

Biographical Information Form

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School Board Member Name: Kathryn Hensley

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Mrs. Hensley was raised in an Illinois farm family of ten children who are now living across the country. Education was always the focus. Mrs. Hensley has been married to Carl Hensley, recently retired Associate Professor of Mathematics at Indian River Community College, for 47 years. Education is still the family focus. Their three university-educated children all graduated from the St. Lucie County School District. Nathaniel, Sarah, and Andrew all live in Gainesville. Savannah Kathryn (February 2005), Violet Sarah (November 2007), and Evangeline "Evie" Lauren (March 2009) live with Mom and Dad (Nathaniel and Jamie) in Gainesville. Elected to and serving the SLC School Board since 1996, she has served as Vice-Chair and Chair on several occasions.

COMMUNITY/SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT

Current Committees and Memberships

St. Lucie County School Board
St. Lucie County Children's Services Council (Chair)
Florida Children's Council
Children's Movement of Florida State Board
Children's Movement Regional Chair
Kid Care Alliance for Florida
St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization (Chair)
Florida Metropolitan Planning (FMPOAC)
Local Coordination Board for Transportation of the Disadvantaged (Vice Chair)
Circuit 19 Child Death Review Committee
Early Learning Coalition
UF IFAS Extension Advisory Committee (Chair)
UF IFAS Regional Advisory Committee
St. Lucie Research and Education Committee
Greater Florida Consortium of School Boards (Past President)
Florida School Boards Association Legislative & Advocacy Committee
Five County School Board Discussion & Issues Group
New Horizon Board
HANDS Board
Concerned Citizens for Public Safety
Chamber of Commerce Governmental Issues Committee
Business Alliance for Prosperity
Economic Development Council
Treasure Coast Education Research and Development Liaison
Downtown Kiwanis
Heathcote Botanical Gardens
Backus Gallery

Sunrise Theater
Harbor Branch Foundation
SLC Education Foundation
SLC Democratic Women's Club (Founding Member and Past President)
Democratic Women's Club of Florida (Former Scholarship Chair and State Board)
St. Lucie Democratic Club
First United Methodist Church of Port t. Lucie
Hibiscus Children's Center Foundation of St. Lucie County(Past-Pres.)
Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments
SLC Historical Society
Art Mundo
Yubbie Foundation to Prevent Bullying
Indian River Lagoon Science Festival Committee

Former Activities

Alternative Education Task Force
Vision St. Lucie
Building Technology Advisory for Port St. Lucie High School
Chamber of Commerce Foundation Board Member
Chamber of Commerce Higher Education Task Force
Chamber of Commerce Post-Secondary Task Force
Chamber of Commerce Business Partners and Education Committee
Community Computer Center Task Force
Delaware Avenue School SAC Member
Economic Development Council Founding Board Member
Fort Pierce Downtown Farmers' Market
Florida School Boards Association Growth and Concurrency Committee
FSBA Board of Directors
FSBA Nominating Committee
District Advisory Council
Jump Into Reading Mentor
Lawnwood Elementary School SAC Member
Lawnwood Elementary PTO President
Port St. Lucie High School SAC Member
Northport Middle School SAC Member
Science Education Initiative for Girls of the Research Coast
Task Force on Gifted Programming
Steering Committee for Education
Research and Development Park
Research Coast Document Task Force
Youth Leadership Advisor
Frazier Creek Friends Food Bank and Kitchen
Frazier Creek Friends Elder
Seven/50 Executive committee, Workforce and Education Sub-Committee
Hibiscus Children's Center Governing Board and Officer Positions
SLC League of Women Voters, Past-President
SLC American Association of University Women
St. Lucie in Motion

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Laharpe, Illinois High School
Southeastern Iowa Community College
Western Illinois University (Secondary Education, English, Chemistry)

Teaching Experience

West Burlington, Iowa High School
Tillamook, Oregon Junior High
Indian River Community College