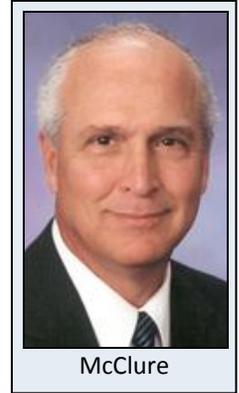


**NAME: Bob McClure**  
**PARTY: Republican**  
**SEEKING: Gwinnett School Board, District 4**



**Why are you seeking your office?**

After almost 20 years and 5 terms of service on the Gwinnett Board of education, I am more convinced than ever that Public education is the most important public good performed by local government. My motivation for serving has always been to serve our community by equipping all of our children, in the most cost effective way possible, to be successful in school and life. I am proud of what our educators and students have accomplished with the support of our staff and community and believe that I still have more to contribute to our future success.

**What do you expect to accomplish if elected?**

Under my leadership as a member on the Board of education, Gwinnett County Public Schools has grown into a nationally recognized school system of excellence. This is evidenced by being named the Broad Prize winner for excellence in urban education in 2010 and named finalists for the same award in 2009 and again this year. The \$1,000,000 national Broad Prize is awarded each year to honor districts that demonstrate the greatest overall performance and improvement in student achievement.

I would expect no less if I am re-elected and neither should the taxpayer or the employees of GCPS .

**What distinguishes your candidacy?**

I have served on the Gwinnett Board of education for 5 consecutive terms resulting in 20 years of service. During that time GCPS has experienced unprecedented growth in size and recognition for excellence in education. Only one person in Gwinnett has more on the job experience than I have (and she is not on the ballot this year). Proven experience distinguishes my candidacy.

**What are the key issues in your race?**

The key issue is whether Pubic Education is still a viable “public good” and should it still be the predominate method for educating the majority of our children. Because of Public Education’s real and perceived failures there is a growing sentiment in our country that the answer to both questions is “no”. If one believes, as I do, that the answer is “yes” to both questions then the next major issue is what the legitimate and necessary functions of Public Education are. Doing the wrong thing well is no virtue.

**Pick one issue. Expand on how you will address it.**

After 20 years in public education, I am more convinced than ever that without a viable and effective public education system our form of economy and our form of representative government will not prevail. I do not believe that the other public and private institutions in our country are capable of providing the equal opportunity that quality public schools provide nor the function that our public schools serve in giving unity to diverse communities. Our “e pluribus Unum” is in the balance. I will continue to be an effective advocate and worker for excellence in Public Education.

**Give a 100 word summary of your background.**

I am the 66 year old husband of 45 years to my wife, Jan. I have 6 children (all graduates of GCPS) and the grandfather of 13. I am a graduate of Birmingham Southern College and the University of Alabama School of Medicine. I have lived in Gwinnett for 34 years and maintained my dermatology practice in Lilburn continuously during that time. I have been a member of Cornerstone Bible Church for over 34 years where I do some teaching, and have served as an elder in the past.