**Lloyd Scher**

Zip Code of Residence 28270-1024 Years in Charlotte-Mecklenburg 51

Previous place of residence Swan Quarter, NC       How long? 2 years

**Children?** Foster (5)     Their ages?  41,  38, 29, 25, 23

**If your child is/children are adults, what schools did they attend?**

2-East Mecklenburg High School

2-Myers Park High School

1-North Mecklenburg High School

**What is/was your experience with those schools?**

I was an active member of all their PTAs.  I was also a volunteer in the schools.

**What have you done to educate yourself about the history of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools?**

Having graduated from Myers Park High School I have remained active as a volunteer, tutor and at times a substitute teacher.  I am a former teacher having taught at West Mecklenburg, Harding and Olympic High Schools in the late 70’s.  I took part in several study commissions on schools.  As a Mecklenburg County Commissioner I was active in all of the schools in district 4, which I represented.  During the years I served on the County Commission I was a strong supporter of schools making sure that they had the funding they needed to accomplish their goal.

**Which of the following books about Charlotte, its schools, and public education in general have you read?**

( X )The Dream Long Deferred by Frye Gaillard ( X )Boom for Whom? by Stephen Smith

(  )Class and Schools by Richard Rothstein ( X ) Schoolhouses, Courthouses, and State Houses by Eric Hanushek and Alfred Lindseth

(  ) The Shame of the Nation by Jonathan Kozol   (  ) Other?

**Please share pertinent information about your background/experience which will inform your work on the Board of Education.**

I served 8 years as a Mecklenburg County Commissioner helping to put together budgets of about 1 billion dollars.  I have been a strong supporter for schools for many years.  I am a graduate of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System all of my foster children graduated from the system as well.  I attended all of my PTA meetings and helped several schools when they needed assistance. A $10,000 donation for a computer lab for Windsor Park, a new track and field and playground for Idlewild Elementary, a new refrigerator for the Pinewood teachers when theirs broke. I helped student go on field trips by paying their way and providing them with spending money.  The items listed that I did for schools allowed me to understand the needs in our schools.

I am a businessman who started his business from scratch and learned the importance of budgeting and understanding the value of an employee.  As a public servant I learned the need to listen to the community about their concerns.  Both of these issues will play an important part in my service as a School Board Member.  Once elected I hope to establish several citizens committees to provide the School Board with more public input into our schools.  It is a firm belief that the School Board cannot do it alone it needs the support and the help of the community to succeed.