

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Caldwell County Board of Education met at 7:00 PM on September 11, 2006, in the Board Room of the Education Center, Lenoir, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

Dr. Sharon S. Pennell, Chairman
Mike LaBrose, Vice-Chairman
Helen Beam
Linda Coffey
Dottie Darsie
Tim Hawkins
Kay Phillips
Ed Blair, School Board Attorney

The following administrative staff were present:

Steve Stone, Superintendent
Donnie Bassinger, Associate Superintendent for Auxiliary Services
Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Human Resources
Bob Query, Finance Officer
Ervil Anderson, Director of Student Support Services
Libby Brown, School-Community Relations Director

Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell opened the meeting for public comment. There was no public comment.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Human Resources, Caldwell County Schools, gave a tribute to the victims of the 9/11 tragedy and gave the invocation and Zachary Bryson, 2nd Grade, Anna-Kate Bryson, Kindergarten and Griffin Bryson, Pre-School, Davenport A+ School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION - AGENDA

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

ACTION - MINUTES

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Mike LaBrose and second by Helen Beam, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the August 14, 2006, regular Board Meeting.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Vice-Chairman Mike LaBrose presented a certificate of achievement to Keith Dancy, Assistant Principal at West Caldwell High School for receiving a Master's Degree in Administration from Gardner-Webb University

INFORMATION – UPDATE ON CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM

Guy Garner, Director, Child Nutrition Program, updated the Board on where the school system is in regards to the nutritional standards set by the State Board of Education, as well as the increase in the students fed, free and reduced lunch applicants, “No-Fry Wednesday,” the pre-payment program available through the Internet and the Bio-Metric System used at two schools where student finger prints are used to pay for meals.

ACTION – PROPOSED 2006-2007 PRIORITY GOALS

Upon motion of Helen Beam and second by Vice-Chairman Mike LaBrose, the Board unanimously approved the attached draft of the 2006-2007 Board Priority Goals following a one-month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT - FUND BALANCE

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Kay Phillips, the Board unanimously approved the attached Memorandum of Agreement by the Caldwell County Board of County Commissioners to increase the Fund Balance from \$400,000 to \$950,000 as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – PROPOSED BOARD POLICIES – 3320-USE OF SECLUSION AND RESTRAINT AND 3820 – JUVENILE COURT RECORDS

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins and second by Kay Phillips, the Board unanimously approved the attached proposed new policies #3320-Use of Seclusion and Restraint and #3820-Juvenile Court Records following a one-month comment period as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

INFORMATION – REVISION TO BOARD POLICY 6560

Vice-Chairman Mike LaBrose motioned and Kay Phillips seconded to discuss the revision to Board Policy 6560, Courier Service/Deliveries/Mail to Employees, following a one-month comment period. Following the open discussion, Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell asked the Board to vote. Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell and Linda Coffey voted in favor of the revision and Helen Beam, Dottie Darsie, Tim Hawkins, Vice-Chairman Mike LaBrose, and Kay Phillips were not in favor of the revision. The motion did not pass and the attached Board Policy #6560 will not be revised as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION - PERSONNEL MATTERS

Upon motion of Helen Beam and second by Tim Hawkins, the Board unanimously approved the attached personnel matters as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resources Trish Johnson.

ACTION-SURPLUS SALE

Upon motion of Kay Phillips and second by Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved the attached items for surplus sale as presented by Associate Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Donnie Bassinger.

ACTION – STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS FOR 2006-2007

Upon motion of Linda Coffey and second by Helen Beam, the Board unanimously approved the attached student transfer requests for 2006-2007, as presented by Student Support Services Director Ervil Anderson.

BOARD COMMITTEE RECORDS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell gave a brief report regarding the recent Board/County Commissioner Liaison Team meeting. The increase in the fund balance, as well as Lottery funds was discussed.

BOARD REPORTS/INFORMATION/POSSIBLE ACTION

There were no Board Reports/Information and/or Possible Action items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Dr. Sharon S. Pennell announced the next regular Board Meeting on Monday, October 9, 2006, 7:00 PM in the Board Room of the Education Center and the next Community Board Meeting on Monday, October 23, 2006, 7:00 PM at West Caldwell High School.

10 DAY ENROLLMENT

Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone announced that the 10 day enrollment for the Caldwell County Schools was 13,170. This is 90 more students than the school system had last year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion of Vice-Chairman Mike LaBrose and the unanimous approval of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Signed _____
Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

Attest:

Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education