

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

The Caldwell County Board of Education met at 6:00 PM on October 10, 2011, in the Board Room of the Education Center, Lenoir, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

Chairman Darrell Pennell  
Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins  
Teresa Branch  
Linda Coffey  
Dottie Darsie  
Dr. Helen Hall  
Duane Knight

The following administrative staff members were present:

Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent  
Dr. Caryl B. Burns, Associate Superintendent for Educational Program Services  
Dr. Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services  
Dr. Jeff Church, Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services  
Karla Miller, Finance Officer  
Libby Brown, School-Community Relations Director  
Ed Blair, School Board Attorney, Groome, Tuttle, Pike and Blair

Chairman Darrell Pennell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

### **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Reverend Tony Harris, Pastor, Harrisburg Baptist Church and member of the Caldwell County Schools Clergy Crisis Support Team was unable to attend the meeting. Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins gave the invocation. Brandon Wiant, Isaiah Denius, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and Leah Taylor, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, Gamewell Elementary School, gave the invocation.

### **ACTION – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

### **ACTION – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Upon motion of Teresa Branch and second by Duane Knight, the board unanimously approved the September 12, 2011, Regular Board Meeting minutes.

### **HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS**

School Community Services Director Libby Brown announced the "Student Spotlight" recipient, Michael Howell, fifth year student at the Caldwell Early College High School. A video was viewed by the board and audience outlining Michael's accomplishments and a certificate and lapel pin were presented to Michael by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone and the members of the Caldwell County Board of Education.

## **HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS**

School Community Services Director Libby Brown announced the Student Artwork Selections for the Education Center Art Gallery: Ethan Fife, Lauren Scott and Lindsey Greene, Baton; Madison Hendrix, Abiel Alvarenga and Mazie Wakefield, Davenport A+; Savanna Creaseman, Cleveland Earp and Alex Hicks, Dudley Shoals; Kyleigh Harper, Jazmin Valdez-Contreras and Shyian Maziot, Whitnel and Destiny Reid, Elizabeth Zamarripa-Rodriquez and Lynse Rangel, West Lenoir Elementary School.

School Community Services Director Libby Brown recognized Collettsville School for their selection as a National Blue Ribbon School. Collettsville School was one of seven schools in North Carolina to receive this distinction. Carla Ingram, World History Teacher, South Caldwell High School, was also recognized for her selection as one of 65 teachers to participate in the Teachers for Global Classrooms Program.

Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone and the Caldwell County Board of Education presented a plaque of appreciation to Dr. Caryl B. Burns, Associate Superintendent for Educational Program Services, for leading the Caldwell County Schools to districtwide accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Quality Assurance Review Team.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

### **ACTION – PROPOSED BOARD POLICY REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICY 3120, TRANSFER OF STUDENTS, ONE MONTH COMMENT PERIOD**

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved to place the attached proposed revisions to Board Policy 3120, Transfer of Students, on a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

### **ACTION – PROPOSED NEW BOARD POLICY 3301, AUTHORITY OF SCHOOL PERSONNEL AND POLICY 4620, GFELLER-WALLER CONCUSSION AWARENESS ACT FOLLOWING A ONE MONTH COMMENT PERIOD**

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Dr. Helen Hall, the board unanimously approved the attached proposed new Board Policy 3301, Authority of School Personnel, following a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

Upon motion of Teresa Branch and second by Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins, the board unanimously approved the attached proposed new Board Policy 4620, Gfeller-Waller Concussion Awareness Act, following a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

### **ACTION – PROPOSED BOARD POLICY REVISIONS TO 3300, STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT, FOLLOWING A ONE MONTH COMMENT PERIOD**

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Duane Knight, the board unanimously approved the attached proposed revisions to Board Policy 3300, Student Code of Conduct, following an additional comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

**ACTION – PROPOSED BOARD POLICY REVISIONS TO 3310, ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION, FOLLOWING A ONE MONTH COMMENT PERIOD**

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins and second by Linda Coffey, the board considered the attached proposed revisions to Board Policy 3310, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, following a one month comment period. Dottie Darsie made a motion to strike the words "or otherwise mood altering behavior" on Page 2, Section B.5. The sentence will read, "Any chemical compounds or products ingested, injected or inhaled that induce a condition of intoxication, exhilaration, or euphoria." Upon a second by Dr. Helen Hall, the board unanimously approved the revision as presented by Dottie Darsie and the revisions to the remainder of the policy as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

**INFORMATION – PERSONNEL MATTERS**

Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services Dr. Trish Johnson presented the attached personnel matters to the board for information only.

**ACTION – BEGINNING TEACHER SUPPORT PLAN**

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins, the board unanimously approved the attached Beginning Teacher Support Plan as presented by Mentor, Dr. Alice Krueger and Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services Dr. Trish Johnson.

**ACTION – PERSONNEL MATTERS**

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

**ACTION – STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS FOR 2011-2012**

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously approved the attached student transfer requests for 2011-2012, as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services Dr. Trish Johnson.

**ACTION – FACILITY RENTAL REQUEST FOR SOUTH CALDWELL HIGH SCHOOL**

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Dr. Helen Hall, the board unanimously agreed to reject the approval of the attached lease application due to the five year time frame requested by New Beginnings Church as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church.

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

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously approved the attached Local Option ABC Goals for Gateway School and Horizons Elementary School as presented by Associate Superintendent for Educational Program Services Dr. Caryl B. Burns.

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

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached budget amendments to the State Public School Fund, the Local Current Expense Fund and the Federal Grants Fund as presented by Finance Officer Karla Miller.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins and Linda Coffey gave a report on the recent NCSBA District VII meeting that the board attended in Boone. The general sessions included speakers Allison Schafer Legal Counsel and Director of Policy for NCSBA, Leanne Winner, Director of Governmental Relations for NCSBA and John Pruett, Executive Director of the NC Office of Early Learning. The focus of the general sessions dealt with the 1994 LeAndro case where five low-wealth counties sued the State of NC for not providing the necessary funding to educate their students. The More at Four Program was created from the lawsuit and the speakers focused on current developments affecting the program. Various clinic opportunities were also made available with topics ranging from Global Teaching Communities, Pre-K Initiatives, Legal Updates, Implications of the 2011 Legislative Session and Student Discipline. Caldwell County will be hosting the District VII meeting next year and Darrell Pennell was named Vice-President of District VII for the 2011-2012 school year.

**BOARD INFORMATION/POSSIBLE ACTION**

There was no board information and/or possible action.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Darrell Pennell announced the Community Board Meeting, October 24, 2011, 6:00 PM at West Caldwell High School, the Fall Board Work Session, November 7, 2011, 4:00 PM, in the Staff Development Room at the Education Center, and the next regular board meeting on Monday, November 21, 2011, 6:00 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 Tim Hawkins, second by Teresa Branch, and the unanimous approval of the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM.

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Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

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Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education