

Powhatan County Education Association

Political Action Committee

School Board/Board of Supervisors Candidate Profile

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Seeking to represent District One on the **Board of Supervisors**/School Board

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Educational Background – Part-time senior at VCU – BS in Physics
IT Professional Certifications
Graduate, Meadowbrook High School

Community/civic affiliations – Board, Powhatan Chamber of Commerce
Member, Powhatan US 60 Citizen Work Group
Sustaining Member, Powhatan Perf. Arts Found.
IT Support for Powhatan Hist. Soc., Powhatan
Civil War Roundtable, Scenic Byways
Prior Member, PLI 2007 Planning Committee
Alumni, Powhatan Leadership Inst. 2006
Alumni, Powhatan Citizen Planning Acad. 2006

Ages and schools of children – None, yet!

How long have you live in Powhatan County? 4½ Years

Spouse's name – Debbie Ann Walton

Spouse's occupation – Substitute Teacher, Part-time Student at John Tyler

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE (sic)
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1. What are your personal goals and objectives in seeking election to the Powhatan County Board of Supervisors?

My personal goals and objective are to be accessible to everyone and meet regularly with my constituents, cooperate to get results, foster optimism and openness to affirm confidence in the community, and express myself and my beliefs in a consistent and reasonable manner. I will always remember that I represent intelligent, diverse and concerned citizens and businesses that expect to be dealt with fairly and openly.

2. As a candidate for Supervisor, what do you feel are the important issues for your district and for Powhatan County?

For District 1, specifically, there are road maintenance and many other resident issues that are important to the individuals involved and I will do my utmost to attend to those. For Powhatan in general there are a few main issues: ensure fiscal responsibility, aggressively pursue quality, balanced growth, and get the Comprehensive Plan process producing results. District 1 has the unique 711/288 interchange and a substantial commercial opportunity on Route 60 that both need attention immediately.

3. How do you view the relationship between the Board of Supervisors and the School Board?

The relationship between the School Board and the Board of Supervisors should be and needs to be collaborative. Both Boards should also be very aware, understanding and respectful of each body's responsibilities and stakeholders. Specifically, it is important for Board of Supervisors members to have a good working relationship with their respective School Board members.

4. As pupil enrollment in Powhatan County increases, what is the best way to provide funding for the schools on both a short-term and a long-term basis?

The best way for me, as a Board of Supervisors member, to provide funding is to ensure fiscal responsibility at the county level. And also aggressively pursue quality, balanced growth and development, which should largely entail aggressively pursuing quality commercial development.

5. Did you support the proposed 2007-2008 School Board budget? Why or why not?

I have the highest regard for the excellent job the School Board does in preparing its annual budget according to its priorities and based upon the capable leadership of the school administration. The Board of Supervisors does an excellent job of balancing the

needs of the School Board with the overall County budget of which the school budget is rightly a majority. The strength of Powhatan's educational system and the general quality of life Powhatan's residents enjoy is a testament to the annual efforts of both bodies.

To what extent, if any, have you been involved in developing a school division budget?

I have not been involved in developing a school division budget.

6. Should the School Board propose a budget that reflects the real needs of the school system or a budget that reflects the use of available funds?

As a Board of Supervisors member I will always be respectful of the School Board's duty to propose a budget that best serves the needs of the school system based on its priorities and the capable leadership of the school administration.

7. Would you support a tax increase if it became necessary in order to fully fund the School Board budget?

I will do my utmost to ensure fiscal responsibility, a strong education system and an enjoyable quality of life for all Powhatan citizens.

8. How would you assign priorities to the following areas of a proposed School Board budget? (*rate your most important priority as 1, the next as 2, etc.*)

- _____ salaries for teachers and other school employees
- _____ maintenance of existing facilities
- _____ new teaching positions
- _____ reduced class size
- _____ improvements and/or changes to the instructional program
- _____ employee health insurance premiums
- _____ increased funds for technology for all schools
- _____ construction of new facilities and/or renovations of existing facilities

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As the son of a Powhatan Elementary School teacher and the husband of a Powhatan substitute teacher I am acutely aware of the importance of competitive salaries and reducing class size.

9. What do you perceive the role of the PCEA to be and how would you communicate with the PCEA on issues of mutual interest?

I perceive the role of the PCEA as an important part of the public education system, the political part. I will seek and welcome the professional experience and professional expertise of the PCEA members when issues of mutual interest arise.

10. Please outline your position on the following issues:

- Improving the teacher salary scale

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- Reducing class size

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- Charter schools and vouchers

As a Board of Supervisors member I will support the capable leadership of the Powhatan School System and the Powhatan School Board to provide a strong educational system that meets the needs of the students and parents of the county by working within the framework provided by the Virginia and U.S. Departments of Education as well as the state and federal legislative bodies.

- Student discipline

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11. Is the endorsement of the Powhatan County Education Association membership important to you in this election? Why or why not?

Yes, an endorsement will be mutually beneficial because I want to preserve the strong public education system we have in Powhatan County. The Powhatan County Education Association's endorsement will help my campaign for the Board of Supervisors by letting prospective voters know that our interests are aligned. The PCEA's endorsement will also lay the foundation for our future collaboration on issues of mutual interest.