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Mobility.

safety discussed at Hardin Valley forum

public forum was held on Tuesday, January 15 at Hardin Valley Acade my regarding proposed changes to Hardin Valley mobility, for both motor ists and non-motorists The meeting was held

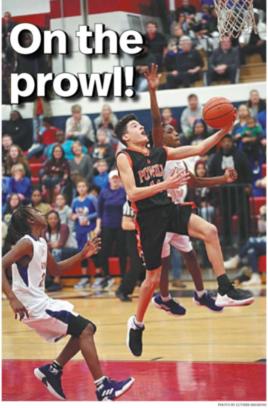
to gauge public opin ion on matters that are important to the occupants of Hardin Valley The roads and areas

that are being studied and will be revisited with a plan of action are: Hardin Valley Road all the way to Hickory Creek Road; Ever ett Road at Yarnell; Yarnell Road at Campbell Station; Lovell Road at Hardin Valley and Pellis-sippi Pkwy; Solway Road

After a recent survey

was conducted, rece ing feedback from 795 respondents, it was dete mined that the top five comments regarding the issues surrounding these roads and areas are gestion during school drop-off/pick-up and rush hour, that the roads are too narrow, that there is poor lighting and visibility, general congestion and the lack of shoulders Two examples of com-

nents were, "Yarnell is too narrow and needs to be widened for growth to happen " and at the iust as Hardin Valley Rd becomes Hickory Creek Rd it was said that 'removing the bend in the road will lead to exces sive speeding unless a



The Powell Panthers' Ayden Greene breaks away for a shot against Vine in Thursday night's Knox County Middle School basketball tournament championship game at South-Doyle Middle School. Greene scored 18 points as Powell defeated the regular season champion Golden Bears 56-48. Please see story and other tourney coverage in Sports & Recreation, Section C.

Commissioners may decide who pays Pension Suit lawyers By Mike Steely steelym@knexfecus.com

The Knax County Commeets in work session Tuesday to possibly decide which county department pays the \$165,000 lawyer fees in the settlement of the suit against the Knox County Retirement and Pension Board The commission neets on Tuesday because all City-County offices were losed on Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday

Two items are on agenda, both presented by the finance department, and both with a blank space for the account that would be charged. Some of the commissioners have said in past meetings that the law department should foot the bill since it initiated the original suit.

the commission voted to settle the dispute, prompted by County Mayor Glen Jacobs, and then voted to hire an outside firm to represent the county in the settlement

One resolution calls for attorney fees for individu-al and class defendants, \$97,500, a mediator fee of \$3,150, and the outside counsel of Arnett, Draper and Hagood, LLP in the amount of \$48,895.

The second resolution calls for reimburgement of attorney fees previously paid by current or former department employees for attorneys in the amount of \$17,562.60 If the debate on the fees

choes previous discus sions the commission may split on a vote to designate which department will be paying the fees. The commission is also

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Board decides to continue Career Magnet Academy

Chairwoman Terry Hill

uary 16, 2019 meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. Cou cilwoman Stephanie Welch and Dr. Anthony Wise of Pellissippi State Community College were present. Eighth District board

member Mike McMillan made a motion to change to the agenda to move discussion of the Career Magnet Academy from the last item on the agenda to the first item on the ReguLaw Director Gary Dupler along with Superintendent Bob Thomas to work with him in formulating a motion to present to th board regarding CMA. The motion read as follows Approve programmatic changes as implemented in the 2018-2019 school year for Career Magnet Academy and re-allocate

the current magnet budget

keting material, increased

recruitment, and a modest

of the CMA to provide ma

\$5000 Additionally upper ninistration is to repo to the Board on CMA's recruitment and market ing progress at the March and May Board Work Session meetings

Three speakers spoke in public forum in favor of keeping the school open before the board took a roll call yote which ended in an eight to one deciaion to continue operation of the school. Hill cast the senting vote District

request for a name change for the school, McMillan and Dupler agreed that this was a separate issue that would need to be brought before the board

for approval. The next item up for discussion was 2019 Legisla tive Priorities. Public forum speaker Caitlin Nowell seventh grade Language Arts teacher at South-Doyle Middle School, addressed the board about keeping TNReady as the state

Ian about Principal Hawn's product has its issues, it is based on the Tennes-see Standards. The Tennessee Standards are the guidelines teachers have been using for nearly two decades and to change now would really upset

teaching and learning Teacher Evaluation was the next legislative priority. The hoard wanted to urge the legislature and the State Board of Eduon to develop sound guidelines for teacher evalteacher performance

The final topic of discus on was the role of ACT (ACT Suite of Assessme and/or SAT in lieu of Endof-Course Exams. After dis cussion with Knox County School Superintendent Thomas and other school personnel, the board decided not to address this issue at this time and to wait until more information is available about the

ACT Suite of Assessments

which is still under devel-



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