

By Anne Primm

The November 7, 2018 school board meeting began on time with all nine representatives present. After the moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance, Chairwoman Terry Hill called the meeting to order and announced that several of the board members had attended the Tennessee School Board Association Conference in Nashville and that a summary of their observations will be presented at the December 5, 2018 school board meeting. Next, Chairwoman Hill asked for a motion to approve the evening's agenda. Third District representative Tony Norman made that motion and it was seconded by Vice Chair Susan Horn.

Superintendent Bob Thomas reported to the board and related that Janice Cook, principal of the Paul L. Kelley Volunteer Academy, will receive an award from the Simon Youth Foundation. Thomas also proclaimed November 15, 2018 as Principal for a Day day where Knoxville leaders can act as principals for a day in local schools. This event will also be followed by lunch at the Sarah Simpson Center. The superintendent's last remarks were about Thanksgiving Holidays being November 21-23.

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Halls Middle School principal Jessica Strickland and athletic director J.D. Overton present Richard Lee's family with a banner honoring the longtime coach and educator. The banner honoring Lee, who passed away in July due to complications from pancreatic cancer, will now hang in the school's gym.

Halls Middle School celebrates life of fallen coach and educator