A RESOLUTION OF THE FRANKLIN SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION OPPOSING PASSAGE OF HB 2321 / SB 1776 AS CURRENTLY WRITTEN, REQUIRING THE APPOINTMENT OF TEXTBOOK REVIEW COMMITTEES

WHEREAS, the Franklin Special School District Board of Education ("Board") is the local governmental body responsible for providing a public education to students and families within the boundaries of the Franklin Special School District; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the importance of selecting reputable, unbiased, professionally-prepared textbooks for use in the classrooms of Franklin Special School District; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes and affirms the importance and value of parental and community input in the education process, including the review and selection of textbooks; and

WHEREAS, the Board encourages parents and members of the community to participate in the process of selecting and reviewing the textbooks used by Franklin Special School District; and

WHEREAS, the Board previously enacted Policy 4.401, *Textbooks*, which mandates that all textbooks being considered for use by Franklin Special School District be made available for public review, and that the dates of such review periods be made public; and

WHEREAS, the Board previously enacted Policy 4.403, *Reconsideration of Instructional Materials and Textbooks*, which establishes a process for any parent or citizen to request the review and reconsideration of any instructional materials or textbooks used by Franklin Special School District; and

WHEREAS, school districts across the state have in place the same or similar policies which allow for parents and the community to have input into the textbook selection process, instructional materials selection process, and which allow for parents and citizens to request the review and reconsideration of textbooks and instructional materials; and

WHEREAS, in addition to policies adopted by local boards of education, the textbook selection process receives additional oversight by two state agencies: the Tennessee Textbook Commission and the Tennessee Board of Education; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The Franklin Special School District Board of Education opposes the passage of HB 2321 / SB 1776, which requires local boards of education to appoint textbook content review committees.

Votes: 6 In Favor

0 Against

0 Abstain

The Board authorizes its Chair to sign below, this 10th day of March, 2014.

Sherry Badger

Sherry Badger, Chair

3/10/14

Date