

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-1

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A PROPOSED LOCAL CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO DEFINE THE RESIDENTIAL ZONES FROM WHICH QUALIFIED ELECTORS MAY VOTE FOR THE ST. CLAIR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT AND THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE REPRESENTATION TO ALL CITIZENS RESIDING IN THE PELL CITY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ZONE AND TAX DISTRICT

WHEREAS, in 1982, the City of Pell City formed its city school system by separating from the St. Clair County School System; and,

WHEREAS, when it was formed, the Pell City School System maintained the same school attendance zone that existed when it was part of the St. Clair County School System, which consisted of all the land inside the city limits of the City of Pell City and certain adjacent land outside the city limits of the City of Pell City (collectively, the “Pell City School Attendance Zone and Tax District”); and,

WHEREAS, although all the students residing in the Pell City School Attendance Zone and Tax District attend the Pell City School System, only those qualified individuals residing within the city limits of the City of Pell City are currently eligible to serve on the Pell City Board of Education; and,

WHEREAS, individuals that reside outside the city limits of the City of Pell City and within the unincorporated portion of the Pell City School Attendance Zone and Tax District (the “County portion”) are currently not eligible to serve on the Pell City Board of Education or to vote in elections for the Pell City Board of Education; and,

WHEREAS, currently those individuals residing in the County portion of the Pell City School Attendance Zone and Tax District are eligible to vote in the elections for the office of the St. Clair County Superintendent and the St. Clair County Board of Education even though the students residing in the County portion of the Pell City School Attendance Zone and Tax District attend the Pell City School System; and,

WHEREAS, for over 40 years, the St. Clair County Board of Education has requested that the Pell City Board of Education provide representation for those individuals that reside in the County portion of the Pell City School Attendance Zone and Tax District and that those individuals be allowed to participate in the governance of the Pell City School System, where their students attend school, and not in the governance of the St. Clair County School System; and,

WHEREAS, the St. Clair County Board of Education has reviewed draft legislation to be considered in the 2024 Alabama Legislative Session that proposes a Local Constitutional Amendment to address the governance issues that exist between the St. Clair County School System and the Pell City School System; and,

WHEREAS, the St. Clair County Board of Education finds that the proposed legislation is in the best interests of all citizens of St. Clair County because it remedies the governance issues that have plagued the St. Clair County Board of Education and the Pell City Board of Education since the formation of the Pell City School System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Clair County Board of Education as follows:


1. The St. Clair County Board of Education hereby supports the enactment in the 2024 Alabama Legislative Session of the draft local legislation presented to the Board proposing a Local Constitutional Amendment to address the governance issues that exist between the St. Clair County School System and the Pell City School System.

2. The St. Clair County Board of Education urges the members of the St. Clair County Legislative Delegation to take all actions necessary and proper to enact the proposed local legislation and to provide the qualified citizens of St. Clair County the opportunity to vote on the proposed Local Constitutional Amendment.

RESOLVED this 18th day of January, 2024.



Scott Suttle, Board President



Randy Thompson



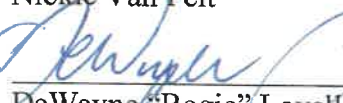
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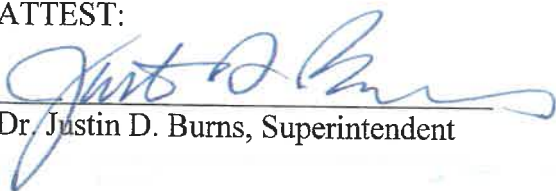


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ATTEST:



Dr. Justin D. Burns, Superintendent