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*The Focus' own Mike Steely was recognized by the East Tennessee Historical Society last week.*

of interest for outstanding contributions to the promotion of the region's history. "In his busy career as

"The Knoxville Focus deserves a lot of credit for giving the space in the

publisher, reporter, columnist and sales. Mike's integrity and dedication are second to none. His

tasky. I've been interested in history ever since my grandmother started telling  
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## SUPPORTING EACH OTHER



## Cultural competency, bathroom policy addressed at board of education meeting

**By Pete Gawda**

Last Wednesday evening's meeting of the Knox County School Board was a time when citizens gathered to express their opinions on the emotional and controversial issues of cultural competency and the districts bathroom policy concerning transgender students. Many of the speakers received applause from the large audience, and some even received