

the appointed commissioners that late comments were received about the proposed rules prompting the postponement.

voting 10 on the postponement were Art Clancy, Elizabeth Fagan, Chris Cotten, Scott Smith and Janice Taylor.

Another split vote, 9-6 with one abstaining, came on a concept plan for Westford Dunes subdivision on the Northeast side of N. Campbell Station Road which was also postponed until next month.

Trying to adopt standards for the approval of indoor and outdoor painted and air soft ranges was denied by the commissioners in an 8-7 vote. The ordinance would have made indoor facilities require a user-review before approval in Agricultural Districts.

Caroline Greenwood of licensing Lane spoke against



Athletes from Amherst Elementary School march in the Parade of Champions in the opening ceremonies of the 2017 Special Olympics Track and Field Invitational last week at Florida Valley Academy. The event played host to 600 competitors.

Student athletes compete in Special Olympics at HVA

budget

By Peter Genova

After much discussion the Knox County Board of Education approved a general fund budget of \$475,148,000 which is an approximate 4% increase over the current budget year. This budget includes a 3% pay increase for teachers and a \$1 an hour increase for teaching assistant levels.

With no discussion the board unanimously approved a school nutrition budget of \$28,870,000 which includes a three percent raise for food service personnel. There was also no discussion and a unanimous vote for the school system's capital improvement budget. This budget includes \$5 million for the start up of the two new middle schools, \$1.75 million for physical plant upgrades,