

District 1 Candidates



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1. What do you see as the biggest challenge with the budget and what is your strategy to improve it?

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Bonnie Burgess

Alachua County is taking a hit in funding for the coming year because of declining enrollment. The 2010-2011 school year will be a tight budget year and it will be 2011-2012 that could pose the greater challenge because the federal stimulus dollars

used to cover annual teacher contracts disappears. The money covers 177 annual teacher contracts. Creative budgeting is necessary during difficult times and so is the foresight to flush out the old way of doing business.



April Griffin

The biggest challenge I see with the budget is determining areas to save money without cutting programs for our students. Among these would be to reduce conventional energy use, enhance recycling programs

and work with GRU to take advantage of the Solar FIT program. While I am not an administrator, I would ask for a review of administrative staff and suggest that if not essential, those qualified be moved to the classrooms.



Felicia Moss

The biggest challenge with the budget is the fact that ALL budget issues in all areas need to be made apparent. Budget expenses and revenues need to be clarified and justified. The "shell game" in dealing with the finances in this district

needs to be cancelled. I know first hand that issues of the budget are kept close to the chest and unless you know day to day operational processes, it is often goes unchallenged.



Rick Nesbit

The greatest challenge to the budget is maintaining services with declining revenues and increasing costs. Finding a way to continue to raise teachers' pay is critical. My strategy is to identify energy savings, reduce administrative overhead, reduce transportation costs, examine and reduce

outside purchases, and defer discretionary expenditures. I will also work to eliminate the "use it or lose it" aspect of the budgeting process to encourage savings in all budget accounts.



David Palpant

The biggest challenge with our budget is that it is top heavy with administration salaries and we need to consolidate positions, not create new ones! The budget needs to be evaluated line by line, as in any business, and see what is essential to get the job done, and eliminate the

rest. Also, I believe more maintenance and repair jobs can be done by employees already on salary rather than contracting with outside sources.

1. What do you see as the biggest challenge with the budget and what is your strategy to improve it?

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Wayne Gabb

The biggest challenge with the budget is to ensure that educational dollars are spent in a responsible manner so that taxpayers get the most out of each dollar. Instead of cutting back, our School Board is proposing a larger budget. We need

to cut jobs from Kirby Smith that are duplicative or unnecessary, ensure that every department exercise fiscal responsibility, and hold every School Board employee accountable for our tax dollars.



Gunnar Paulson

The biggest challenge we are facing with our budget are unprecedented cuts totaling more than \$17 million in funding from Tallahassee and the replacement of stimulus funds that expire at the end of this year.

I will continue to look at places to save money such as energy conservation, workman's compensation and health insurance savings. Every position will be analyzed to see if it is essential and what extent does the position affect the classroom.



Jodi Wood

We have 1723 non-teaching employees (1 for every 14 students). Furthermore, our administrators are also in the top 10% of pay in the state of Florida. With 78% of the general fund spent on salaries and benefits it should be obvious that our taxes are being wasted into the 'machine of government'. I will reevaluate departmental expenditures to reduce

overhead in order to get through this recession without reducing the education for our students.

1. What do you see as the biggest challenge with the budget and what is your strategy to improve it?

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Jennifer Deachin

The most arduous task that board members will face deals with the budget. In such a time as an economic recession, the influx of state and federal funding falls short, while teacher layoffs increase. To remedy this situation, the school

board needs to re-evaluate the disparity between administrative salaries and teacher salaries. The school board also needs to develop means of making schools self-sufficient. This may mean using alternative energy sources, outsourcing food production, or fund-raising.



Carol Oyenarte

Mandated programs with no funding. I hope to be a bridge with the Business Community & the Education Community. Review budget, line item by line item, keep cuts from classroom & teachers. Review each staff position; what is necessary for instruction what is not. As Education Chair with the Chamber we wrote mini-grants for teachers and founded Teacher of The Year Program.

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Chris Smiley

Our state standards are translated into tests and materials that are highly ineffective. Teachers are often forced to 'teach to tests' because they are given poor supplements that do not help

students to understand concepts, ideas, and the fundamentals of a discipline. I will ensure the best methods and materials are used.



Jancie Vinson

I would review & examine the school budget looking at the expenditures and recommend elimination of all duplication of services. I would also advocate for energy conservation, research textbook purchasing to ensure we are using the books ordered,

advocate for realignment (reassess the pay structure which includes pay reduction) in the administrative positions to ensure that all the administration positions are needed and I would ask questions to all parties involved about ways to save money in our district.

2. Are you in favor of significant changes in how teachers are compensated, evaluated, retained and/or dismissed? Please answer yes or no and briefly explain your answer.

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Bonnie Burgess

Yes. Rewarding excellent teachers and swiftly removing bad ones is a relatively new concept in public education. Exceptional teachers rarely benefit from a good evaluation. Now that the federal government has significantly increased its investment in improving teacher compensation and evaluation systems, our school district has a unique opportunity to rethink how teachers are compensated, evaluated and retained/dismissed.



April Griffin

Yes. We need more stringent criteria for tenure. Evaluate teachers on gains that their students make from the beginning to the end of a school year and acknowledge teachers whose students show a mastery of the subjects taught. And be willing to dismiss teachers if it is clear they are not doing the job.



Felicia Moss

YES! All these issues are directly governed by the collective bargaining agreement between the district and the union. We need experienced personnel responsible for this process. In addition, we need to develop a collaborative but resolved presence in negotiations within the bargaining unit.



Rick Nesbit

Yes, I favor changes to the ways we compensate and evaluate teachers and the system is already changing to a new appraisal system in conjunction with the "Race to the Top" program. I favor more pay for teachers with better utilization of the ATAP program to remove ineffective teachers.



David Palpant

Yes. Our teachers are the among the lowest paid in the country, that needs to change! We need to support our principals in evaluating their teachers, encourage peer reviews, support teachers that are "failing" and give them opportunities to improve within set time limits with specific outcomes.

2. Are you in favor of significant changes in how teachers are compensated, evaluated, retained and/or dismissed? Please answer yes or no and briefly explain your answer.

District 3 Candidates



Wayne Gabb

I think that teachers are evaluated fairly. Those with an unsatisfactory evaluation should be given a second chance at a different school. Those teachers that are deemed ineffective

in two consecutive evaluations by different principals, should be exited. At present it is difficult to get rid of ineffective teachers.



Gunnar Paulson

Yes. I have been involved in instituting reform in our district with my involvement with the School Improvement Grants for Duval, Rawlings and Hawthorne Jr/Sr High School. These grants require how

we look at ways we pay, evaluate and hire and retain teachers in these schools.



Jodi Wood

We need to eliminate the tenure system and explore a merit pay system. This could perhaps be based upon the improvement of an entire school versus just ones own class. I believe this would lead

to team work and possibility of motivated teachers requesting transfers to schools needing substantial improvement.

2. Are you in favor of significant changes in how teachers are compensated, evaluated, retained and/or dismissed? Please answer yes or no and briefly explain your answer.

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Jennifer Deachin

I believe that teachers should be evaluated regularly. I think that the lack of teacher compensation is egregious. I believe that intra-school politics can be petty. I believe in tenure, only

with the stipulation that regular evaluations and examinations be implemented to gauge work performance.



Carol Oyenarte

No, teachers deserve to be compensated well, if not they will leave Fla. or go to a neighboring county where pay is better & compensation (insurance, etc) is also. I believe productive review sessions of teachers with goals. If they aren't going to respond within a short time they never will.



Chris Smiley

Yes, we need to have better guidelines and standards to help administrators evaluate our teachers. We should not use standardized tests to evaluate. All tests currently in use are

not effective in measuring a student's ability or measuring if a teacher has taught certain concepts or methods effectively.



Jancie Vinson

I am not in favor of how teachers are being compensated, evaluated, etc. Teacher salaries in Alachua County are currently below the state average. We need to address this issue in order to attract & retain

them. When we have corrected our issues with class room sizes, resources and adequate pay, then we can look at performance.

3. Approximately 39% of our county holds a Bachelor's degree or higher, however we only have about a 70% graduation rate. What specific steps would you take to address this issue?

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Bonnie Burgess

Developing common, accurate graduation rate calculations is a critical first step toward understanding and addressing the graduation rate crisis. Accurate counts make it possible to hold schools accountable for improving outcomes; and to target

resources and interventions early. If we are going to help students meet the demands of college, work and a competitive global economy, we must first provide t skilled, effective teachers who make an impact on student learning and a dent in the achievement gap.



April Griffin

50% of 2010 high school graduates in Alachua County went on to college or technical school. I would strongly support the increase of our technical and vocational programs to reach students that are not "college bound". I will

support programs for internship in our community and apprenticeships to be developed with the many businesses that would be willing to have the opportunity to support future knowledgeable workers.



Felicia Moss

We have the responsibility to create learning environments within schools that foster success in students. Spend time in any classroom and you can see that often classrooms are in 'survival' mode versus 'thriving' mode. This dichotomy is often created by the fact

that classrooms are not culturally, socially, or academically responsive to students. We need to build rigor, relevance and relationships with students and provide meaningful learning experiences that prepare them for the future.



Rick Nesbit

Increasing the graduation rate is my top priority. I will work to recruit students to the existing vocational and career training programs, work to make it easier for students to participate in magnet programs and recruit qualified mentors and tutors to encourage students to stay

in school. In addition to the remediation of current students, I will work hard to increase efforts aimed at prevention through early childhood education programs to ensure readiness for kindergarten.



David Palpant

To improve our graduation rates we need to first get our parents involved. That can be as simple as sending their children to school dressed appropriately, or assisting them with basic needs by putting them in touch with helpful resources. We need to tap into UF,

SFC, and our community for mentoring and tutoring, and improve vocational/tech opportunities. We also need to teach more than FCAT so our college bound students are truly prepared.

3. Approximately 39% of our county holds a Bachelor's degree or higher, however we only have about a 70% graduation rate. What specific steps would you take to address this issue?

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Wayne Gabb

We must invest in a long term plan spearheaded by UF to ensure that all our students get the necessary background from Elementary school onward to be successful at all levels of school. When students enter high school with the tools necessary to succeed, we will see higher graduation rates.



Gunnar Paulson

We must prepare our students for a 21st century economy. We must also continue our strong college preparations, increase vocational education and provide a strong mentoring program. This can only be accomplished if we as a community make Tallahassee know that the new graduation requirements are more stringent than some college programs. They are requiring all students to pass Algebra 2 and either Chemistry or Physics. This will increase our dropout rate by frustrating our students and decreasing vocational/technical offerings.



Jodi Wood

Let's start with merit pay! Furthermore I believe that graduation rates are an issue both at home and at school. We cannot resolve all of the home problems; however we can address the school problems. I would personally go to the graduating classes at UF to recruit and encourage new teachers to start in our system and furthermore challenge them to go to challenged schools to motivate the students to progress better.

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Jennifer Deachin

I think that vocational programs should be more readily available. I think that night school should also be available. Ultimately, a better strategy should be implemented to encourage communication between teachers and parents.



Carol Oyenarte

We have extreme poverty in our County, not only that but 45% of students are mobile, start in one school and move, also surrounding Counties send their youth to our Juvenile Detention Center, all the above count as "drop out" for our system, not fair for our number. We need to bring in the Church, Civic Clubs, Chamber members; Non-Prof-it's to help with mentoring and tutoring. I have been a mentor, tutor and JA Instructor.



Chris Smiley

There are solutions to improving the graduation rate, starting with using the right methods and materials that help students to truly understand concepts, ideas, and the fundamentals of a discipline while concurrently developing their critical thought and reasoning. Ex.- Our heavy dependence upon multiple choice(MC) has presented many problems for decades and also contributes to memorization/regurgitation instead of understanding, replacing MC with open ended questions is needed.



Jancie Vinson

I would address the graduate rate, by developing programs to improve our test scores and failing schools and by providing guidance & tutoring services for new graduation requirements. I will advocate and promote Voc Tech as an alternative to prepare our students to enter the work force, partnerships with community organizations to adopt a school and or provide tutoring services. Lastly, I would advocate for strong personnel to work in our failing schools that are committed.

4. We are expecting overcrowding in many of the schools in western Alachua County, while East Gainesville schools are experiencing significant under enrollment. As a school board member, how would you propose dealing with district wide capacity issues?

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Bonnie Burgess

We should be disappointed that school overcrowding issues take precedence over under enrollment issues. 140 students zoned for Eastside schools attend schools on the west side of Gainesville. Why? Obvious factors, such as facility conditions, academic performance and specialty programs. Forming a group of community members to research options to impact neighborhoods. Participation, ownership and buy-in from the communities is critical. No Zoning vouchers for a while. There is no "cookie cutter" solution.



Felicia Moss

Just like with students, the district has a 'one size fits all' when it comes to how they deal with schools. The key is investing in all schools equitably not equally, building on strengths of the schools and community and not perceived deficits, and supporting administrators, teachers, and students with a genuine concern and desire for them to achieve. The agenda needs to shift from waiting for schools to implode to helping them explode into dynamic learning environments.



April Griffin

I believe we need to look at rezoning. I believe in neighborhood schools. Parent and community involvement and ownership of neighborhood schools go hand in hand. We also need to educate our parents on the magnet programs that are offered on the East side of town. We must look into closing schools whose enrollment continues on a downward path. My membership on the School Board will be directed at support for the students' best interests.



Rick Nesbit

My plan for utilization is to use capacity at east side schools to increase participation in career training, early childhood education and parental involvement programs in cooperation with Santa Fe College and Head Start. In addition, I will work to include social services programs. I would work to comply with school concurrency requirements to ensure compliance with state law to fund a new school in the west side.



David Palpant

We need to start, at a young age, to engage all children (and their parents) in the importance of completing their education by keeping them interested and supported through tutoring and mentoring. We also need to direct non-college bound students to vo-tech programs to keep them learning so they can be productive members of our society. That would also free up seats for students wanting to continue on to college.

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Wayne Gabb

With class size in effect we will need all the space we can get, even in East Gainesville. At the high school level we need to build vocational schools so that those students who want to learn

a trade can free up the overcrowded schools and be on their way to become productive citizens. We need to build schools in the areas where the city shows growth.



Gunnar Paulson

I am a proponent for a strategic plan involving our community. This would force us to look at this issue among others. A strategic plan would bring together ideas from every facet of our community. I am certainly aware of the traumatic affect these

decisions can have. The placement of our schools must be studied carefully and we need to understand the long range impact such placements will have on children, families and the community at large.



Jodi Wood

I am not for 'long distance' bussing of kids all over town; however we should explore drawing the district lines a little further out from undercapacity schools to help balance the issue. I am slow to

spend substantial tax payer money to build a new school when we have space in current locations.

4. We are expecting overcrowding in many of the schools in western Alachua County, while East Gainesville schools are experiencing significant under enrollment. As a school board member, how would you propose dealing with district wide capacity issues?

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Jennifer Deachin

I think this is a serious issue related to gentrification. The practice of disenfranchising lower income groups is unacceptable. To remedy the current situation, the school board needs to place academically progressive programs, such as IB or technical programs in East Gainesville schools in order to create a desire to attend those schools. I also think that re-zoning should be addressed.



Carol Oyenarte

We have quality magnet programs intentionally in East Alachua County to keep schools open. Without business/economic growth there will be no growth in the Eastside schools. We worked on this for years while I was on the Chamber Bd. of Dir. Trying to recruit business to east Gainesville. I would like to see expanded Head Start/VPK, grant funds, Title 1 & RTT help with the low performing schools, this would equate to higher enrollment.



Chris Smiley

Raising the quality of eastside schools will help this disparity. As mentioned in the previous answer, simple solutions such as using open ended questions will help students who are not on the same level as other students. Allowing students to answer in their own words or simpler terms (because they might not have an expansive vocabulary) gets needed results. I want to implement a model for the whole county to have all students receive a high quality education.



Jancie Vinson

I would look at all the exemptions and if there are a significant number for the western schools, I would request a temporary hold on all exemptions and request that the superintendent look into them and come up with a plan that deals with the overcrowding problem with a fair solution for all. I am against bussing children from the east side to the west side due to under enrollment. East Gainesville needs neighborhood schools too.

5. When a child performs below expectations, the parents are often disengaged in the learning process. How do you plan to engage parents with their child's education?

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Bonnie Burgess

We have to help parents maintain a sense of power, dignity and authority in rearing their children. Empowerment is the intentional, ongoing process centered in the local community. Involve mutual

respect, critical reflection, caring and group participation through inclusion and a sense of power in decision. We must encourage parents to be assertive, use two-way communication formats: telephone, home visits, community liaisons to expand family and community involvement.



April Griffin

This is a tremendously important social issue. I would support workshops at neighborhood centers and open dialogue to teach parents how to become engaged in their child's

education. I would also seek the advice of Police Chief Jones and other social agencies on ways to engage parents in the process.



Felicia Moss

Treating parents with respect is the first thing. All parents love their children in the way that they know how. Many parents disengage because they get tired of getting talked down to,

disrespected, ignored, and made to feel like less. Friends, relatives and community people can attest to this.



Rick Nesbit

Effective communication is the way to engage parents in their children's education. Our internet portal "Infinite Campus" can make parental participation easy. I favor using the school news-

letter, social networking, an aggressive outreach program through the PTA's and regular parent/student lunches or "coffee meetings" to reach out to parents.



David Palpant

Our teachers need to be contacting parents when a child falls behind. Every effort needs to be made to teach the parents what they can do to help their child AND utilize the resources

our community offers such as mentors and tutors.

5. When a child performs below expectations, the parents are often disengaged in the learning process. How do you plan to engage parents with their child's education?

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Wayne Gabb

Most parents who are not involved in their child's learning have not had good school experiences as students and so are not trusting of schools. We need to make a conscious effort

to get parents to partner with schools so that their children can benefit. It starts with trust.



Gunnar Paulson

Our district has parent portals where parents can engage electronically with their child's education. We must go into the community and have events such as a "National Night Out" that parents will attend, feel

comfortable and see what educational opportunities are available for their children.



Jodi Wood

Much of society seems to think that they can just send their kids to school and when they are 18 they will be ready for the world. We must as parents take a stronger responsibility in raising our kids!

This cannot simply be fixed in the schools!

5. When a child performs below expectations, the parents are often disengaged in the learning process. How do you plan to engage parents with their child's education?

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Jennifer Deachin

I think that the parents should be penalized for not making their children attend school. This involves working with resource officers in order to make it clear that attendance is mandatory.



Carol Oyenarte

PARENTS need to take ownership, counselor, teacher, and all staff with school system. Parents need to feel welcome, many are drop-outs without fond memories or a value of education Law enforcement is going into Housing Projects to reach the families, working with schools and DCF, it DOES take a village!



Chris Smiley

I will implement solutions for low performing students to motivate them by intellectual curiosity and they will come home to their parents with sophisticated ideas. Our new model will be drastically different than the droll and ineffective system we are using and parents will naturally be interested and want to discuss interesting ideas with their child.



Jancie Vinson

We must have an open relationship and communicate often with our parents about their children. Sometimes, it takes community involvement of all parties to show that our children have the potential of achieving great grades. We have to provide mentorship to our students in order to develop, shape and mold them to be successful in their chosen endeavors.

6. If you are successful in your campaign for school board, what are the three most important accomplishments we should expect during your service on the school board from which we can readily measure and evaluate your success?

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- Helping High-Need Schools close the achievement gap between low-income students and their more affluent peers by recruiting, preparing and retaining excellent teachers for high-need schools.
- Focus on a countywide school capital plan
- Intervention programs for Reading and math scores. Preparing High School students for the new Graduation Competency Assessments.



April Griffin

*I will support a major program for energy savings and ask the state or federal government to help with the funding.

*I will implement a program for apprenticeship and internship

opportunities for our students.

*I will always remember that children come first when casting my vote on issues.



Felicia Moss

1) Building a sense of trust, collaboration and transparency with the board and all the stakeholders. 2) Taking the board to the people by visiting schools, immersion into the community and holding meetings at community locations. 3) Stabilizing all schools by size, diversity, funding and excellence of academic programs thereby improving educational outcomes for all students.



Rick Nesbit

Increasing the graduation rate is my top priority. Reducing the costs of overhead and energy consumption is my second priority, and increasing teacher compensation with the savings is my third priority. All three are readily measurable by using comparable school reporting data.



David Palpant

My main goal is to keep the ARTS alive and well in our schools.

Secondly, I will cut the wasteful spending and make sure the money is getting to the kids.

Finally, I will find a way to get more parents informed and involved.

6. If you are successful in your campaign for school board, what are the three most important accomplishments we should expect during your service on the school board from which we can readily measure and evaluate your success?

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Wayne Gabb

My goal is to work with all school employees to ensure fiscal responsibility at all levels, help put in motion a long term plan, led by UF, to ensure that all schools succeed, and build a positive relationship with all employees and parents so that our students can excel.



Gunnar Paulson

You should judge my ability to acquire funding for our district, save money in our existing budget and spend money wisely. Evaluate my ability to work with factions of our community such as governmental agencies and businesses. Measure the success of my ability to bring reform to our district.



Jodi Wood

1st My main focus is fiscal responsibility. Our tax dollars must go to education.

2nd Administrators and big buildings do not educate our kids!

3rd I will keep an open door policy to the community to represent the needs of the parents, teachers and students.

6. If you are successful in your campaign for school board, what are the three most important accomplishments we should expect during your service on the school board from which we can readily measure and evaluate your success?

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Jennifer Deachin

I would like to implement programs that illustrate fiscal responsibility, community involvement, and tolerance. I believe that the budget needs to be addressed with a critical eye. I

also think that schools should, in part, function to give back to the community. Lastly, I would like to promote a sense of tolerance, by creating groups that cater to student counseling and promote a mutual respect amongst students.



Carol Oyenarte

ACCOUNTABILTY, COMMON SENSE AND COMMUNICATION!

All three apply to budget, parents, child, staff, teachers. Without the above we will not have change, with the economic situa-

tion we need to make our schools superior so parents will NOT move to Private, Faith Based, Virtual, Home School, all account for loss of FTE dollars.



Chris Smiley

The model will raise the quality of education across the county; we will turn out more intellectuals than ever before and attract the best teachers and more money to our county. Also my

implementation of a recycling program for all schools and improvement of school foods will have a profound effect.



Jancie Vinson

I want to show that our children have the potential of achieving great grades by eliminating failing schools, low test scores, reducing the drop out rate and increasing

the graduation rate. Also, that board member who work hard to achieve a higher salary for instructional and non instructional employees, promoting energy conversation and recycling in the public schools.