

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Caldwell County Board of Education met on October 26, 2009, for a community board meeting at South Caldwell High School.

The following members were present:

Dr. Helen Hall, Vice-Chairman
Chris Becker
Dottie Darsie
Mike LaBrose

Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell, Tim Hawkins and Linda Coffey were absent.

After a performance by the Granite Falls Elementary School 4th and 5th Grade Chorus, directed by Andrea Evans, Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall welcomed the community to South Caldwell High School and thanked Principal Mike Peake for hosting the meeting. She also recognized the following individuals from The Education Center: Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent, Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services, Dr. Jeff Church, Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services, Libby Brown, Director, School/Community Relations Services, Karla Miller, Finance Officer, and Dawn Weese, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent.

Mike Peake, Principal, South Caldwell High School, welcomed the community, schools in attendance, and board members to the home of the Spartans.

Chris Becker introduced Christy Owens, 4th Grade Teacher, Baton Elementary School, who gave the invocation.

Dottie Darsie introduced the South Caldwell High School NJROTC, directed by Lieutenant Colonel Hank Winn and Senior Chief Arnold Correll, who presented the colors and Ethan Hodges, Bryson Griffin, and Jason Hoppes, 4th Grade Students, Whitnel Elementary School, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mike LaBrose introduced Charlie Walker, 10th Grade Student, Early College High School, who performed The National Anthem.

SCHOOL NEWS REPORT

Students from Dudley Shoals Elementary School gave a presentation of the Dudley Shoals Elementary News Team, featuring current and future events going on at Dudley Shoals School and Andy Berry, Principal, who gave his status report from the Legislative Building in Raleigh, North Carolina.

STATUS REPORTS

Brief summaries of the attached status reports were given by the following individuals for his/her respective school: Katie Justice, Principal, Baton Elementary School; Andrew Miller, Principal, Granite Falls Elementary School; Teresa Hartley, Assistant Principal, Hudson Elementary School; Robin DiBernardi, Principal, Sawmills Elementary School; Annette Swanson, Whitnel Elementary School; Brian Suddreth, Principal, Granite Falls Middle School; Bill Griffin, Principal, Hudson Middle School; Teresa Branch, Principal, Caldwell Early College, Bob Henson, Principal, Gateway School and Mike Peake, Principal, South Caldwell High School.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall opened the floor for public comment. There was no public comment.

Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone gave brief remarks regarding the success of Caldwell County Schools and how blessed he is to be in Caldwell County. He noted that every school in the system has been visited as a model for schools from across the state and he is also appreciative of the caliber of administrators, teachers, staff, students and parents we enjoy in Caldwell County.

There being no further business to come before the board, Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall asked for approval to adjourn at the conclusion of the special presentations. Her request was unanimously approved by the board.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Vice-Chairman Dr. Helen Hall introduced the following students that performed the special presentations: Sawmills 2nd Graders, "Fried Ham," Lee Ann Luman, Dana Shook and Traci Waters, 2nd Grade Teachers; "Heart of America," 4th Grade Students, Hudson Elementary School, Erin Penley, Director and Hudson Middle School and Granite Falls Middle School, 7th Grade Chorus, Sherry January and Shay Barnes, Directors.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Signed _____
Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

Attest:

Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education