



## 2022 Board Candidate

Beylotte

### **Francis Beylotte**

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### **Seat Seeking:**

1 Parent Seat (Must be a parent of a currently enrolled JICHS student)

### **Check all that apply:**

- ✓ Experience with Business
- ✓ Experience with K-12 Education
- ✓ Parent/Legal Guardian of JICHS Student(s)
- ✓ Resident of South Carolina



### **College and Training:**

College of Charleston MUSC Dental MUSC MASTERS IN HEALTH, BS Economics DMD MHS  
MUSC, DMD MHS  
Decades of business management

### **Board Experience:**

Optimist club Dental Association

### **Why do you want to serve on the JICHS Board of Directors?**

Lifetime resident ,my children and grandchildren currently attend. I have experience and time to be an asset to board

### **Describe your work and volunteer background and how it prepares you to be a member of the school board.**

Experience as business owner, former dental school educator , and decades of sevice

### **Define the difference between your responsibilities as a board member and the responsibilities of the Principal.**

The principal leads the academia and board oversees funding

### **Please provide one example of something you feel JICHS is doing well. Also, what do you consider to be the most important issue for the school to focus on in the immediate future?**

The faculty is stable and committed to our school. Safety seems to be the most important issue for our future as well as real graduation goals.

### **What do you see as the most important factors affecting student achievement? What is your role and what will you do as a school board member to bring about improvement in these areas?**

Hiring competent teacher and providing necessary funds to meet academic there goals

### **What do you see as your greatest strengths, and what positive additions can you bring to this board?**

Experience honesty working with organizations for a lifetime



## 2022 Board Candidate

Graf

### **Debra Graf**

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### **Seat Seeking:**

1 Parent Seat (Must be a parent of a currently enrolled JICHS student)

### **Check all that apply:**

- ✓ Parent/Legal Guardian of JICHS Student(s)
- ✓ Resident of South Carolina

### **College and Training:**

Medical University of South Carolina, Bachelors of Science in Nursing  
Member of Halos, Chair School GOVernance COuncil, PTA President

### **Board Experience:**

Chairman School GOVernance COuncil Springfield Elementary-DRayton Hall Middle, PTA President  
Drayton Hall Middle School, School GOVernance West Ashley High School(1st year)

### **Why do you want to serve on the JICHS Board of Directors?**

To be a parent voice, to be involved in postiiive outcomes for the students, and to be an advocate JIHS in community

### **Describe your work and volunteer background and how it prepares you to be a member of the school board.**

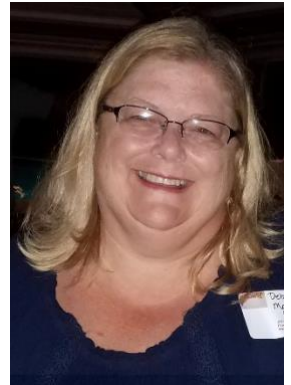
I have previously served when CCSD had School Governance Councils 6 years at Springfield Elementary-CHairman during 6th year, served also on DRayton Hall Middle and first year of West Ashley High school; I was PTA President for Drayton Hall Middle for 2 years. I have volunteered for over 9 years at Orange Grove Charter as a parent in various school functions.

### **Define the difference between your responsibilities as a board member and the responsibilities of the Principal.**

My responsibility is to listen to the principal for the needs of the school and students. With those needs, assist in finding possible solutions, actively be a part of what he feels is needed to accomplish goals for the school, and provide support for goals,solutions, etc that is needed for JICHS. Be an advocate for what is fair for all students and teachers for postive outcomes and goals.

### **Please provide one example of something you feel JICHS is doing well. Also, what do you consider to be the most important issue for the school to focus on in the immediate future?**

My children not only came from another charter school but also from another high school in the district. As with their previous charter school, JIHS is very organized and takes into account every aspect of the needs of each student. All processes, rules, policies, etc are in place for all students to transition, follow, and be accountable for as students. I feel that my kids are safe at JIHS.





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**What do you see as the most important factors affecting student achievement? What is your role and what will you do as a school board member to bring about improvement in these areas?**

Students need guidance and support during their high school years, but the independence to achieve their academic goals. As a member of the board, I feel that my role would be to first listen to problems, issues at hand and offer a fair solid advocacy for students, parents, and faculty. My management roles in my career have been of problem solving, positive outcomes, and safe processes. As with any organization, improvement is a goal for achievement of the mission of that organization and there is always room to improve.

**What do you see as your greatest strengths, and what positive additions can you bring to this board?**

I have a flexible schedule to be there at anytime for the school or students. My strengths are very much problem solving, listening, multi tasking, and putting children first. JIHS already stands above the rest in academics and as a charter school. I would love the opportunity to serve the students, parents, and faculty in continuing that mission.



## 2022 Board Candidate

Keller

### **Cayton Keller**

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### **Seat Seeking:**

2 Community Seats (Must be resident of James Island Constituent School District No. 3)

### **Check all that apply:**

- ✓ Experience with Business
- ✓ Experience with K-12 Education
- ✓ Parent/Legal Guardian of JICHS Student(s)
- ✓ Resident of South Carolina

### **College and Training:**

Trident Technical College, Phlebotomy  
N/A, Pursuing Respiratory Therapy  
Assistance Teacher for 3 years

### **Board Experience:**

Member of shared governance committee at MUSC Hospital

### **Why do you want to serve on the JICHS Board of Directors?**

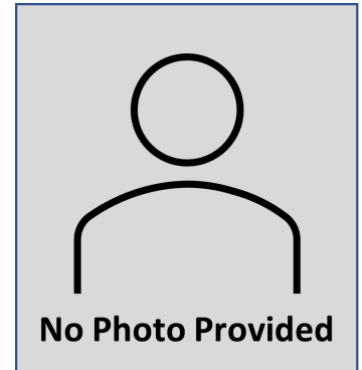
I try to be a very informed parent and member of the community here on James Island. I take pride in knowing what's going on in all of my children's lives so I am able to serve them to my best ability. I understand the needs of the parents and students of JICHS. I hope to be able to integrate new ideas that myself and other parents are passionate about to help discover students talents, develop their skills and support their achievements. In my heart, I feel that becoming a member of the Board of Directors is a great way in supporting my students' and other students success.

### **Describe your work and volunteer background and how it prepares you to be a member of the school board.**

I am a very organized person. I help coach sports teams, volunteer at sporting events and have taken many opportunities to chaperone school events. I also serve on the shared governance committee at my work which gives me a unique understanding of what it takes to work with a group of people to identify areas of improvement, hear concerns and ideas from peers and implement change. I was also an assistant teacher for 3 years.

### **Define the difference between your responsibilities as a board member and the responsibilities of the Principal.**

I am someone who is here to assist and support while the principal is here to lead. I will follow and support the principal.





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**Please provide one example of something you feel JICHS is doing well. Also, what do you consider to be the most important issue for the school to focus on in the immediate future?**

I love how JICHS doesn't enforce all students to be the same — students are allowed to express who they are which has created a student body filled with pride for themselves and their school.

**What do you see as the most important factors affecting student achievement? What is your role and what will you do as a school board member to bring about improvement in these areas?**

Student achievement is driven by student support. As a board member I will help identify new areas where we can support the needs of our students and implement changes to support those needs.

**What do you see as your greatest strengths, and what positive additions can you bring to this board?**

I am a well organized, positive and optimistic person who will tackle all agendas with a smile and strong outlook for success. My various backgrounds in volunteering and working with students and parents of different ages will be a great addition to the board.



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Stokes

### **Josh Stokes**

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### **Check all that apply:**

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- ✓ Experience with K-12 Education
- ✓ Parent/Legal Guardian of JICHS Student(s)
- ✓ Resident of South Carolina

### **College and Training:**

Presbyterian College, Bachelor of Science  
Charleston School of Law, Juris Doctor  
Experience below

### **Board Experience:**

Town Council Town of JI - 5 years, Board of Directors for Charleston Men's Chorus - 10 years,  
Presbyterian College Young Alumni Board of Directors - 2 years, Cub Scout Pack 44 Pack Committee  
Chair - 4 years, James Island Presbyterian Church Session - 6 years

### **Why do you want to serve on the JICHS Board of Directors?**

To positively impact the lives of the youth in our community. My son is a freshman this year, and we have four other children who will be attending JICHS in the future. Education was, and always has been, a priority throughout my life and my public service. Helping to shape the education of our youth and ensure the students of JICHS have the ability to capitalize on every educational opportunity is a fitting extension of that priority.

### **Describe your work and volunteer background and how it prepares you to be a member of the school board.**

I have served on numerous boards at various levels of private and community involvement. I have also advised boards from a professional standpoint. I believe my experience will be invaluable for serving on the JICHS Board of Directors overall, interacting with administrators and staff, interacting with students and parents, interacting with the community, and allow me to hit the ground running once elected.

### **Define the difference between your responsibilities as a board member and the responsibilities of the Principal.**

I believe the responsibilities of the board members are to shape and define the vision and direction of JICHS. I also believe the board members' other main priorities are to support the administration, faculty, and staff as they work through their responsibilities and ensure that adequate resources are available to



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accomplish the goals of JICHHS. The principal's responsibilities, on the other hand, include managing the day-to-day business of JICHHS, managing other faculty and staff, implementing the vision and direction of the Board, and numerous other important aspects of running a school.

**Please provide one example of something you feel JICHHS is doing well. Also, what do you consider to be the most important issue for the school to focus on in the immediate future?**

I think JICHHS as a whole does an excellent job of providing opportunities to students: academic opportunities, extracurricular opportunities, community involvement opportunities, and social opportunities. All of these opportunities are important and necessary and help to mold intelligent, well-educated, and well-rounded students who are poised for success in life. There are many issues JICHHS has to continue to focus on including academic performance, curriculum standards and adaptability, safety, student engagement, sports, clubs, and others. Ultimately I think it returns to what JICHHS is doing well, providing opportunities to students. Academic improvements, facilities improvements, access to support services, etc. are all about opportunities for students to broaden their education and high school experiences. Continuing to provide opportunities to our students, in the broadest and most sustainable sense of the phrase, should be the focus of the school and Board.

**What do you see as the most important factors affecting student achievement? What is your role and what will you do as a school board member to bring about improvement in these areas?**

I believe the most important factors affecting student achievement include the academic engagement of every student, the engagement and involvement of parents and the community in the success of each student, and continuing to adapt to a society of young people who receive more and more of their community/worldly information and social interaction through electronic devices. Through my service on the Board I would work to shed light on these issues and focus the direction of the Board to provide opportunities to engage students, administration, faculty, staff, parents, and the community.

**What do you see as your greatest strengths, and what positive additions can you bring to this board?**

I believe some of my greatest strengths are my ability to hear and digest varied points of view, consider and develop standard and alternative resolutions, and facilitate compromise. My professional career is built around finding solutions to complex problems. JICHHS is a complex academic and social community that naturally includes differences of opinion and individual priorities. I believe my professional and personal experiences are well-suited to positively impact the Board and JICHHS.



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Sullivan

### **James Sullivan**

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2 Community Seats (Must be resident of James Island Constituent School District No. 3)

### **Check all that apply:**

- ✓ Experience with Business
- ✓ Experience with K-12 Education
- ✓ Resident of South Carolina

### **College and Training:**

College of the Holy Cross, BA in English, MAT in English, and JD  
The Citadel and University of South Carolina School of Law, MAT in English and JD  
I was involved with several committees when I taught at James Island High School from 2000-2005.

### **Board Experience:**

I was involved with several committees when I taught at James Island High School.

### **Why do you want to serve on the JICHS Board of Directors?**

I taught and coached at James Island (Charter) High School from 2000-2005. It became JICHS during my tenure. I have kept in touch with many teachers who are currently teaching at JICHS. JICHS was and remains close to my heart. The birth of my now 4 year old daughter, JICHS Class of 2037, has only increased my desire to stay connected with JICHS.

### **Describe your work and volunteer background and how it prepares you to be a member of the school board.**

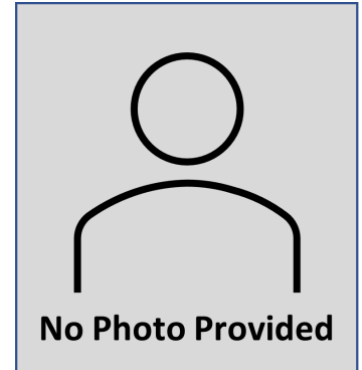
I worked as a teacher and coach at James Island (Charter) High School from 2000-2005. While teaching at JICHS, I was a co-sponsor of the Interact Club, a club devoted to community service. Throughout law school, I was involved in many legal aid organizations.

### **Define the difference between your responsibilities as a board member and the responsibilities of the Principal.**

The responsibilities of board members are set forth on pages 22-23 of the JICHS 2021 Charter School renewal application. In general, I view the Principal as leading the school on a day-to-day basis. I believe the Charter Board has the responsibility to provide the Principal and staff with the resources to achieve the mission of developing life-long learners and positive contributors to society.

### **Please provide one example of something you feel JICHS is doing well. Also, what do you consider to be the most important issue for the school to focus on in the immediate future?**

The physical building and grounds have improved significantly since I left JICHS in 2005. I am particularly







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excited about the possibilities surrounding the CTE program given the new additions to the physical building.

**What do you see as the most important factors affecting student achievement? What is your role and what will you do as a school board member to bring about improvement in these areas?**

Strong family and community support is critical to student success. As a board member, I hope to establish symbiotic relationships with families, businesses, and other community stakeholders, including the elementary and middle schools, to illustrate for JICHS students and staff that the entire Island is invested in the success of JICHS.

**What do you see as your greatest strengths, and what positive additions can you bring to this board?**

My greatest strength is my love and commitment to James Island as a community. I have lived or worked on the Island for over two decades. My family plans to be on the Island for the foreseeable future. Along with my passion for the James Island community, my experience as an educator and small business owner make me uniquely qualified to help forge the future for JICHS.