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PALM BEACH-TREASURE COAST AFL-CIO

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE

SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT 1 COUNTY *Martin*

NAME OF CANDIDATE *Charles J. "Chuck" Winn*

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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND *B.A. Political Science & History R.I. College; M.S. Personnel Management, Troy University; U.S. Army War College; U.S. Army Command & General Staff College*

OCCUPATION *Retired U.S. Army Colonel, Self Directed Securities Trader, Self Published Author*

TO DATE, WHAT IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO YOUR CAMPAIGN *\$2,500 totally self-funded as of this date.*

1. What parts of your experience and background make you the best candidate to serve on the School Board?

Related experience that I bring to the table includes: 10 years as a national level strategic planner in the Pentagon and Korea; four years as an associate professor at Tuskegee University; and four years of installation master planning; and 14 years managing the training of organizations ranging in size from 50 to 650 personnel. My wife Lynn and I have lived in North River Shores in Martin County for the past 25 years.

2. What are some of your school district's primary strengths, and what challenges do you see in the foreseeable future?
Summer on Line Monday Math Reviews summer series; Martin Co. School Choice program; Career and Technical Education (CTE) and academic programs. MAJOR CHALLENGE: Resource Constraints.

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3. What is the School Board doing well and how would you like to see it change or improve?

Several School Board members have demonstrated a sustained commendable focus on developing strong reading skills. A major challenge has been their uncritical acceptance of the School Board Attorney's flawed interpretation of the Sunshine Law and the reluctance of individual Board members to discuss policy positions in public forums where they don't control the agenda. Hopefully, the District will quickly adapt to the recently enacted School Board Members' Bill of Rights. The District has also overemphasized school letter (i.e. A, B) ratings without close analysis of underlying metrics.) More attention is needed to vocational education and integrating the transformational cognitive skills required in the 2030 Florida economy.

4. (A) How important is planning time for teachers in improving student learning?

Planning is essential. When used, standardized media instructional media must be tailored to the needs of the local students.

- (B) Do you think that teachers in our District have enough, too little, or too much planning time at elementary, middle and high school levels?

An adequate response would have to be determined by a detailed analysis by grade level, subject matter, and past student performance.

5. What criteria and processes should be used to utilize or prohibit curriculum and supporting materials?

(1) Age appropriateness; and (2) Caution against accelerating the use of on-line media prior to mastery of foundational skills.

6. Please provide your opinion on allowing for-profit companies to provide online education in public schools.

There may be a role for a very limited amount of this related to vocational education programs. All such contracts must be of limited duration with clearly defined objectives and metrics for evaluation each semester.

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7. As we look to the future, do you support following CDC recommendations for students and staff health and safety for in-person learning environments? (YES)____(NO X)

The must never be an exclusive single-option mandate without science-based alternatives.

8. How should the District address underperforming Schools?

All underlying metrics must be thoroughly analyzed to identify areas that require remediation. The corrective action will depend on the cause for underperformance.

9. Do you believe Principals should have autonomy to run their own school building? (YES)X__(NO)____

Only within clearly defined parameters in accordance with MCSD policy.

- 10 (A) What is your view of the role of charter schools in public education?

Academically oriented Charter Schools have a role where there is a bonified requirement. However, state legislation is long overdue that clearly defines criteria for their establishment and more local control by School Districts.

- (B) What is your position on Charter Schools?

Indiantown High School, an IRSC-operated Public Charter School in partnership with the Martin Co. School District is a promising prototype. I am totally opposed to Schools of Hope and will not support establishing more traditional private for profit Charter schools until the legislature restores local control and reestablishes fully transparent processes for establishing and managing them that were usurped in 2017 & 2025.

- 11 What is your view on Teachers' Associations and/or Unions in this District?

Teachers have the right to representation by the bargaining of their choice. As stakeholders, they should have a vote, but not a veto, in the process.

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12 Do you consider yourself a supporter of Teachers' Unions?

(A) I AM A SUPPORTER. _____

(B) I AM NOT A SUPPORTER. _____

(C) **NEUTRAL. As the grandson of a UAW member recognize the beneficial historical role that unions have played in enhancing quality of life. Abuses of power must be safeguarded by full membership control and accountability.**

13 Do you support the return to "step" raises for educators, and the elimination of so-called "merit pay" that uses subjective evaluation and student performance data to dictate what level of raise educators are allowed to receive each year?

(A) YES, I SUPPORT AMENDING STATE LAW TO BRING BACK STEP-RAISES. _____

(B) NO, I DO NOT SUPPORT RETURNING TO STEPS, AND PREFER THE CURRENT MERIT/EVALUATION PAY SYSTEM. X_____

14 Do you support the renewal of the special property tax referendum on the ballot? (YES)X____(NO)_____

15 PREVAILING WAGE: Prevailing wage does not increase construction costs, but rather, increases worker earnings and grows the economy. Eighty percent of all peer review studies over the last 15 years find that Prevailing Wage has no statistical impact on school construction costs. If elected, will you support a Prevailing Wage on all school construction?

(YES)X____(NO)_____

16. SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION: If elected, will you insist on the use of licensed contractors on all school construction?

(YES)X____(NO)_____

17. Will you support the use of workers from certified, bonafide apprenticeship programs? (YES)X____(NO)_____

18. Would you lay off non-instructional staff to save money for the District? (YES)X____(NO)_____

However, they must be given opportunities to requalify for, and hiring priority for other essential District positions.

- 20 Will you seek the advice and/or input of the President of Palm Beach-Treasure Coast AFL-CIO in weighing key decisions? (YES)X____(NO)____

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- 21 Why do you think Palm Beach-Treasure Coast AFL-CIO should support your candidacy?

Because you will get a fair shake from a professionally qualified honest broker with no institutional or organizational ties to the Administration, Staff, Faculty or District employees.

- 22 Do you request the endorsement of Palm Beach-Treasure Coast AFL-CIO? (YES)X____(NO)____
- 23 If endorsed, do you authorize Palm Beach-Treasure AFL-CIO to publicize this endorsement? (YES)X____(NO)____

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Candidate's Signature

DATE 07/09/2026