

DR. SCOTT HOPES
CANDIDATE
Manatee County School Board District 4

Dr. Hopes is chairman of the Manatee County School Board and board member from District 4. He is chairman and chief executive officer of CliniLinc, a health and medical information services and technology company.

Dr. Hopes graduated from Bay County High School, Panama City and received an Associate of Arts degree from Gulf Coast Community College in 1980; a Bachelor of Arts, in Natural Sciences and Biology in 1983 from USF College of Natural Sciences; and in 1985 a Master of Public Health, Epidemiology and Biostatistics from USF College of Public Health. He received his Doctor of Business Administration from USF Muma College of Business in 2017.

In 1984, Dr. Hopes taught eighth and ninth grade Science in the School District of Hillsborough County and was appointed Department Chair of the Science, Health, Physical education, and Media departments at McLane Junior High in Brandon. He became the first Department Chairman at the newly built Burns Junior High School in Brandon in 1986. Dr. Hopes concurrently studied education and gifted student education at USF College of Education.

In late 1986 he became the Evening and Night Administrator at Tampa General Hospital at the age of 26. He started his health care consulting practice at Ernst & Young in 1988 and in 1989 co-founded the consulting firm Healthcare Management Decisions, Inc. in St. Petersburg.

In 1999, Dr. Hopes served as member of Governor Jeb Bush's administration at the Agency for Health Care Administration. He oversaw the Bureau of Certificate of Need and Financial Analysis and was Director of the Division of Health Policy. Dr. Hopes recently served on the Board of Trustees of the USF System.

Dr. Hopes has served over 30 years as a c-level executive and consultant for major health care companies. He served as a researcher at USF College of Medicine and College of Public Health and has published in the areas of clinical medicine, health policy and health care finance.

Dr. Hopes has spent more than 30 years lobbying the legislature to improve access to primary care and hospital services, improve public education and to hold government accountable to the citizens and taxpayers of Florida.