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Shelby County Chairman David Pickler Elected NSBA Secretary-Treasurer

Nashville, Tennessee (April 12, 2011) - David Pickler, who has served as the Shelby County board chairman since 1999, has been named the 2011-2012 National School Boards Association (NSBA) Secretary-Treasurer at the association's Annual Conference taking place April 9-11 in San Francisco. Pickler is the first Tennessee school board member to be elected as a NSBA officer.

Pickler has had an active role in the betterment of Tennessee's education system for the past thirteen years through various leadership positions. He became a member of the Shelby County School Board in Memphis, Tennessee in 1998 and has served as chairman since 1999. He became a member of the Board of Directors for the Tennessee School Board Association in 2007 and served as the TSBA Treasurer. Pickler has also served as the 2008 TSBA President-Elect, 2009 TSBA President, and 2010 Immediate Past President. He currently serves as the NSBA Southern Region Director and ex-officio member of the TSBA Board of Directors. In addition to his countless hours of making a difference in education, Pickler is the President and CEO of Pickler Wealth Advisors and Senior Partner of the Pickler Law Firm.

"As a member of the TSBA Board of Directors, David's decision-making ability, dynamic personality and tireless devotion to public education has enhanced our ability to promote and improve public education and student achievement across the state, said Dr. Tammy Grissom, Executive Director of TSBA. "We are confident that David's experience and dedication to the education of our children will be an asset to the NSBA Board of Directors."

David Pickler has achieved numerous recognitions and awards throughout his time with TSBA. He has achieved recognition as a TSBA Master School Board Member, become an inaugural member of the TSBA Scholar's Circle and Ambassador Program, and earned the Diamond and Premier Ambassador status. He was named to the All Tennessee School Board in 2001 and again in 2007, when he received the C. Hal Henard/School Board Member of the Year Award. In 2002, 2005 and 2009 he received the NSBA Distinguished Service Award.

Pickler has attended the NSBA Conferences on a regular basis since 2000 and in 2005 represented school boards from across the nation to advocate for increased Title I funding and funds for districts impacted by Hurricane Katrina and Rita.

"It has been my honor to serve Tennessee and the Southern Region as your Representative on the NSBA Board of Directors for the past three years, said David Pickler. "I am humbled by the opportunity to serve on the 90,000 school board members and 50 million school children of our great nation as Secretary-Treasurer of NSBA."