

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

The Caldwell County Board of Education met at 7:00 PM on November 19, 2007, in the Board Room of the Education Center, Lenoir, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

Chairman Dottie Darsie  
Vice Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell  
Chris Becker  
Linda Coffey  
Dr. Helen Hall  
Tim Hawkins  
Mike LaBrose

The following administrative staff was present:

Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent  
Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services  
Donnie Bassinger, Associate Superintendent for Auxiliary Services  
Bob Query, Finance Officer  
Libby Brown, School-Community Relations Director  
Ed Blair, School Board Attorney, Groome, Tuttle, Pike and Blair

Chairman Dottie Darsie called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Dottie Darsie opened the meeting for public comment. There was no public comment.

### **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Tim Hawkins, Caldwell County Board of Education Member, gave the invocation and Elexia Logan, Bergsvein Toverud, 5th Grade and Lydia Sanders, 4th Grade, Lower Creek Elementary School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ACTION - AGENDA**

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell, the board unanimously approved the proposed agenda with the following changes: the deletion of Item VIII, A Protecting the Heart of our Community: AED's, as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

### **ACTION - MINUTES**

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the October 8, 2007, Regular Board Meeting, and the October 29, 2007, Community Board Meeting.

## **HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Chris Becker presented a certificate and lapel pins to Lower Creek Elementary School in recognition for winning the Presidential Physical Fitness Award for the 10th time in the county and the state and the first time in the nation. Kathy Terrell, Physical Education Instructor.

## **ACTION – ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

Upon motion of Dr. Helen P. Hall and second by Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell, the board unanimously approved Mary Lindsay as Interim Curriculum Consultant beginning February 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008, as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

## **ACTION – RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD TAXING AUTHORITY**

Chairman Dottie Darsie asked for a motion in support of a Resolution in Support of School Board Taxing Authority proposed by the North Carolina School Boards Association. There was no motion made by the board.

## **ACTION – 2007-2008 BOARD PRIORITIES**

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached 2007-2008 Board Priorities following a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

## **ACTION – PROPOSED NEW BOARD POLICIES – 3621-STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS, 6315-ONLINE EDUCATION POLICY FOR FACULTY AND STAFF AND 7421-ONLINE EDUCATION POLICY FOR STUDENTS**

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached new policies, 3621-Students with Special Health Care Needs, 6315-Online Education Policy for Faculty and Staff, and 7421-Online Education Policy for Students, following a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

## **ACTION – PROPOSED REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICIES – 3110-ASSIGNMENT OF STUDENTS, 3300-STUDENT CONDUCT AND 4430-TRANSPORATION/TRANSFER OF STUDENTS**

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached revisions to policies 3110-Assignment of Students, 3300-Student Conduct and 4430-Transporation/Transfer of Students following a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

## **ACTION – PROPOSED REVISION TO BOARD POLICY 3120 – TRANSFER OF STUDENTS**

Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone reviewed the comments received and forwarded to board members regarding the proposed revisions to Board Policy 3210, Transfer of Students. Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell and second by Tim Hawkins, the board unanimously approved the attached revisions to policy 3120, Transfer of Students, following a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

## **ACTION - PERSONNEL MATTERS**

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached personnel matters as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services Trish Johnson.

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

Upon motion of Linda Coffey and second by Dr. Helen Hall, 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 2007-2008**

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell and second by Tim Hawkins, the board unanimously approved the attached student transfer requests for 2007-2008, as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services Trish Johnson for Associate Superintendent of Educational Program Services, Dr. Caryl Burns, who was absent.

## **ACTION – LOCAL OPTION ABCS GOALS FOR GATEWAY AND HORIZONS SCHOOLS**

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell, the board unanimously approved the Local Option ABCs Goals for Gateway and Horizons Schools as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services Trish Johnson for Associate Superintendent of Educational Program Services, Dr. Caryl Burns, who was absent.

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Chairman Dottie Darsie, Mike LaBrose and Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone attended the NCSBA Board Member Development Conference. Mike LaBrose discussed the *School Law* and the *Budget, Finance and School Construction* workshop he attended and Chairman Dottie Darsie discussed the *Legal Issues Regarding School Finance* workshop she attended.

Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell gave a report regarding the Board of Education/Caldwell County Commissioner Liaison Committee meeting. She noted that the Early College is scheduled to open in early August, the Council of Governments report confirmed steady growth for Caldwell County, the maintenance in our schools is exceptional thanks to the pro-active efforts of Associate Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Donnie Bassinger and how much Jack Horton, current manager for Caldwell County, will be missed.

## **BOARD INFORMATION/POSSIBLE ACTION**

There were no board information/possible action items discussed.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Dottie Darsie announced the next regular board meeting on Monday, December 10, 2007, 7:00 PM in the Board Room of the Education Center.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously agreed to go into Closed Session at 7:42 PM to discuss a student issue pursuant to N.C.G.S. Section 143-318.11 (A) (7). No action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell and second by Tim Hawkins, the board unanimously agreed to adjourn the Closed Session at 8:40 PM. There being no further business to come before the board and upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Signed:

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Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

Attest:

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Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education