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Residents and supporters from his district loudly applauded Norman's address where he spoke of the changes he helped bring about on the board of education. Norman said the school board was divided and in disarray when he was elected. His election and the election of other reformers topped the scale to public representation and led to the retirement of Superintendent Jim McIntyre.

"The administration did not understand what it meant to be in the classroom. They didn't appreciate the classroom, the teachers or the working teams," Norman said, adding, "I think we've been able to change the direction of this system."



Tony Norman addresses a big turnout at his re-election reception for his 3rd District school board seat.

He asked his supporters to help him continue working for the needed changes for the betterment of students, teachers, employees and the administration. Attendees asked several

questions that Norman was quick to answer. "I've got to have a lot of help to do this. The people after me want me gone," he said of the effort to unseat him from the school board.

Early voting for the primary begins February 12. Norman has one primary opponent and whoever wins the March 3 primary will become the new representative for the 3rd District.

Free Remote Area Medical Clinic this week

By Mike Stealy

IMG Academy pulls away from Catholic late, wins 71-53

By Steve Williams

Knoxville Catholic took a shot at one of the region's premier high school basketball teams Saturday afternoon and gave them all they wanted.

IMG Academy got out of town with a 71-53 win, but it wasn't easy for the tall and talented squad



that didn't agree that the owners demanded one type of action during the public forum.

Seven sites were approved earlier in the month by the Farnagut Planning Commission and the towers would be built on public right of way in the town. Some 120 people attended the meeting and heard Open Attorney Tom Hale tell them there's little the town can do to stop the towers.

If the Board of Mayor and Aldermen fail to vote within 61 days then Verizon's application for eleven towers would automatically be approved. Two other companies, AT&T and T-Mobile, may also apply for the small 5G towers.

One resident, Bill Bryant, said his lawn has been marked for a tower but the neighborhood has underground utilities. He called on help from the state legislators to protect Farnagut home owners.

Laura Squire told the meeting she feels "violated" with the proliferation of the towers.

"We only have the powers given to us by the state," Attorney Hale said.

"Do you understand it, what is a 'high-of-way'?" Squire inquired, encouraging the body to go to the state and see about getting out of the tower placements.