

OFFICAL MINUTES OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Date | time 10/12/2015 5:30 PM Public Hearing | 6:00 PM Board Meeting | *Meeting called to order by* Darrell Pennell, Chairman

In Attendance

Caldwell County Board of Education: Chairman Darrell Pennell, Vice Chairman Duane Knight, Dottie Darsie, Linda Coffey-Greer, Tim Hawkins, Joe Sims, and Teresa Branch

Caldwell County Schools Administrative Staff: 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; Libby Brown, Director of Community Relations; David Johnson, Director of Finance; and Ed Bair, Board Attorney

Public Hearing | Call to Oder 5:30

Comments/Concerns on the proposal to name the field at Thuss Stadium, located on the campus of West Caldwell High School.

Mr. Tom Thuss and Dr. John Thuss, both made statements proposing to name the field after Mike Biggerstaff, retired West Caldwell High School football coach and teacher.

With no further comments and upon motion of Tim Hawkins, and seconded by Dottie Darsie, and with unanimous approval of the Board, the Public Hearing was adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Board Meeting | 6:00 PM | Opening Ceremonies

Vice Chairman Duane Knight led the invocation for the Board. Hibriten High School teacher Brian Barnes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda and Previous Minutes

Action Item: Upon motion of Teresa Branch, and seconded by Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved the October 12, 2015, agenda as presented.

Action Item: Upon motion of Tim Hawkins, and seconded by Teresa Branch, the Board unanimously approved the Regular Session Minutes from the September 14, 2015, meeting.

Public Comment

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

Honors and Recognitions

Education Center Art Gallery

Melissa Wiant, 5th grade teacher, winner of the North Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics Outstanding Elementary Mathematics Award

Phyllis Atwood, Exceptional Children's teacher at Sawmills Elementary School, selected as the Caldwell County Exceptional Children's Teacher of Excellence

Caldwell County School Principals were recognized in observation of National Principals Month
Lower Creek School Principal and president of the Caldwell County Principal and Assistant Principal Association (CCPAPA) Leigh Anne Frye presented a description of CCPAPA and introduced the local officers.

Superintendent | Dr. Steve Stone

Information Item: Communities In Schools Presentation by Executive Director Debbie Eller

For Board Action:

Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone, proposed to name the field at West Caldwell High School, “Mike Biggerstaff Field at Thuss Stadium. Upon Motion of Tim Hawkins, and seconded by Dottie Darsie, the Board approved to name the field, “Mike Biggerstaff Field at Thuss Stadium.”

Upon Motion of Dottie Darsie, and seconded by Teresa Branch, the Board unanimously approved Policy 4309 | Code of Student Conduct, as presented.

Upon motion of Vice Chairman Duane Knight, and seconded by Tim Hawkins, the Board unanimously approved Policy 5026/7250 | Smoking and Tobacco Products, as presented.

Human Resource Services | Dr. Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent

Information Items: The attached personnel matters were presented to the Board of information only.

Action Items:

Upon motion of Vice Chairman Duane Knight, and seconded by Linda Coffey the Board unanimously approved the attached personnel matters.

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie, and seconded by Tim Hawkins, the Board unanimously approve the attached student transfer request.

Finance | David Johnson, Director of Finance

Action Item: Upon motion of Joe Sims, and seconded by Vice Chairman Duane Knight, the Board unanimously approved the 2015-16 Budget Resolution.

Information Only | Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent

Dr. Stone reported on the Teacher Retention Rate for Caldwell County. Caldwell County has the fourth best rate in the State for teacher retention.

Dr. Stone noted that Caldwell County was recognized in Raleigh for its high graduation rate.

Board Information

Vice Chairman Duane Knight reported on the North Carolina Region 7 High School Athletic Association Conference.

Board Members reported on the North Carolina School Board Association District VII Meeting.

Convene to Closed Session

Upon motion from Tim Hawkins, and seconded by Teresa Branch, the Board unanimously approved to convene to Closed Session at 6:55 PM, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(A)(1) AND N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(A)(3) to discuss personnel and possible litigation issues.

There being no further discussion and upon motion of Tim Hawkins, and seconded by Joe Sims, the Board unanimously agreed to reconvene to Open Session at 7:30 PM.

Announcements

- October 26, 2015 | Work Session | Hibriten High School 3:00 PM
- October 26, 2015 | Community Board Meeting | Hibriten High School | 6:00 PM
- November 09 , 2015 | Board Meeting | Education Center | 5:45 PM Art gallery | 6:00 PM Board Meeting

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board and upon motion of Tim Hawkins, and seconded by Joe Sims, and with unanimous approval of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35PM.

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Darrell Pennell, Chairman
Caldwell County Board of Education

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Steve Stone Ed.D., Superintendent
Caldwell County Schools