

OFFICAL MINUTES OF THE CALDWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Date | time 9/14/2015 6:00 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Darrell Pennell, Chairman

In Attendance

Caldwell County Board of Education: Chairman Darrell Pennell, Vice Chairman Duane Knight, Dottie Darsie, Linda Coffey-Greer, Tim Hawkins, Joe Sims, and Teresa Branch

Caldwell County Schools Administrative Staff: Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent; Dr. Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent for Human Resource Services; Dr. Jeff Church, Associate Superintendent for Auxiliary Services; Libby Brown, Director of Community Relations, David Johnson, Director of Finance

Opening Ceremonies

Chairman Pennell led the invocation for the Board. Collettsville 4th Grade Student Joanna Hindman and Early College Freshman Boyd Hindman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda and Previous Minutes

Action Item: Upon motion of Vice Chairman Duane Knight, and seconded by Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved the September 14, 2015, agenda as presented.

Action Item: Upon motion of Teresa Branch, and seconded by Tim Hawkins, the Board unanimously approved the Regular and Closed Session Minutes from the August 10, 2015, meeting.

Public Comment

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

Honors and Recognitions

- Education Center Art Gallery
 - Isaac Tuttle, Senior Hibriten High School, was selected as representative of Blue Ridge Electric Youth Tour to Washington D.C., and authored a published article in the *Carolina Country*.
 - Rhyan Stone, 2015 SCHS Graduate, has been recognized as a National AP Scholar, scoring 4 or higher on at least eight AP Exams.
 - 2015 Computer Science Middle Grades in Caldwell County Computer Science for Middle Schools in Caldwell (CoSMIC) Grant Participation
 - Dr. Sharon Pennell Scholarship awarded to Sarah Strafford, Band Director at Granite Falls Middle
 - Ryan Cooper was welcomed and introduced as a Principals Fellow, he will be working at Dudley Shoals Elementary School and Baton Elementary School as an assistant principal.
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Superintendent | Dr. Steve Stone

Information Item: Presentation from Caldwell Council on Adolescent Health by Executive Director Angie Ashley

For Board Action:

Upon Motion of Dottie Darsie, and seconded by Teresa Branch, the Board approved a Public Hearing date of October 12, 2015, at 5:30 PM, to hear comments on the naming of the football field at West Caldwell High School.

Upon motion of Tim Hawkins, and seconded by Joe Sims, the Board unanimously approved the 2015-18 Strategic Plan for Caldwell County Schools.

Upon Motion of Vice Chairman Duane Knight, and seconded by Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approved to place policy 4309 | Code of Student Conduct on a one-month comment period.

Upon motion of Vice Chairman Duane Knight, and seconded by Dottie Darsie, the Board unanimously approve to place policy 5026/7250 | Smoking and Tobacco Products on a one-month comment period.

Human Resource Services | Dr. Trish Johnson, Associate Superintendent

Information Items: The attached personnel matters were presented to the Board of information only.

Action Items:

Upon motion of Vice Chairman Duane Knight, and seconded by Teresa Branch the Board unanimously approved the attached personnel matters.

Upon motion of Teresa Branch, and seconded by Joe Sims, the Board unanimously approve the attached student transfer request.

Auxiliary Services | Jeff Church, Associate Superintendent

Action Item: Upon motion of Vice Chairman Duane Knight, and seconded by Teresa Branch, the Board unanimously approved the Access Easement Agreement and Operation/Maintenance Agreement with the City of Lenoir.

Action Item: Upon motion of Dottie Darsie and seconded by Linda Coffey-Greer, the Board unanimously approved the revisions to the Child Nutrition Procurement Policy.

Information Only | Dr. Steve Stone, Superintendent

Dr. Stone reported on the 15 day membership of the Caldwell County School System. Enrollment numbers are up compared to this time last year. We hope to continue this upward trend.

Board Information

Board Members reported on what they saw and experienced while visiting the schools during the first week for staff and students. The Board was very complementary on what they observed and were amazed by how well prepared everyone was.

Dr. Stone stated that if any Board Members have any topics of discussion for the October 26, 2015, Work Session to please submit those to Kathy Chandler, Darrell Pennell or him.

Announcements

- September 30, 2015| District VII Meeting | Alexander County | 4:00 PM

- October 12, 2015 | Board Meeting | Education Center | 5:45 PM Art gallery | 6:00 PM Board Meeting
- October 26, 2015 | Work Session | Hibriten High School | 3:00 PM
- October 26, 2015 | Community Board Meeting | Hibriten High School | 6:00 PM

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board and upon motion of Tim Hawkins, and seconded by Joe Sims, and with unanimous approval of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

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Darrell Pennell, Chairman
Caldwell County Board of Education

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Steve Stone Ed.D., Superintendent
Caldwell County Schools