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### **JONES RE-ELECTED TO UTRUST CHAIRMAN**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – David Jones of Sneedville has been re-elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Utrust, a statewide organization which helps school boards with personnel issues including unemployment and employee development and appreciation.

Jones has served on the Hancock County Board of Education since his election in 1980 and has served as chairman for the last eleven years. He was appointed to the Utrust Board of Trustees in 1993 and served as vice-chairman for several years. He also serves on the Board of Trustees of the Tennessee School Boards Risk Management Trust. He is a past president of the Tennessee School Boards Association and served on the TSBA Board of Directors for 10 years. Jones is general sales manager of BJ Motor Company in Pennington Gap, Virginia.

“David has served as chairman for the past two years and has done an exceptional job. We are very fortunate to have such a capable and experienced leader to head up our board of trustees. David’s experience in business and as a school board member for more than 25 years is invaluable to the board. Only seven school boards in Tennessee have a member on the board of trustees. Hancock County is quite fortunate to have one of them,” said Trust Administrator Dan Tollett.

“I am honored to continue to have the opportunity to serve as the chairman of the Utrust. I am pleased to have had the opportunity to be a part of the success of this outstanding organization,” said Jones. “It has been a privilege to help Utrust start a new program to help school boards appreciate, support and develop employees “Hancock County School Board and its employees have already benefited from the new program.

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In addition, this trust not only pays all unemployment compensation claims but in recent years has returned to us all of the board's premium. I do not know of any other organization in the country that has done that."

Utrust is governed by a seven-member board of trustees. Two trustees represent each of the three grand divisions in the state and are elected by all member boards in that grand division. One trustee serves as an at-large member of the board and is elected by all members of the program. Jones serves as the at-large member of the Board of Trustees. Trustee terms are for three years and are staggered so that one trustee is elected from each of the three grand divisions of the state each year.

Don Weathers of Mt. Juliet was elected as vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees. He has served as a member of the Wilson County Board of Education since 2004 . He became a member of the Utrust board of trustees in 2006. Weathers is an international business management consultant.

Established in 1980, Utrust provides unemployment compensation coverage for school boards across the state of Tennessee as well as an employee appreciation program. The trust currently provides services for 52 of Tennessee's school boards. For more information, call (866) 910-5278, or visit [www.tnuct.com](http://www.tnuct.com).

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