

RESOLUTION 2017/04-02
A RESOLUTION OPPOSING PARTISAN SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS IN TENNESSEE

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Lakeland School System is the local governmental body responsible for providing a public education to the students and families of Lakeland, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, The Tennessee School Board Association (TSBA) is the representative agency of the members of school boards of Tennessee; and


WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 1 of the TSBA Boardsmanship Code of Ethics states that "I will at all times think in terms of "children first," determining other important things according to how they affect education and training of children; and

WHEREAS, Legislation allowing school board candidates to list party affiliation would make an election "partisan" and potentially detract from the "children first" philosophy in favor of party goals; and

WHEREAS, The TSBA also formally opposes any such legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE LAKELAND SCHOOL SYSTEM: The Board of Education of Lakeland School System formally opposes any legislation which could potentially make school board elections in the state of Tennessee partisan, regardless of the population of the county in which it takes place.

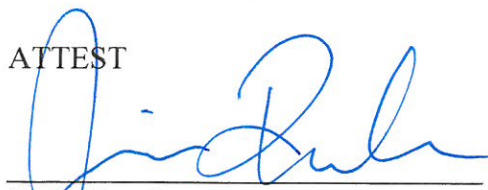
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Lakeland Board of Education, Lakeland, Tennessee on this 8th day of April, 2017, public welfare requiring it.



Kevin Floyd, *Board Chairman*



Ted Horrell, *Superintendent*

ATTEST


Jessie Rosales
LSS Board Recorder