

## **REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

### **HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** December 5, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Education History Initiative - Resolution

**PRESENTER:** Shannon Baldwin

**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes  
1.) Memo  
2.) Resolution

#### **SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

Shannon Baldwin and Tom Orr have submitted a request, for the Board to support a Henderson County Education History Initiative. This initiative would preserve, through publication, the history of education in Henderson County. If the Board is supportive of such an initiative, the next steps would be to create a plan that would serve as the basis and guide for this initiative. The attached resolution outlines the general parameters for the plan development process. Following completion of the draft plan, Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Orr would seek input and further approval by the Board.

#### **BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Board is requested to adopt the attached Resolution as presented.

#### **SUGGESTED MOTION:**

*I move that the Board adopt the attached Resolution in support of the Henderson County Education History Initiative.*

# Memorandum

**To:** Henderson County Board of Commissioners  
**CC:** Tom Orr  
**From:** Shannon Baldwin  
**Date:** 12/1/2011  
**Re:** Henderson County Education History Initiative

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Recently during a brief conversation with Tom Orr, Mr. Orr expressed the desire to preserve, through publication, the history of education in Henderson County. I am convinced that an effort such as this would receive broad support from the various communities in Henderson County and is simply the right thing to do. To accomplish this goal, it will be necessary to identify and locate available materials before we can bring these "pieces" into a comprehensive history. He and I strongly believe an important first step toward this end is facilitating partnerships among the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, Henderson County Board of Public Education, and the Henderson County Education Foundation. A major promotion of the initiative is targeted for March 15 and will coincide with the Henderson County Education Foundation Hall of Fame banquet, where Mr. Orr is the guest speaker.

As next steps, Mr. Orr and I would like the opportunity to create a plan that will serve as the basis and guide for this initiative. The attached resolution outlines what the general parameters are for the plan development process. Once we complete the draft plan, we will return and seek your input and further approval. In the meantime, we are submitting the attached resolution for your review and consideration. Again, the resolution simply outlines the general parameters we will use to develop the plan and petitions you to endorse this exciting project.

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## Resolution Supporting the Henderson County Education History Initiative

- WHEREAS,** the *Henderson County Board of Commissioners* believes there exists a need to launch a Henderson County Education History Initiative (HCEHI) to methodically collect, organize, and synthesize all known information about the education movement in Henderson County so that an accurate history can be created and made available in an accessible form for present and future generations; and
- WHEREAS,** a *Strategic Plan* (a formal decision making guide with clearly defined goals, objectives, and strategies used to assemble and allocate resources toward collecting, organizing, and synthesizing all known information about the education movement in Henderson County) needs to be created and implemented; and
- WHEREAS,** a *Steering Committee* (a committee appointed by the Henderson County Board of Education, Henderson County Education Foundation, Henderson County Board of Commissioners comprised of key stakeholders and strategic partners commissioned to create a strategic plan) needs to be appointed to oversee the development of this strategic plan for the HCEHI; and
- WHEREAS,** *Key Stakeholders* (persons or groups with a significant interest in collecting, organizing, and synthesizing all known information about the education movement in Henderson County) need to be identified and contacted regarding their participation in the HCEHI; and
- WHEREAS,** *Strategic Partners* (persons or groups with access to resources that can be allocated for collecting, organizing, and synthesizing all known information about the education movement in Henderson County) need to be identified and contacted regarding their willingness to participate in the HCEHI; and
- WHEREAS,** **Tom Orr** has expressed deep and sincere interest in the HCEHI, will outline a more detailed plan in accordance with above, and will submit said plan for board approval;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that we, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, officially commission Tom Orr to secure support and assemble the necessary ways and means to facilitate the next stages of the Henderson County Education History Initiative.

Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011.

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J. MICHAEL EDNEY, CHAIRMAN  
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

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TERESA L. WILSON, CLERK TO THE BOARD