

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Caldwell County Board of Education met on October 24, 2011, at 6:00 PM for a community board meeting at West Caldwell High School.

The following members were present:

Chairman Darrell Pennell
Teresa Branch
Linda Coffey
Dottie Darsie
Dr. Helen Hall
Duane Knight

Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins was absent.

The following administrative staff members were present:

Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent
Dr. Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services
Dr. Caryl Burns, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Dr. Jeff Church, Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services
Libby Brown, School/Community Services Director
Karla Miller, Assistant Finance Officer
Katrina McEllen, Director, High School Curriculum
Keith Hindman, Director, Middle School Curriculum
Stephen Martin, Director, Elementary School Curriculum

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

OPENING CEREMONIES

After a "Tears and Cheers" PowerPoint presentation by Gamewell Elementary School, Chairman Darrell Pennell welcomed the community and thanked Jeff Link, Principal, West Caldwell High School, for hosting the meeting.

Jeff Link, Principal, West Caldwell High School, also welcomed the community to the home of the Warriors and thanked the board, the community, and feeder school staff members and students for taking the time to attend the meeting.

INVOCATION

Teresa Branch introduced JoAnn Taylor, 1st Grade Instructional Assistant, West Lenoir Elementary School, who gave the invocation.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Linda Coffey introduced the West Caldwell High School NJROTC who presented the Presentation of Colors, directed by Commander Wayne Mihelich.

NATIONAL ANTHEM/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dottie Darsie introduced Rachel Robinson, Freshman, Career Center Middle College, who performed the National Anthem and Mason Duraski, 4th Grade Student, Horizons Elementary School, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

STATUS REPORTS

Dr. Helen Hall recognized the following elementary schools and introduced the principal/administrator presenting the attached School Improvement Plan reports for his/her respective school: Melissa Costin, Collettsville School, Adrienne Dula, Assistant Principal, Gamewell Elementary School, Teresa Hartley, Horizons Elementary School, and Felicia Simmons, West Lenoir Elementary School.

Chairman Darrell Pennell recognized the following middle and high schools and introduced the principal/administrator presenting the attached School Improvement Plan reports for his/her respective school: Chris Greene, Gamewell Middle School, Brian Suddreth, Career Center Middle College and Jeff Link, West Caldwell High School.

COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone thanked the community, staff and students for attending the meeting, and introduced the following staff members from the Education Center: Dr. Jeff Church, Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services, Dr. Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services, Dr. Caryl Burns, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Libby Brown, School/Community Services Director, Karla Miller, Finance Officer, Katrina McEllen, Director of High School Curriculum, Keith Hindman, Director of Middle School Curriculum, Stephen Martin, Director of Elementary Curriculum, and Dawn Weese, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent. He noted how proud he is of our school system and administrators and how much he appreciates the time taken to showcase our student talent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Duane Knight introduced the following special presentations: "Rocking Around with a Good Book," 1st Grade Students, West Lenoir Elementary School, Loren Carmichael and Ashley Craig, Teachers; Gamewell Middle School Chorus, Alice McIntyre, Chorus Director and a special music presentation by Deanna Kilby, 6th Grade Student, Collettsville School, Jonathan Beal, Director.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, and upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Linda Coffey, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Signed _____
Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

Attest:

Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education