

2018 School Board Questions

Begin with a chance to introduce themselves and tell us why they are running.

- 1) Being a School Board Member is clearly a significant leadership position in the County; what are the primary qualities you believe are necessary in this position and how do you see yourself measuring against them.
 - What are the one or two guiding principals or core values important for you in this position?
- 2) The business community is very dependent upon the students leaving the school system well prepared and continuously concerned we are graduating children with the necessary skills to join the workplace.
 - How do you see the role of the school system in preparing tomorrow's workforce?
 - The Florida Chamber Foundation has noted that, "The Florida Scorecard" indicates that there are more than 30,000 unfilled jobs in STEM-related fields. How would you address this shortage to help fill an emerging talent gap especially with Brevard's very technological business base?
 - How can the school system help support growth in local manufacturing industry, which helps drive the local economy?
 - What does the district do well in term of vocational education and how could it improve?
- 3) What would you do to make teaching in Brevard more attractive and to improve our teacher retention rates? Tell us about the teacher evaluation system.
- 4) What is your opinion on standardized testing?
- 5) What is your opinion on Common Core Curriculum?
- 6) What are some innovative educational practices you support? Are there long-time practices you feel should be addressed?
- 7) How do you feel about the new law signed by Governor Scott requiring armed security at all schools and the school board's current plan to hire dedicated security professionals to fill the positions in schools that do not currently have SRO's?
- 8) How could the district improve transparency and quality of budgeting and operations?
- 10) (if not addresses already) In the next 10 years, what do you believe will be the top three most critical needs to be served by the schools?
- 11) (if not addressed already) With the recently announcement departure of Desmond Blackburn, do you support the school board's current plan to look to promote from within? Why or why not?
- 12) Why should the business community support your candidacy?