

# OUR VOICES

GET TO KNOW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND LEADERS AS THEY SHARE THEIR PASSION, WISDOM, AND GOALS.



**Jerry Taylor, Suwannee**

### FSBA LEADERSHIP ROLES

2018-19 President Jerry Taylor has served as chair and as a member on the Long Range Planning, Finance, Policy, Federal Relations, and Nominating Committees. He has also served as a conference Ambassador

### PERSONAL

Jerry resides in his birthplace Live Oak, Florida with his high school sweetheart and wife of 47 years, Mrs. Sylvia Taylor. Their daughter Adrienne also lives in Suwannee County, serving as the Director of the Suwannee Foundation for Excellence and Take Stock in Children Program. They are all avid Gator fans. Jerry has worked as a construction lineman, State of Florida Forest Ranger, in the lumber industry, as in agriculture owning and operating his family farm.

### SURPRISING FACT ABOUT YOU:

I was baptized in the Jordan River in the nation of Israel.

**“I SEEK TO ENCOURAGE OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF, AND TO RECOGNIZE AND APPLAUD THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS. EVERYONE WISHES TO KNOW THEY ARE VALUED AND APPRECIATED.”**

- Jerry Taylor

### WHAT GOALS DO YOU HOPE TO ACHIEVE DURING YOUR TERM?

To establish policy and procedure that will enable the operation of this District to be more efficient and excellence oriented.

### TEACHER OR SCHOOL EMPLOYEE WHO IMPACTED YOUR LIFE:

Some of the teachers and staff that have influenced me are my first grade teacher, Ms. Bullock, my seventh grade English teacher, Linda Dover, and Superintendent Wyman Harvard. Each of these folks exhibited a genuine concern for others, loved their profession and would accept nothing less than my best effort.

### BEST & HARDEST PART OF BEING A BOARD MEMBER:

I ran because I enjoy working with kids, and I want to invest in their lives. I love seeing them perform, achieve athletically and academically, smile and be happy. The hardest parts so far have been expulsion hearings and legislative dealings.

### ADVICE TO NEW MEMBERS?

Do not sacrifice your family on the altar of being a Board Member! I use the analogy of placing ones hand in a pail of water and with drawing it, the void that is produced by that action is exactly how much you will be missed when your days of public service are finished.

### FAVORITE QUOTE:

“It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes up short again and again: who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who, at best, knows in the end triumph of high achievement; and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory or defeat.”  
- President Theodore Roosevelt

### WHAT STRENGTH DO YOU BRING TO YOUR BOARD?

I believe I have the ability to see each side of an issue, to seek understanding and consensus in order to bring about resolution.

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