

## Jason Page Information Sheet for BFA Board of Directors Nomination

Your Name: Jason Page

Number and grade of children in your family enrolled at BFA: 1 child; 1<sup>st</sup> grade

Number of years your family has been at BFA: 2

Brief biography, including any charter school experience:

- Married for almost 14 years to Holly and Dad to Abigail, 1st grader @ BFA
- Grew up in Merrimack, NH
- Hold Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education, a Master of Arts degree in Leadership, and an MBA with a concentration in Strategic Leadership
- I have worked in the education, entertainment, government, consumer electronics, mining, and oil & gas industries
- "Fun" job; Musical Director for Celebrity Cruise lines, 2004-2006 (yes, I lived on a cruise ship)
- Currently an IT manager for BPX Energy, US onshore arm of BP (global energy conglomerate)
- Serve on the worship team at Fathom Church in Littleton
- Live in Highlands Ranch
- Currently on STEM committee @ BFA
- Enjoy cooking, hiking, swimming, tennis, reading, travel, carpentry
- I do not currently hold any charter school experience

Number of BFA Board meetings and events have you attended this school year: (identify by type of event - Board meetings   0  ; PTO meetings   0  ; Committee meetings   4  ; Community events   5  ; Other   2  )

Describe the ideal relationship between the BFA Board and the BFA community:

*The ideal relationship between the BFA Board and the BFA community should be one of transparency, humility, direction, decisiveness, and empathy. It should also be a two-way communication relationship, where the community should feel free to share concerns and ideas but ultimately respect the final decisions of the board.*

What are the current challenges facing charter school boards?

*I believe the biggest challenge facing charter school boards is their ability to walk the fine line in having charter schools remaining independently run while working under tighter and tighter governmental scrutiny. There is an increasing mistrust of charter schools in general due to a very small percentage of them not operating in a transparent manner and not living up to the standards they themselves set. It will be a serious challenge for charter school boards to navigate the increasing complexities of local school district policies and to also continue to offer a meaningful, rigorous, and positive alternative to public schools.*

What motivates you?

*My Christian faith motivates me to do the daily, humble work of becoming a better person, husband, father, friend, colleague, and employee. My external motivator is to be like my grandfather, who passed away when I was 10. He was a humble man, but well known in the community as a man of faith, someone who would help at a moment's notice, was skilled in both modern topics as computers and yet*

*could rebuild an engine, install central air-conditioning, light a fire a dozen different ways, could ballroom dance, and could still make my grandmother blush.*

Share any personal aspirations you would like to achieve by serving on the BFA Board:

*While this role is most definitely not about me or my aspirations but about the students and the future ability to serve students in the manner laid out by BFA's founders and Ben Franklin himself, I do look forward to strengthening my leadership skills and my ability to listen well and firstly while speaking less but with more purpose and thought.*

Describe a moment when you knew BFA was the right school for your family:

*My wife had done a lot of research when Abigail was a toddler and she convinced me that BFA was the school Abigail should attend when the time was right. When Holly found out we were on the winning end of the lottery for Abigail to attend kindergarten at BFA, she was in tears. I knew at that moment BFA must be a special place for my wife to be that overjoyed. I knew at that moment that BFA was the right choice for our family. And they have been proving it every day since.*