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Chairman Tim Hobbs, Hickman County Board of Education, Interim Director Dr. Belinda Anderson, County Commission Chairman Keith Nash, Hickman County Times and Community,

It is with a heavy heart that I formally resign my position on the School Board, effective immediately.

Serving on the board has been an honor, and I have always strived to advocate for what is best for our students, staff, and school community. However, I can no longer, in good conscience, continue in a role where I believe the focus has shifted away from what truly matters: the well-being and success of our students and the staff who support them every day.

Unfortunately, I have witnessed a growing trend where personal agendas seem to take precedence over student-centered decisions. Some board members appear more interested in leveraging their position for personal influence—whether it's advocating for family members within the school system or pushing for hires based on personal connections rather than qualifications. While not every board member operates this way, the behavior of a few has created an environment where the integrity of our decision-making process is compromised.

I've also observed a troubling dynamic in how our school directors—both past and present—have been treated. The pressure exerted by certain board members and members of our community, driven by personal interests, undermines the leadership needed to move our district forward. I have also observed that just because you are not from here you are not to be given a fair chance and that I cannot be a part of in good conscience.

I have been threatened by people within leadership roles in this county that if I didn't vote the way they wanted me to then I would be outed in the next election. I made it clear, so be it! I vote for the best qualified candidate for the director's position. I listened to the community, even though I was told I should not be listening to them outside of a board meeting. My own board members tried to rein me in, telling me I should not post on social media and that we do not need to record all meetings (even though we had voted to) because sometimes they just want to talk freely.

This is not why I chose to serve. I believe our schools deserve leadership that places students and staff first, always. When that mission is no longer the central focus, I cannot in good faith continue to be a part of it.

I remain deeply committed to public education and will continue supporting our schools in other ways, but it is time for me to step away from this position.

Thank you to those who have worked with integrity, compassion, and dedication. I hope the district will return to prioritizing what matters most—our students and the professionals who serve them.

And thank you to the public who placed their faith in me to begin with.

While my resignation may come across to some as not getting their way, it is farthest from the truth. I poured my heart out to the schools and worked hard to learn everything I could including the laws.

A quote I heard today "Don't trade your humanity for a paycheck", no truer words, have I ever heard.

Sincerely,

Sherri Baker