



Candidate Profile - School Board

Name	Dell Quary
Office Seeking	School Board, District 7
Do you currently reside in the district?	<input type="button" value="Yes"/>
Years lived in Polk County?	44.5
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Party Affiliation	Democrat
Education	Webster University, MA Warner Southern College, BA Polk State College, AA (formerly Polk Community College)
Occupation	Retired Educator, Polk County Public Schools
Employer	Retired Educator, Polk County Public Schools
Have you attended a Public Leadership Institute/Political Leadership Institute (hosted by a Chamber of Commerce or Economic Development Council)?	<input type="button" value="Yes"/>
If yes, who hosted the institute?	Katie Worthington Decker, President/CEO Greater Winter Haven Chamber of Commerce. Contact: Ryan Reis, www.lakelandchamber.com
Have you ever run for office before?	<input type="button" value="No"/>
a. If yes, what office?	Not Applicable

Describe your civic involvement:

My previous/current involvement is highlighted below.

- Florida Grant Development Network, K-12 (FGDNK-12), former President, Executive Board member and Charter member of my professional organization
- Florida Parent Teacher Association, Honorary Life Member
- Polk County Council of PTAs, Former Two-Term President
- City of Lakeland Gang Task Force (GTF), Member
- City of Lakeland, Lakeland History And Culture Center (LHCC), Charter Member
- Polk Community Parent Teacher Student Association, Member
- City of Lakeland Community Engagement Task Force, Member
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Omicron Kappa Omega Chapter, Former Webmaster
- Polk Grants Alliance, Former Treasurer
- United Way of Central Florida Community Impact Cabinet, Member
- FLDOE State Advisory Council, Revised Gifted Rule Implementation
- Polk Grants Alliance, Treasurer

List any Boards on which you serve, including positions of leadership

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Describe your political involvement:

I am a candidate for Polk County School Board, District 7.

Why are you running for office?

It is my desire to continue serve the public in pursuit of Polk County School Board, District 7 seat to be a voice for ALL students as well as move the district forward for every stakeholder. Support for Dell Quarry for School Board is support for a Quality Education for ALL!

What do you consider to be the top three (3) issues facing Polk County Schools. (listing in order of importance)? If elected, when would you plan to address these issues and hope to see them accomplished?

I.

The top issue I consider facing Polk County Public Schools is adequate resources for students' achievement. When elected I plan to address this issue immediately, and I hope to see it accomplished during my tenure and sustained.

II.

Next, I consider the second issue facing Polk County Public Schools to be adequate spending of the taxpayers' money. When elected, I plan to address this issue right away, and I hope to see it achieved during my tenure and applied consistently.

III.

Lastly, I consider the third issue facing Polk County Public Schools to be retention of our talented teachers. When elected, I plan to address this issue directly. Furthermore, I hope to see it achieved on/before the end of my term.

Rank the following as you see their current order of importance:

1: School Safety

2: Improving public education

3: Reducing taxes and government spending

4: Empowering parents

During an economic downturn, how should Polk County handle decreasing tax revenues caused by the normal economic cycle? You may check more than one choice. Depending on your choice/choices, please state what you would cut and what you would increase.

Cut Spending

Depending on your choice/choices above, please state what you would cut and what you would increase.

In an effort to maximize student educational resources and essential services, I would strongly encourage streamlining processes, assessing responsibilities and possibly a zero-based budget.

What is your top priority if elected to the Schoolboard? How do you plan on measuring your performance to report to your constituents?

When elected to the school board, my top priority is to ensure educational resources and essential services for ALL students' academic achievement. Regarding performance measurement, I strongly encourage on-going feedback from my constituency as well as annual self-assessment.

What is your long term vision during your time in office?

My long-time vision is a Quality education for ALL students!

What is the largest budget you have overseen and how did you prioritize spending?

While employed as a Polk County School Board, district-level employee, I monitored federal, foundation and corporate grant funds and E-rate funds ranging from \$500 to \$1.5M to ensure compliance with applicable regulations.

What leadership qualities do you possess that make you the best choice to serve on the Polk County Schoolboard?

I have acquired many years of professional leadership experiences, e.g., planning and development, organizing, problem-solving, decision-making, motivating, influencing, communicating effectively and managing conflict. Additional qualities that make me the best choice to serve on the Polk County School Board are integrity, active listening, learning agility, self-confidence, sincere enthusiasm, respect for others, decisiveness, self-awareness, and empowerment

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