as attached, following a one-month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

**ACTION – ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTS**

Upon motion of Linda Coffey and second by Vice-Chairman Mike LaBrose, the Board unanimously approved to extend Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Donnie Bassinger and Finance Officer Bob Query's contract to June 30, 2010, as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Mike LaBrose and second by Tim Hawkins, the Board unanimously approved Keith Hindman as Principal of Gamewell Middle School from Interim Principal of Gamewell Middle School f, as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

**ACTION – ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Linda Coffey, the Board unanimously approved to appoint Dr. Caryl Burns as the Associate Superintendent of Educational Program Services effective January 1, 2007, as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

**ACTION - PERSONNEL MATTERS**

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Mike LaBrose and second by Linda Coffey, the Board unanimously approved the attached personnel matters as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resources Trish Johnson.

**INFORMATION-2005-2006 AUDIT REPORT**

Robert Brown, CPA, Boggs, Crump and Brown CPAs, gave a report on the findings of the 2005-2006 Audit Report.

**ACTION – BUDGET AMENDMENTS – STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND, LOCAL CURRENT EXPENSE FUND AND FEDERAL GRANTS FUND**

Upon motion of Linda Coffey and second by Kay Phillips, the Board unanimously approved the attached budget amendments to the State Public School Fund, Local Current expense Fund and the Federal Grants Fund as presented by Finance Officer Bob Query.

**ACTION – STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS FOR 2006-2007**

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Linda Coffey, the Board unanimously approved the attached student transfer requests for 2006-2007, as presented by Student Support Services Director Ervil Anderson.

**ACTION – LOCAL OPTION ABC GOALS FOR GATEWAY AND HORIZONS SCHOOLS**

Upon motion of Helen Beam and second by Linda Coffey, the Board unanimously approved the attached local option ABC goals for Gateway and Horizons Schools as presented by Director of Testing and Accountability Craig Bryson.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell gave a brief report regarding the recent Board/County Commissioner Liaison Committee meeting. The main topic of discussion was the progress of the Early College High School.

**BOARD REPORTS/INFORMATION/POSSIBLE ACTION**

Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone gave a brief report regarding the NCSBA Law Conference and Board Member Dottie Darsie attended. The role of religion in schools was the theme of the conference and Dr. Stone noted that public education is in the “neutral” area where religion in schools is concerned.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell announced the next regular Board Meeting on Monday, December 4, 2006, 7:00 PM in the Board Room of the Education Center.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion of Vice-Chairman Mike LaBrose, second by Linda Coffey, and the unanimous approval of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

Attest:

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Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education