

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Caldwell County Board of Education met at 7:00 PM on September 13, 2010, in the Board Room of the Education Center, Lenoir, North Carolina.

The following members were present:

Chairman Dr. Helen Hall
Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins
Chris Becker
Linda Coffey
Dottie Darsie
Mike LaBrose
Darrell Pennell

The following administrative staff members were present:

Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent
Dr. Jeff Church, Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services
Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services
Karla Miller, Finance Officer
Libby Brown, School-Community Relations Director
Ed Blair, Attorney, Groome, Tuttle, Pike and Blair

Dr. Caryl B. Burns, Associate Superintendent for Educational Program Services, was absent.

Chairman Dr. Helen Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Deborah Ashley, Director, Caldwell County Chamber of Commerce, gave the invocation and Kadie Becker, Kindergarten, Granite Falls Elementary School and Ashley Beck, Sophomore, South Caldwell High School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION - AGENDA

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously approved the proposed agenda as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION - MINUTES

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Darrell Pennell, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the August 9, 2010, Regular Board Meeting and the August 9, 2010, Closed Session.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Deborah Ashley, Director, Caldwell County Chamber of Commerce and Deborah Murray, President/CEO, Caldwell 20/20, presented the Caldwell County School System with a plaque of appreciation in recognition for raising awareness of and inspiring participation in the 2010 Census.

Dottie Darsie presented a certificate and lapel pin to the Career Center Middle College, Hibriten High School, South Caldwell High School and West Caldwell High School in recognition for meeting the requirements of the standardized craft training process to become an Accredited Training and Education Facility through the National Center for Construction Education and Research Accreditation.

Chairman Dr. Helen Hall presented a certificate and lapel pin to Collettsville, Happy Valley, Kings Creek and Oak Hill Schools in recognition for achieving the Project Lead the Way, Gateway to Technology, School of Excellence recognition.

Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins presented a certificate and lapel pin to the following students whose artwork is on display in the Education Center Art Gallery during the month of September: Career Center Middle College: Jeff Canaveral and Lauren Hall; Happy Valley: Jacob Lovins, Taylor Bentley, Dawson Lugo, and Tyler Fredericks; Kings Creek: Hailey Bryant; Oak Hill: Brandy Lackey, Samantha Bates and Rebekah Merrill.

UPDATE – CAROLINA COLLEGE ADVISING CORPORATION

Two new Advisors, Joseph Strader and David Hetrick, with the Carolina College Advisory Corporation, introduced themselves to the board. They are replacing previous Advisors Rachel Brody and Blythe Gough. Joseph Strader will work with students at Hibriten High School and West Caldwell High School and David Hetrick will work with students at South Caldwell High School, Caldwell Early College High School and the Career Center Middle College. The purpose of the advisory program is to increase student interest in attending a four-year university after high school. The advisors assist students with SAT registration, college exploration and applications, as well as financial aid. The program is four years old and is currently offered in 14 states. Surveys have been taken and the information has been submitted to Stanford University to gather initial statistics on college attendance and performance. The program is funded, in part, by the Golden Leaf Foundation.

ACTION – RESTORATION OF ¼% LOCAL SUPPLEMENT AND 40 HOUR WORK WEEK FOR NON-CERTIFIED STAFF

Upon motion of Chris Becker, Linda Coffey, Dottie Darsie, Chairman Dr. Helen Hall, Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins, Mike LaBrose and Darrell Pennell and second by Chris Becker, Linda Coffey, Dottie Darsie, Chairman Dr. Helen Hall, Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins, Mike LaBrose and Darrell Pennell, the board unanimously moved and approved to reinstate the ¼ % local supplement, as well as restore the 40 hour work week for non-certified staff as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION – ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTS

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins and second by Chris Becker, the board unanimously approved to renew the following contracts: Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services Dr. Trish Johnson, two additional years ending June 30, 2014; Associate Superintendent for Educational Program Services Dr. Caryl Burns, two additional years ending June 30, 2014, and Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church, four additional years ending June 30, 2014, as presented by Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone.

ACTION - PERSONNEL MATTERS

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached personnel matters as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services Dr. Trish Johnson. Mike LaBrose abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

ACTION – STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS FOR 2010-2011

Upon motion of Mike LaBrose and second by Dottie Darsie, the board unanimously approved the attached student transfer requests for 2010-2011, as presented by Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services Dr. Trish Johnson.

ACTION – LOTTERY APPLICATION

Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and second by Mike LaBrose, the board unanimously approved the attached Lottery Application to repay the Qualified School Construction Bond debt to fund classroom additions at Hudson Elementary School and classroom additions and an expanded cafeteria at Sawmills Elementary School, as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church.

ACTION – SURPLUS SALE

Upon motion of Darrell Pennell and second by Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins, the board unanimously approved the attached list of items to be sold at Surplus Sale, October 13, 2010, 9:00 AM at the Caldwell County School's Maintenance Department as presented by Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services Dr. Jeff Church.

ACTION – BUDGET RESOLUTION

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins and second by Linda Coffey, the board unanimously approved the attached Budget Resolution as presented by Finance Officer Karla Miller.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no board committee reports.

BOARD INFORMATION/POSSIBLE ACTION

There were no board information/possible action items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Dr. Helen Hall announced the next regular board meeting on Monday, October 11, 2010, 7:00 PM in the Board Room of the Education Center, the Board of Education Fall Board Retreat, Monday, October 25, 2010, 4:00 PM, at Hibriten High School and the Community Board Meeting, October 25, 2010, 7:00 PM, at Hibriten High School.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, and upon motion of Vice-Chairman Tim Hawkins, second by Linda Coffey, and the unanimous approval of the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Signed:

Chairman, Caldwell County Board of Education

Attest:

Secretary, Caldwell County Board of Education