

Debate at BOE meeting

By Amy Sue Feltmaker

The presence of Knox County Commissioner Evelyn Galt and three corporate Boy Scout Troop 258 members endeavoring to fulfill their citizenship badge requirements were recognized to commence the mid-March regular session Board of Education meeting. First, an announcement declared that several board members will be attending the National School Board Association Annual Conference in Philadelphia from March 30 to April 2, 2018 in hope of meeting with other school board members on a national level regarding educational matters.

recognition of Teachers of the Year. As they approached Knox County Superintendent Bob Thomas to receive their awards in the Main Assembly Room of the City-County Building, those in attendance applauded loudly. The recipients were Jackey-McCloud Elementary School teacher Crystal Douglas, Harris Middle School teacher Janet Smith, and Powell High School teacher Alex Carson.

One week prior to the regular session meeting on March 13, board members congregated to review board policies at a work session. A motion carried for every voted

Cos Hanley and Blake Shelton take time for a photo after performing at the grand opening of Ole Red Gatlinburg last week. "Gatlinburg has always been a place where I've had a good time, and it's just awesome for me to get to be a part of this community through Ole Red," said Blake Shelton before the event. "I can't wait to get my band down there to play - it's going to be an amazing night."

By Lisa DeMarice

Knoxville native and country icon Cos Hanley and his family performed at the Grand Opening of the Blake Shelton-inspired Ole Red Gatlinburg bar, restaurant, and music venue Wednesday night.

Blake said, "Cos is one of my all-time favorite artists and he happens to be from this area." Hanley and family went on to perform two songs during the middle of Blake's set.

During the press conference, earlier in the day, Shelton said he had visited Gatlinburg during New Year's and stayed three days. He and his girlfriend, Gwen Stefani, set in love

