

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Caldwell County Board of Education met at 7:00 PM on September 8, 2008, in the Board Room of the Education Center, Lenoir, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

Chairman Dottie Darsie
Chris Becker
Linda Coffey
Dr. Helen Hall
Tim Hawkins
Mike LaBrose

Vice-Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell was absent.

The following administrative staff was present:

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

Chairman Dottie Darsie called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Dottie Darsie opened the meeting for public comment. There was no public comment.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Jason Krider, Principal, Collettsville School, gave the invocation and McKenzie Farmer, 11th Grade, South Caldwell High School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION - AGENDA

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously approved the proposed agenda with the following addition: Number X, Item 1A, transfers for "School of Choice" students were added to the 2008-2009 Student Transfer Request as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION - MINUTES

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the August 11, 2008, regular board meeting and the August 11, 2008, Closed Session.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Linda Coffey presented a certificate and lapel pin to Jason Krider, Principal, Collettsville School, for his selection as the 2008 Caldwell County Schools Principal of the Year.

Chairman Dottie Darsie presented a certificate and lapel pin to Melissa Costin, Assistant Principal, South Caldwell High School, for her selection as the 2008 Caldwell County Schools Assistant Principal of the Year.

INFORMATION – INTRODUCTION OF CAROLINA COLLEGE ADVISORY CORE

Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone recognized and introduced the board to Rachel Brody and Blythe Gough, Carolina College Advisory Core Counselors. Rachel serves South Caldwell High School, Caldwell Early College and the Career Center Middle College. Blythe serves West Caldwell High School and Hibriten High School. These counselors assist parents and students with anything regarding college attendance/tuition. Their goal is to increase college attendance by 10% in Caldwell County.

INFORMATION – COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS UPDATE

Debbie Eller, Director, Communities in Schools, gave a progress update on the 2007-2008 school year. She reported that 426 students were served, an increase of 120 students, approximately 3,000 students received Level I services, meaning they received books, school supplies, book bags, etc., 162 business partners, up by 30, 210 mentor volunteers, up from 162 and approximately 400 contacts with parents. Attendance was up in the middle schools and 98.4% of high school, at-risk, students stayed in school. She advised the board of the desire to increase the services at South Caldwell High School reporting it would take \$30,000 to fund another full-time position.

ACTION – REVISED BOARD POLICY 3100-ENROLLMENT OF STUDENTS

Upon motion of Linda Coffey and second by Tim Hawkins the board unanimously approved the attached Policy 3100, Enrollment of Students, following a one month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – REVISED POLICY 7530 – PROMOTION AND RETENTION

Upon motion of Dr. Helen Hall and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached technical revision to Board Policy 7530, Promotion and Retention, as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously approved Jeni McNulty as an Assistant Principal at West Caldwell High School effective September 9, 2008, as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS MONTH PROCLAMATION

Upon motion of Linda Coffey and second by Tim Hawkins, the board unanimously approved the attached Successful Students Month Proclamation as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – DONATION

Upon motion of Linda Coffey and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously approved the attached donation of playground equipment from the Happy Valley PTA at a value of \$22,500, as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION - PERSONNEL MATTERS

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Tim Hawkins, the board unanimously approved the attached personnel matters as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services Trish Johnson.

ACTION – STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS FOR 2008-2009

Upon motion of Linda Coffey, and second by Dr. Helen Hall, the board unanimously approved the attached student transfer requests for 2008-2009, and the four students added for “School of Choice” transfers as presented by Associate Superintendent for Educational Program Services Dr. Caryl Burns. Dr. Burns also noted there are a total of 11 students utilizing the “School of Choice” option as provided by No Child Left Behind.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone gave a brief update regarding the first County Commissioner/Board of Education Liaison Meeting for the year. This first session was to basically gather information from both boards, give an update on the start of the new school year and set dates for future meetings.

BOARD INFORMATION/POSSIBLE ACTION

Chairman Dottie Darsie reported the following schedule for the School Improvement Plan Presentations where principals report to various board members what they are doing to meet their goals on their School Improvement Plans. Mike Labrose and Linda Coffey meet on September 9, Dr. Helen Hall and Tim Hawkins meet on September 11 and Chairman Dottie Darsie will meet with schools on September 16, 2008.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Dottie Darsie announced the NCSBA District VII meeting, September 24, 2008, 4:00 PM, Patton School, Morganton; the next regular board meeting on Monday, October 13, 2008, 7:00 PM in the Board Room of the Education Center and the Community Board Meeting on October 20, 2008, 7:00 PM at Hibriten High School.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, upon motion of Tim Hawkins, second by Chris Becker, and the unanimous approval of the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Signed:

Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

Attest:

Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education