

RICHARD MURPHY

CANDIDATE

Manatee County School Board District 4

Mr. Murphy is a Florida native and resident. His grandchildren are currently students in the Manatee School District. Richard worked in business management and served on the Hendry County School Board from 1994-2008. He returned to school and became a full time middle school teacher in 2005-2008 for Highlands County Schools.

In 2008-12, Mr. Murphy was elected superintendent of the Hendry County School District and served on the South West Florida Workforce Board of Directors with Lee, Collier, Charlotte, and Glades counties workforce directors. He served on the Heartland Education Consortium Board of Directors, the Alliance of Educational Leaders of Southwest Florida and University Presidents of Florida Gulf Coast University, Edison and Hodges universities.

In 2013, he was recruited as an assistant principal at South Tech Academy High School in Palm Beach county and helped plan and facilitate the opening of South Tech Preparatory Middle School.

In 2014-15, Mr. Murphy taught grades 6-8 at King and Harlee Middle Schools and was a Technology Student Association sponsor at both schools. In 2016, he substituted in various schools to learn more about the daily instruction in K-6 and worked in district elementary schools. He worked at Tillman Elementary in Palmetto as a paraprofessional to support teachers and students. He was a Take Stock in Children Scholarship mentor for a student at the Manatee School of the Arts.

Mr. Murphy has worked with youth organizations that include sports, 4H, FFA, and the Arts. In the community, he worked with civic groups that include Kiwanis, Elks, The Florida Jaycees, Pop Warner Football, Tee-ball, Little League, girls' softball, United Way and livestock associations. He has volunteered to feed the homeless on Thanksgiving and Christmas Days. He worked at Home Depot and was a co-teacher for women's and children's home project classes.