

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Caldwell County Board of Education met at 7:00 PM on October 9, 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
Dottie Darsie
Tim Hawkins
Kay Phillips
Carroll Tuttle, Attorney

Ed Blair, School Board Attorney, 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

John Spicer, Caldwell County School's Teacher of the Year, gave the invocation and Hunter Munday, Senior, Hibriten High School, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone also presented John Spicer with a computer laptop from the Caldwell County Schools for his achievement as Caldwell County School's Teacher of the Year.

ACTION - AGENDA

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Mike LaBrose and second by Tim Hawkins, the Board unanimously approved the proposed agenda as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION - MINUTES

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Linda Coffey, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the September 11, 2006, regular Board Meeting.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Kay Phillips presented certificates of achievement and a lapel pin to the following for receiving Advanced Educational Degrees: Christy Crouse, Dudley Shoals Elementary School, Master of Arts Degree in Reading Education, Appalachian State University; Braley Speagle, Granite Falls Middle School, Master of Arts Degree in Middle Grades Education with a concentration in Language Arts, Appalachian State University; Kimberly Story, Granite Falls Middle School, Master of Arts Degree in Middle Grades Education, Appalachian State University; Kevin Townsend, Hibriten High School, Master of Arts Degree in Music Education with a concentration in Band Directing, Appalachian State University; Jonathan White, Hibriten High School, Master of Arts Degree in History and Education, Appalachian State University; Sharon Hubbard, Hudson Middle School, Master of Arts Degree in Middle Grades Education, Appalachian State University; Amy Mashburn, Lower Creek Elementary School, Master of Arts Degree in Elementary Education, Appalachian State University; Lora Austin, West Caldwell High School, Master of Arts Degree in Middle Grades/English Education, Appalachian State University; Malen Braswell, West Caldwell High School, Master of Arts Degree in Middle Grades Education, Appalachian State University; Jennifer Miller, West Caldwell High School, Master of Arts Degree in History Education, Appalachian State University and Jamie Lewis, William Lenoir Middle School, Master of Arts Degree in Middle Grades Education, Appalachian State University.

Linda Coffey presented certificates of appreciation to the North Carolina Baptist Men's Association Dental Bus Participants in recognition for providing dental care for Caldwell County School students.

INFORMATION – UPDATE ON NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS

Michelle Capen, Curriculum Coach, Whitnel School, gave a brief presentation to the Board summarizing general information about the National Board Certified Teachers program and noted that Caldwell County has over 100, or 13%, National Board Certified Teachers, which is one of the highest percentages across the state.

UPDATE ON CALDWELL EARLY COLLEGE

Teresa Branch, Principal, Caldwell Early College, gave a PowerPoint Presentation to the Board regarding the newly establish Caldwell Early College. Seventy-four ninth grade students are currently enrolled and housed on the campus of CCC&TI. These students will graduate in five years with a high school diploma, as well as an Associate Degree. Kelsey Smith, ninth grade student at the Early College, also gave a report from a student's perspective and how much she was enjoying her first year.

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

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Helen Beam, the Board unanimously approved to place 4510/7213-Caldwell County Schools Wellness Policy, 7240-Advanced Programs and 7550-Graduation on a one-month comment period for possible approval at the November 2006 Board Meeting as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – RESOLUTION-COMPREHENSIVE EYE EXAM

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Vice-Chairman Mike LaBrose, the Board unanimously approved to adopt the attached Resolution provided by the North Carolina School Boards Association regarding the Comprehensive Eye Exam as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION-DENTAL BUS

Upon motion of Helen Beam and second by Linda Coffey, the Board unanimously approved to recognize and thank the North Carolina Dental Bus and the North Carolina Baptist Men's Association for providing free dental service to 257 children and 8 adults in Caldwell County per the attached Resolution of Appreciation as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACES IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Kay Phillips, the Board unanimously approved to adopt the attached designation of polling places for future elections effective October 9, 2006, as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE EDUCATION CENTER/NEW POSITION

Upon motion of Linda Coffey and second by Vice-Chairman Mike LaBrose, the Board unanimously approved the attached organizational chart for The Education Center and the addition of an Associate Superintendent for Educational Programs as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION - PERSONNEL MATTERS

Upon motion of Helen Beam and second by Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved the attached personnel matters as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resources Trish Johnson.

ACTION-2006-2007 BUDGET RESOLUTION

Upon motion of Linda Coffey and second by Helen Beam, the Board unanimously approved the attached 2006-2007 Budget Resolution as presented by Finance Officer Bob Query.

ACTION – STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS FOR 2006-2007

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie 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.

BOARD COMMITTEE RECORDS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Tim Hawkins gave a brief report regarding the recent Board/Budget Finance Committee meeting. The 2005/2006 Audit Report was discussed and will be available for approval at the November Board meeting and the 2006-2007 Budget was also presented and discussed.

BOARD COMMITTEE RECORDS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Vice-Chairman Mike LaBrose gave a brief report regarding the recent Facilities Committee meeting with Associate Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Donnie Bassinger. Bids for the addition of four classrooms at Hibriten will be received in November and Capital Outlay funds are planned for roof replacements, window replacements, a boiler, air conditioning units and a chiller replacement for the 2006-2007 school year.

BOARD REPORTS/INFORMATION/POSSIBLE ACTION

Dottie Darsie gave a brief report on the recent NCSBA District 7 meeting held in Boonville, NC. The legislative priorities were the primary topic of discussion as these priorities are used to develop the legislative agenda that goes to the General Assembly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell announced the Community Board Meeting on Monday, October 23, 2006, 7:00 PM at West Caldwell High School and the next regular Board Meeting on Monday, November 13, 7:00 PM in the Board Room of the Education Center.

CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Vice-Chairman Mike LaBrose, the Board unanimously approved to go into Closed Session at 7:54 PM to discuss personnel matters pursuant to N.C.G.S. Section 143-318.11 (A) (1). No action was taken during the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the Closed Session at 8:45 PM. There being no further business to come before the Board and upon motion of Helen Beam and second by Kay Phillips, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Signed _____
Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

Attest:

Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education