



**Coweta County Board of Education
District 3: Beth Barnett (Incumbent) and Jan Horne
Primary Election: May 22, 2018**

Chamber Mission: Champion increased economic prosperity for our members

Candidate	Beth Barnett	Jan Horne
Age	47	No response
# Years in County	47	5
Education	B. S., Secondary Education, Auburn University	Post-secondary: 15+ years Continuing Education in all aspects of video production and marketing
Work Experience	Wishbone Fried Chicken near Downtown Newnan: Owner since 2013 and operator since 1993	Small business owner for 22 years
Community Experience	Title I Parent Advisory Board, Coweta County School System (2008-15); School Council, Newnan High School (2013-15); Parent Judge, Georgia Family Friendly Partnership School Awards, Georgia Department of Education (2013); Mentoring Program, Coweta County School System (2010-13); Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council, Georgia Department of Education (2011-12); School Council, Elm Street Elementary (2011-12); Elm Street Elementary PTO: President (2008-09, 2011-12) Vice-president (2007-08) Secretary (2009-10); Committee of Practitioners, Georgia Department of Education (2009); Parent Advisory Board, Coweta County School System (2009); Finance Committee, First Baptist Church (2014-17); Personnel Committee, First Baptist Church (2005-08, 2010-13);	Crossroads Church - create videos for pastor. Volunteer to help local political candidates.

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	Parks Commission, City of Newnan (2009-present); Farmer Street Cemetery Committee, City of Newnan (2006-07).	
Personal Information	Married to Lee Barnett of Huntsville, Alabama, since 1993. Two sons: Clark, a junior at Mercer University; and Jack, a sophomore at Newnan High School.	Married 38 years. 2 adult children, 4 grandchildren and 1 on the way. Three grandchildren who are, or will be, students in Coweta County Schools.
Political Experience	Current member of Coweta County School Board (appointed in 2015)	Ran for Coweta County School Board in the last election cycle and received 40% of the votes. Worked with candidates running for statewide and national office (including Presidential candidates) as a videographer. Produce and edit an interview show, featuring candidates for county, statewide, and national office. Delegate to Georgia GOP Convention for the past 3 conventions.
Question 1 Describe what you believe makes Coweta County most appealing to both current and future residents.	Coweta County is a great place to live because of the emphasis that is placed on education. The partnership that exists between the business community and the educational community is exciting and innovative. People choose to move to Coweta because of the public-school system.	Coweta County is ideal for families! Coweta offers all of the amenities a family needs to thrive, without having to venture too far from home. There are beautiful planned communities, but still plenty of open space for folks who prefer a more rural lifestyle. We have good schools in Coweta County. I am running for school board to make them even better! I believe that by having more direct input from teachers, who know best what is needed to improve student achievement, and from parents who know their children's needs, the Board can work toward concrete goals to improve instruction at the local level. More transparency from the Board will help the community to feel more involved and thereby, more supportive of improvements that need to be implemented and funded.
Question 2 What top 3 assets does Coweta County possess which attract new business and	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A quality school system. 2. Services that are provided by the county and cities, such as police and fire protection, as well as recreational and cultural opportunities. 3. Proximity to Atlanta. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coweta is a thriving community with great housing, recreation, and shopping. 2. Coweta's proximity to the world's busiest airport and to I-85, makes Coweta County an ideal location for business. Coweta is just close enough - and just far enough away - from the chaos of Atlanta traffic.

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stimulate growth of existing businesses?		3. The quality of the local school system is a big consideration for businesses, and my goal as a school board member is to make Coweta County's schools even better.
Question 3 Describe how you would use your elected position to help business growth in Coweta County.	A good school system attracts individuals and families, as well as businesses, to our area. My goal is to continue the positive direction of the school system as we work to increase student achievement while providing a safe learning environment.	As an elected school board member, my responsibility will be to the students, parents and teachers of Coweta County. However, in making Coweta County Schools the best that they can be, that creates an incentive for new businesses to come to Coweta. Quality of local schools is always a prime consideration for businesses as they evaluate areas to expand or relocate.
Question 4 List the greatest need(s) in Coweta to continue its prosperity.	Continued collaboration among the business community, elected officials, citizens, and the educational community.	Strong infrastructure. Good leadership. Great schools! Businesses will not locate in an area with low-performing schools.
Question 5 If elected, what do you want your greatest accomplishment to be during your term of office?	Success, academic and otherwise, for all students.	I want to do what I can to help Coweta County utilize its resources in the most effective way to offer the highest quality education possible for our students. I care about this not only as a resident of Coweta County but as the grandmother of three children who will be educated in Coweta County Schools.