Candidates discuss qualifications

J.Tom Buck

Profession/Education: Training manager and consultant with General Motors Truck & Bus Group.
What type of experience do you have with public education?
My role with public education is an indirect one. As a training manager and consultant with General Motors Truck & Bus Group, I work to educate our employees with skills ancessary for successful job performance. This includes coordination and/or delivery of programs in management development to basic education and college level courses.

I am also a member of the adjunct faculty at Walsic College in Troy, instructing in a course on organizational behavior.

behavior.
Why are you seeking election to the
Farmington Board of Education?
I believe that we must work harder
to provide students with the education
and skills to be successful in career

pursuits. A focus on basic skills related to the kinds of life pursuits that will be available in the future is absolutely

available in the future is absolutely necessary.

I am concerned that we are worrying too much about today and not enough about tomorrow, which is where ourchildren will be living their lives. I also feel that my education and professional background will be an asset to the school board which should represent the diversity of the community in which it operates.

I have a child entering the system. I am much younger than most of the members on the board which can add a perspective the board needs. How would you attempt to contain public education costs?

The current school board is operating within its authorized milliage limits, Is this a true concern in a community when only one person abows up at a wable hearing to protest the milliage

The board should pursue maximizing facility utilization. And it should continue to seek reductions in utility costs through conservation efforts. Perhaps the Farmingion district should seek on a larger scale grouping of materials (texts, paper, etc.) purchases with other school district.

sought out from local or national busi-nesses which would contribute to the

nesses which want constant to the educational process.
What are your feelings about Farmington Hills' proposed use of The Tax Increment Financing Act (TIFA) along the 12 Mile commercial corridor?





Profession/education: Hospital Home-bound teacher at Oakland Schools for the past 17 years. Elementary teacher for four years.

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What type of experience do you have with pable education?
When my three children were in school, I was involved in the Parent-Teacher Association and held the position of accretary.
When my daughter was a cheerleader at Dancket Middle School and North Farmington High School, I was involved whenever I could help with their programs. Since I have been a teacher for 21, years, I have constantly been involved whenever I could help with their programs. Since I have been a teacher for 21, years, I have constantly been because the proposed when it thought were good and had educational systems. It is my opinent at Farmington is one of the best. Why are you seeking election to the Farmington Board of Education.

I would like to be on the Farmington

Maxine

Harwin

Board of Education because I care about kids and giving them a chance to develop all their potential skills. I have a need to be involved and to use my organizational abilities in a worthwhile and rewarding endeavor. I want Farm-ington Schools to continue to have high standards and meet the needs of all stu-dents.

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How woeld you attempt to contain public edeaction costs?
The cost of public education is ever
changing. I do not think that rigid limits or guidelines can be set to contain
cost. I believe in being cuttious and
getting the best value for all money
spent. But in our changing world, needs
in education are not always the same.
To be on guard and realistic, we must
provide the best education and be accountable for every dollar.
What are your feelings, about Farmington Hills' proposed use of The Tax
Increment Pinancing Act (TIFA) along
the 12 Mile commercial corridor?
The Farmington Hills proposed use

The Farmington Hills proposed use of the Tax Increment Financing Act along 12 Mile Commercial Corridor is unfair. If the value of this property increases, thus producing more tax monics, the economic environment of the city would also spiral upward, meaning that reducational costs would also in

crease. Saying that education is limited by only receiving a portion of the money to which it is entitled, is unjust. Tho, educational system should receive the tax money it is entitled to receive. If elected, what would be your immediate goals as a school board member?

My immediate goals as a school



higher cost of longtime teachers and employees. It would also enable the hirting of new teachers with innovative ideas and a new next. These newer employees' salaries would be lower than longtime employees.
What are your feelings about Farmington Hills' proposed use of The Tax Increment Financing Act (TIFA) along the 12 Mile commercial corridor?
TIFA was enacted in 1950 'to prevent urban deterioration and encourage economic development and activity and the commercial could be in property values and promote growth in the area."

Profession/Education: Permanent substitute teacher for Early Impressions
School, Southfield, Michigan.
What type of experience do you have
with public educations?
I was a high school social studies
teacher. I have served on the Eagle
Parent-Teacher Association for the
past seven years in many different positions.
Why are you seeking election to the
Parmington Board of Education?
I want to be the voice of the people.
To allow them to volce their opinions
and concerns. I feet that the schools
need to routineating the product of the
same as falling behind. I see a good
school system which needs some improvements.

iy ... and to halt a decline in property values and promote growth is the area."

The area in question is 12 Mile Road from the new Farmington Hills Post Office, east to Haggarty Road and south to 1496 Expressway 1. do not seen the seen of the se

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Our collection of pearl strands are always classic, but for the next two weeks they double as terrific values.

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plemented throughout the district.

• Have more individualization of expectations according to students abilities. This would include increasing the challenge of those who are capable of more. But we must still meet our obligations to those who need more belp.

• Start letter grade report cards in the 4th grade.

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Pat Girbach

Profession/Education: Housewife, vol-

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For the last four years I have actively worked with the Farmington Public Schools on the Olympics of the Mind program. This is an extracurricular creative program solving competition for students. I have coordinated the program in Farmington, served on the State Advisory Committee, am currently a member of the State Board of Directors and was Tournament Director for Region 1th syear.

I am president of F.A.C.E.T. (Farmington Association for Children with Exceptional Taletan), an greated I may be a support of the Partner Advisory Committee and the Pilot Evaluation Committee and the Pilot Evaluation Committee and the Pilot Evaluation Committee and the Fibre Evaluation Committee of the Farmington PUblic School. I am also a member of the planning committee for "Creativity

Springs Alive."
Why are you seeking election to the Farmington Board of Education?
I am seeking election to the Farmington Board of Education to have greater input into the decision making process concerning public education in Farmington.
How would you attempt to contain public education costs?
Containing public education costs requires a many-pronged approach. I would look closely at building use and transportation scheduling and expenditurers. In some instances, giving financial encouragement for the retilement of interested and eligible teachers would clear the way to hir new teachers.
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hard place. The continued development
of the 12 Mile strip seems to depend on
relinquishing the tax revenues from
this area. However, it doesn't seem fair
that the public schools should have to
give up all claim to tax revenues from
that property.
If elected, what would be your immediate goals as a school board member?
A seventh hour for high school is one

of my immediate goals. This would allow students to acquire a more balanced education. College preparatory students rarely have room in their schedules for fine arts, industrial arts, home economics. These are subjects which might not seem to be immediately applicable, but which would be enriching to students' lives beyond the immediate goal of getting accepted to college.

Jack Cotton

Profession/Education: Former educator, travel Profession/Education: Former Educator, traver agency owner.
What type of experience do you have with public education?

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During my early years in education, I was an associate professor in the College of Education at Wayne State University. I joined the staff of the Farmington Public Schools in 1956, and served as director of athletics for 27 years. During my tenure in the public schools I served on satistived and national committees and task forces which presented many opportunities for in-depth discussion of educational problems with school board members, teachers and administrators throughout the state.

As an elected member and president of the Representative Council of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, many opportunities have been afforded me to work with the state Legislature, Michigan Education Association, Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals and numerous other agencies in a cooperative effort to improve education in our schools.

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Board of Education?

I feel a deep sense of loyalty and commitment to
the Farmington community and its schools. As a
former educator, I believe I can contribute to the



Jean Moran

Profession/Education: Former teacher, State Farm Insurance.
What type of experience do you have with public education?

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Longarre Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) president, current; Farmington P.T.A. Council, vice president, current; Marketing the Public Schools areast Force Jan. 1988 to present; teacher South Carolina Schools grades 1-5.
Why are you seeking election to the Farmington Board of Education?
I am committed to public schools and would like to have a greater part in shaping the future of the public schools in Farmington. How would you attempt to contain public education.

costs?

By careful evaluation of the budget. By looking at cost containment programs in place in industry; Also, we need good quality equipment for our students, but not necessarily the most expensive equipment.

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proposed use of The Tax Increment Financing Act
(TIFA) along the 12 Mile commercial corridor?

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