***Robert Churchwell, Jr.***

Born and raised in Nashville Robert Churchwell Jr. is a product of the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools System. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education from Tennessee State University in 1975. He later went on to earn his Masters of Science degree in Education Administration and Supervision (K-12) from Tennessee State University in 1987.

Before he began his teaching career, Mr. Churchwell worked as the Archives Manager at Commerce Union Bank in Nashville. He was hired by the Kroger Company as a manager trainee. In 1977, Mr. Churchwell began teaching in the Metropolitan Nashville Public School System. He served as band director of Whites Creek Comprehensive High School and was selected as the Director of Bands and chairman of the Music Department. He was promoted to assistant principal at John Overton Comprehensive High School in 1991 and was asked by the superintendent to design and implement a mentoring program for middle and high African American male students. He was appointed principal of the Nashville School of The Arts in 1997. In 2011, he was named principal of McCann Alternative Learning Center.

Mr. Churchwell has served on boards of Family and Children Services and has received numerous honors and recognition. He currently serves on the Nashville Symphony Parthenon Patrons and Tennessee Repertory Theatre. He is a member of Seay Hubbard United Methodist Church where he has served as a Lay Leader and Co-Chairman of the Church Council. Mr. Churchwell enjoys athletics, music and reading. He has two sons William Ross and Robert Benjamin.