

## RESOLUTION

### RESOLUTION AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR APPOINTED SUPERINTENDENTS

Resolution of the Obion County Board of Education affirming support for appointed superintendents; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the appointment of school superintendents was the cornerstone of the Education Improvement Act of 1992, patterning school governance after the business model, with elected school boards responsible for setting policy and board-appointed chief executive officers in charge of day-to-day administration of schools; and

WHEREAS, the Education Improvement Act and the appointment of superintendents have provided greater flexibility at the local level to operate schools and made school systems more accountable for results; and

WHEREAS, the appointment of superintendents provides a broader pool of qualified candidates and removes residency limitations, allowing the selection to be based solely on professional qualifications and leadership skills rather than the political savvy of only those individuals living in a particular district and willing to run for office; and

WHEREAS, the appointed superintendent is accountable to the board of education and may be replaced for failure to achieve the standards and goals established by the local board and the state; and

WHEREAS, the appointment of the superintendent ensures cooperation and a common vision with the board of education to improve student achievement and overall school performance; and

WHEREAS, only three states in the entire country (Alabama, Florida, and Mississippi) continue to participate in the outdated practice of electing school superintendents, electing less than one percent of the more than 15,000 superintendents in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly will undoubtedly continue to face pressure to revert to elected superintendents, particularly from local funding bodies reluctant to increase education funding and improve school system budgets and frustrated with the lead advocacy roles of appointed superintendents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Obion County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2009, that:

SECTION 1. The Obion County Board of Education encourages the Tennessee General Assembly to place the interest of students above any of other by recognizing the value of appointed superintendents and rejecting any attempt to revert to elected superintendents.

SECTION 2. A copy of this **Resolution** shall be transmitted to the District's state senator, state representative, and any other interested individual or entity.

SECTION 3. This **Resolution** shall take effect upon adoption, the public welfare requiring it.

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Roger Williams  
Chairman

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Jimmy C. Smith  
Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

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David W. Huss, Director of Schools  
Secretary to the Board

Adopted by the Board of Education of Obion County, Tennessee, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2009.