

**Linda Schaich  
Community Activist  
In Manatee County**

Linda is a community activist and watchdog who has been a fixture at Manatee School Board meetings for several years and twice ran for a seat on that board.

For nearly a decade Linda has attended and spoken at most school board meetings, workshops and audit committee meetings. She has served on four school district committees: Land and Facilities Committee, Sales Tax Committee, Budget Committee and Superintendent Search Committee.

When she ran in 2012 against the incumbent, she said “the district was hiding deficits and was about to implode financially.” Just “six weeks later, the district imploded financially” as she had predicted.

For 20 years, Linda and her husband have owned and operated five equipment rental centers and two John Deere dealerships. She has been a Federally Licensed IRS Enrolled Agent, has forensic accounting experience and has taught school for the IRS at a local college.