

Johnny Coffman
School Board Member
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Johnny Coffman is a graduate of McMinn County High School, Cleveland State Community College and Covenant College. He is retired from Bowater (Resolute Forest Products) after a 30+ year career in Production Scheduling including Supervision.

Johnny was known as "The Voice of the Cherokees" as he broadcast football and basketball for McMinn County High School on WJSQ/WLAR for 48 years. He also broadcasts Tennessee Wesleyan University basketball games for 20 plus years.

Johnny and his wife Mary attend Mars Hill Presbyterian Church where he retired as organist/pianist in June 2025 after 21 years of service. He also serves on the Athens Parks and Rec Advisory Board as well as the McMinn County Juvenile Services Advisory Board. He has emceed the McMinn County Distinguished Young Woman Program for 50+ years and retired in 2025 from emceeing the McMinn County Special Olympics after about 30 years.

He has two sons, Justin of Riceville and Garrett of Meigs County. He is the proud grandfather of Kenadee of Riceville. He is also the grandfather of Bryce Goodner of Chattanooga and Marshall Goodner of Riceville.

Mr. Coffman was appointed to the Athens City School Board in early 2016 to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Preston Brown and was elected to a two-year term in November 2016, a four-year term in 2018 and 2022.