

**Special Called Business Meeting  
November 4, 2021 5:00 PM  
Collierville High School Community Room  
11605 East Shelby Drive  
Collierville, TN 38017**

I. Call to Order	Wright Cox, Chairman
II. Roll Call	Wright Cox, Chairman
III. Approval of Agenda	Wright Cox, Chairman
IV. Recommended Actions	
A. Resolution 2022-03 Regarding Senate Bill 9002 and House Bill 9072 Allowing for Partisan Elections for School Board Members	Gary Lilly, Director of Schools
V. Adjournment	



## **Collierville Schools Board of Education Resolution 2022-03**

### **A RESOLUTION REGARDING SENATE BILL 9009 AND HOUSE BILL 9072 ALLOWING FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS**

**WHEREAS**, the General Assembly passed Senate Bill No. 9009 and House Bill No. 9072, allowing for partisan school board elections; and

**WHEREAS**, the election of school board members has always been non-partisan and attracted those citizens concerned with public education, without reference to partisan politics; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Collierville Schools believes that having partisan elections for school board members could unnecessarily cause rancor in the community and dissuade qualified and concerned citizens from running and serving as school board members;

**IT IS THEREBY RESOLVED**, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021 as follows:

- The Board of Education of the Collierville Schools believes that partisan elections for school board members would be harmful to the selection of the best and most qualified candidates who might otherwise wish to serve the Collierville Schools.
- The Board of Education of the Collierville Schools also believes that partisan elections would unnecessarily introduce rancor and partisanship into elections and school board discussions and decisions where none currently exists.
- The Board of Education of the Collierville Schools further believes that partisan politics are contrary to and hostile towards the mission of public education, which is to educate and care for all citizens in the community, regardless of their political persuasion, party affiliation, or individual beliefs. The introduction of partisan politics would undermine the public's faith that the school board is working for the benefit of the entire community.
- Accordingly, the Board of Education of the Collierville Schools urges Governor Bill Lee to veto Senate Bill 9009 and House Bill 9072, it being contrary to the interests and goals of public education in the State of Tennessee.

Respectfully submitted,

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WRIGHT COX, CHAIRMAN

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WANDA CHISM, BOARD MEMBER

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WANDA GIBBS, BOARD MEMBER

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FRANK WARREN, BOARD MEMBER

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PAUL CHILDERS, BOARD MEMBER

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DR. GARY LILLY, SUPERINTENDENT

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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MICHAEL R. MARSHALL, BOARD ATTORNEY