



THE PATRIOT

Patuxent Republican Club (PRC)

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From the PRC President

On 3/14/2024 the PRC had a meeting on the Calvert County Board of Education (BOE). There was a series of outstanding speakers including a Candidate for the BOE, Paul Harrison

The stage was set by Joshua Johnson, President of the Calvert County Republican Central Committee. He emphasized the importance of the BOE election for the well being of our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Paul Harrison, BOE candidate for Calvert County, then spoke on his campaign. "As a 22-year resident of Calvert County with three kids born here and attended or attending County Public Schools, I am deeply concerned that our schools are not providing the best future for our kids. I hope you'll join our mission to improve Calvert County Public Schools for current and future generations and support my campaign for Board of Education."

He is a graduate of both Georgetown University and the University of Maryland, Paul has spent his 34-year career managing, budgeting, planning, improving and accounting at major, educational institutions.

Besides his professional pursuit, Paul spends his time away from work with his wife and kids, and spent much of his time volunteering with organizations including the Cub Scouts Pack 1806 and Boy Scouts Troop 903, the Calvert Collaborative for Children & Youth and the Calvert Elks.

He is concerned about the future of Calvert County Public Schools for our children. Unsustainable, unidentified and unaudited spending practices must be stopped. His three areas of focus are:

1. We need a comprehensive fiscal audit, especially when \$24 million is "undefined, unidentified and/or undesignated;"
2. The learning environment is deteriorating. As a Calvert County Public School (CCPS) parent for the last fourteen years, I have witnessed worsening test scores, worsening behavior, unaccountable student actions, and the politicization of classrooms. Students and teachers deserve a safe, distraction-free learning environment;
3. Funding formulas for Kirwin are unsustainable from the local tax base without dramatic, County property tax increases. Named after Brit Kirwan, it is a commission for a recalibration of state funding through an equity lens that works to correct what has been historical underfunding of educational resources for children from low-income families, English language learners, and students with disabilities. Where's all the money from lottery and gaming revenues promised for education?

Paul is dedicated to:

1. Vote for an audit and support the same;
2. Work to demand fiscal restraint and accountability throughout our Calvert County Public Schools;
3. Leverage County resources to support School Resource Officers (SROs) at EVERY County Public School;
4. Raise the fact that State Lawmakers promised State Lottery revenues and State Gaming revenues would support Public Education. Where is ALL that money?;
5. Work to address the mental health crisis and massive learning loss resulting from the COVID lockdown and never vote for future lockdowns. If your kid is sick, keep them home;
6. Promote Patriotism opportunities and work to eliminate any policy, rule or practice that disparages one race, culture or ethnicity in favor of another. We are all equal and all lives matter; and
7. Work to modernize our sports facilities with the well-being of our student athletes in mind."

Paul's speech was quite impressive and the meeting attendees applauded him. Paul has shown he is uniquely qualified to carry out his initiatives.

Fred Tillack brought up the point that Paul's competition for District 2, Antoine White, is corrupt. There were alleged improprieties when he was

President of his son's football League. The Sheriff's office was investigating. The Sheriff investigator could only prove enough embezzlement for a misdemeanor. But White had to resign as President. The link to The Baynet article is as follows:

<https://thebaynet.com/investigative-report-17k-youth-football-embezzlement-scheme-html/>

A Democratic DEI (Diversity Equity Inclusion) proponent asked “How would you have voted on the removal of the phrase ‘white supremacy’ from the BOE policy?” The phrase “white supremacy” remains in the BOE policy after its removal was voted down by the current BOE.

After the meeting was gaveled closed and ended Lisa Grenais came to socialize with the individuals. She did not speak of any BOE candidates.

For Education, Not Indoctrination

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