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2011 All Tennessee School Board/C.Hal Henard Distinguished Service Award Winner Named

Each year during its Annual Convention, TSBA announces the Tennessee School Board Member of the Year/C. Hal Henard Award, which is the highest recognition given by TSBA to a board member. The All Tennessee School Board Member/C Hal Henard Award recipient is selected by a panel of judges from nominations made by superintendents, school board members, district directors, or TSBA staff. The criteria include achievement of the Level IV Boardsmanship Award; a high quality of service, with an emphasis on the previous 12 months; participation in board development activities with emphasis on the previous 12 months; specific accomplishments of the local board of education during the nominee's term on the board; and leadership activities at the local, regional or state level.

Debbie Shedden of Hawkins County was the recipient of the 2011 Tennessee School Board Member of the Year /C. Hal Henard Distinguished Service Award. Ms. Shedden is the 29th person to receive this award. Debbie Shedden is a master school board member, serves on the TSBA Board as a District Director, serves as a TLN Representative and FRN District Director, serves as a GASB 45 Trustee and has served as a mentor to new board members. Ms. Shedden as also initiated a new policies for iPad usage and for high school students to serve on the local school board. These are just a few of the numerous ways Debbie has gone above and beyond her role as a Hawkins County board member and is deserving of this distinguished award. "She has been a leader and voice for the students of our county," said Charlotte Britton, Hawkins County Superintendent.

The Tennessee School Boards Association, a statewide, nonprofit organization, is a federation of the state's local school boards. The mission of the Tennessee School Boards Association is to assist school boards in effectively governing school districts. Through the years, TSBA has helped school boards and their members reach their highest potential through association programs, meetings and services. TSBA also provides school board members a collective voice in matters of legislation and public education concerns. To learn more about TSBA, visit our website at www.tsba.net.