

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INCLUSION OF THE KINGSFORT CITY SCHOOLS IN THE SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTABILITY LITIGATION AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT RETAINING THE FRANTZ LAW GROUP TO REPRESENT THE KINGSFORT CITY SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, in recent years litigation has been initiated in both state and federal courts against multiple social media platforms including Meta Platforms, Inc. (f/k/a Facebook), Snap, Inc., TikTok, Inc., and Google, LLLC the managing member of YouTube, LLC as a result of harms to children from use of these platforms; and

WHEREAS, these causes of action have been brought by individuals, school districts, local governments and states across the country including more than 30 districts across the State of Tennessee as well as the State Attorney General; and

WHEREAS, at its October 15, 2024 meeting the City of Kingsport Board of Education voted to join the social media accountability litigation to address the damages it has incurred through the commitment of additional resources to combat the effects of social media use by its students; and

WHEREAS, the Frantz Law Firm which is one of the firms representing multiple plaintiffs in the litigation was approved by the Board of Education and will operate on a contingency fee and will only be paid for fees and costs if there is an award in the Kingsport City Schools favor or should the school system terminate the representation prior to conclusion of the case.

Now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. That the board approves of the inclusion of the Kingsport City Schools in the social media accountability litigation.

SECTION II. That the board authorizes the Director of Schools, in consultation with the city attorney, to execute an agreement retaining the Frantz Law Group to represent Kingsport City Schools in the social media accountability litigation as well as any other documents necessary and proper to effectuate the purpose of this resolution.

SECTION III. That the board finds that the actions authorized by this resolution are for a public purpose and will promote the health, comfort, and prosperity of the citizens of the city.

SECTION III. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the public welfare requiring it.

ADOPTED this the 19th day of November, 2024.

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PAUL W. MONTGOMERY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ANGELA MARSHALL, DEPUTY CITY RECORDER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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RODNEY B. ROWLETT, III, CITY ATTORNEY