



**LAKELAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AGENDA
Monday, January 27, 2025, 5:45 PM
Lakeland City Hall / Board Room
10001 Highway 70
Lakeland, TN 38002**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- IV. DISCUSSION / ACTION**
 - 1. Approval of First Addendum to Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Lakeland, Tennessee and Lakeland School System for Use of Video Board Located at Lakeland Preparatory School
 - 2. Approval of FY 24-25 Budget Amendments (01/25-02)
 - 3. Approval of Resolution 2025/01-01 Opposing the Education Freedom Act and Similar Voucher Initiatives
- V. ADJOURNMENT**

FIRST ADDENDUM TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAKELAND, TENNESSEE AND THE LAKELAND SCHOOL SYSTEM FOR USE OF VIDEO BOARD LOCATED AT LAKELAND PREPARATORY SCHOOL

This Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”), dated this ____ day of January, 2025, is by and between the City of Lakeland, Tennessee (the “City”) and the Lakeland School System (the “School System”) (collectively the “Parties”).

WHEREAS, the City and the School System recognize the utility and benefits of installing a Video Board in the Lakeland Preparatory Stadium; and,

WHEREAS, the City and the School System have executed an MOU relative to the installation, payment, use, and operation of a Video Board in the Lakeland Preparatory Stadium; and,

WHEREAS, the City and the School System have authorized the execution of this Addendum to said MOU; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the sufficiency of which is hereby confirmed, the Parties covenant and agree as follows:

1. The following section of the MOU dated November 7, 2024 is hereby amended as follows:

2. Payment.

The following language in the original MOU:

“The Parties agree that the total cost of the Video Board shall not exceed Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00), including the purchase, installation, engineering, design, support software, training, a decorative top panel or truss featuring the City’s logo, Sound System

updates, and other associated costs. Any cost more than Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be paid by the School System.”

Is hereby replaced with the following language:

“The Parties agree that the total cost of the Video Board shall not exceed Three Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$320,000.00), including the purchase, installation, engineering, design, support software, training, a decorative top panel or truss featuring the City’s logo, Sound System updates, and other associated costs. Any cost more than Three Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$320,000.00) shall be paid by the School System.”

2. This Addendum to the MOU dated November 7, 2024, adds the following new Section 6.a.:

6. Videos Produced for Benefit of City.

a. In further consideration for the contribution from the City, the School System shall cause to be produced two (2) videos promoting City Content, the length of which shall not exceed three (3) minutes, per academic year beginning in the 2025-26 school year and ending in the 2029-30 school year, for a total of ten (10) videos. It is understood and agreed by the City and the School System that these videos will be produced by students of the School System as educational experiences under the supervision of School System staff. Requests for these videos shall be made four (4) months prior to the expectation of receipt of the videos by the City, and the City agrees to provide all of the information, data, and access to

facilities and individuals necessary to produce the City Content. If the City and School System mutually agree on the production of videos ahead of the agreed upon schedule, each video produced shall count toward the ten (10) videos required by this Addendum.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Lakeland, Tennessee and the Lakeland School System have executed this Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding as of the first day above written.

CITY OF LAKELAND, TENNESSEE

Approved as to Form:

Michael Walker, *City Manager*
City of Lakeland, Tennessee

Will Patterson, *City Attorney*
City of Lakeland, Tennessee

LAKELAND SCHOOL SYSTEM

Dr. W. Edward Horrell, III, *Superintendent*
Lakeland School System

Laura Harrison, *Chairman*
Board of Education for
the Lakeland School System

LSS Proposed Budget Amendment

Fund 177 - Capital Projects

Account Number		Account Level Description	FY 24-25	FY 24-25	FY 24-25	FY 24-25	Proposed	Difference
Fnd	T Acct		Revised Budget	FY Activity	Encumbered	Available Funds	Budget Amendment	
177 R 49800 000 000 00000 660		Transfers In From City	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 370,000.00	\$ 370,000.00
			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 370,000.00	\$ 370,000.00
Revenues:								
177 E 91300 706 000 00000 660		Building Construction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 370,000.00	\$ 370,000.00
			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 370,000.00	\$ 370,000.00
Expenditures:								



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RESOLUTION 2025/01-01
RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE EDUCATION FREEDOM ACT AND SIMILAR VOUCHER
INITIATIVES

WHEREAS, Article XI, Section 12 of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, requires that the General Assembly “shall provide for the maintenance, support and eligibility standards of a system of free public schools;” and

WHEREAS, Public schools that provide a free and appropriate education for all, including students with disabilities, require all available state funding in order to continue to improve without necessitating an increased burden on local taxpayers or reducing services for students; and

WHEREAS, Vouchers are not an evidenced-based practice to improve student achievement or close the achievement gap; and

WHEREAS, Vouchers often divert public funds from the many who attend public schools to supplement those families who already attend private schools or home schools; and

WHEREAS, Lakeland School System educates and serves every eligible student in our community who wishes to enroll; and

WHEREAS, Vouchers leave students behind, including those with the greatest needs, because vouchers channel tax dollars into private schools that are not required to accept all students, nor offer the special services they may need; and

WHEREAS, Lakeland School System is fully transparent to parents and the public as the district adheres to open record requests and state-mandated academic and financial standards; and

WHEREAS, All educational institutions receiving public funds should have the same accountability and performance reporting expectations so that parents and the public may better understand the use and efficacy of those public funds; and



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WHEREAS, Most voucher programs do not require the same standardized testing required in public schools, and in the few voucher programs where standardized tests were administered, academic outcomes were inferior to those of Tennessee public schools.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lakeland School System Board of Education strongly urges the Tennessee General Assembly to reject the Education Freedom Scholarship Act and similar voucher initiatives that would divert public dollars away from public schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be delivered to the Governor, each member of the Tennessee General Assembly, and the Commissioner of Education for the State of Tennessee.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Lakeland Board of Education, Lakeland, Tennessee on this 27th day of January, 2025, public welfare requiring it.

Laura Harrison, *Board Chair*

Ted Horrell, *Superintendent*

ATTEST:

Jessica Millspaugh, *Board Secretary*