

Ben Franklin Academy
Board Candidate Questions

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What motivates you to want to serve on the Board? What makes this the “right time” for you?

My motivation is simple – my daughter, Abigail, just started at BFA as a kindergartener this year and I want to ensure the school we chose and were chosen for remains true to the principles and vision we signed her on for.

As far as a “right time” . . . there never is a right time. We are all busy, have jobs, families, etc. but we make time for those things that are important to us, so I will make this the right time.

Should you become a board member, what skills, resources, or expertise do you feel you would personally add to the board that we may or may not already have?

I have been fortunate enough to make my living at various points in my adult life as an educator, a musician, a salesman, and currently an IT professional. I would like to think I embody Mr. Franklin’s essence of being someone who loves to learn, is civic minded, and fosters the unique talents and abilities of everyone and encourages them to pursue that in which they excel. From a more practical standpoint, I bring an education background wrapped in business savvy along with solid skills and a passion for strategic leadership and execution. I can dig into the weeds of specific problems and drive teams toward practical solutions as well as cast a vision for where we would like to go.

If Elected/appointed, what is your number one priority/platform for your term?

My number one priority is to ensure BFA stays true to its mission of helping grow children of character and moral fortitude, treating others as they would like to be treated, understanding there are winners and losers in life, but that in losing, we grow and learn to become better versions of ourselves – failure is OK, but it should not define us, it should motivate us, and, in the end, having our kids know that their journey of learning is just beginning.

Why is education generally and BFA specifically important to you?

An educated person is a more globally aware person and a person who will make educated decisions in life, versus being swayed heavily by emotions singularly. Specifically, BFA embodies the virtues I want my daughter Abigail to live out in her life and is also a place where the faculty and parents are actively involved in making this

happen. It is not just about 'education', but instilling in our children a desire to learn and to be constantly inquisitive about their surroundings, what is truth, and how their actions impact and influence others. I believe BFA is a place that fosters this well.

If the Parent Voting Group does not elect you, would you like to be considered for the Board-appointed seat?

Yes.