

**2022 BFA Board Appointment for Seat 7, Class 2  
Nominee Response**

**Your Name** - *Stephen Bentley*

**Number and grade of children in your family enrolled at BFA** - *1 Child (1st Grade)*

**Number of years your family has been at BFA** - *Starting our 2nd Year*

**Brief biography, including any charter school experience -**

*I was raised in rural West Texas where I learned the importance of values such as hard work, integrity, respect, honesty, empathy, and humility. I attended college in Texas where I met my amazing wife, Rosie, and we moved to Colorado in 2007. We have put down roots here as all of our children have been born in Colorado. I have spent my professional career in leadership positions in the Technology and Finance industries working for a variety of organizations in Community Banking, Farm Credit, and the Personal and Mortgage Loan spaces.*

**Number of BFA Board meetings and events have you attended this school year:**

*Only one so far this year that was the Meet the Teacher evening*

**How would you describe an effective school board member?**

*I believe an effective school board member is someone that listens to the needs of the school community and puts the well-being of our children's education and safety first. I believe it's someone who sets aside their personal and political views to do what's best for the students and their parents, teachers, and staff. Board members should support a safe learning environment that teaches our children the critical skills and values to help them be leaders and positive contributors in their own lives and those of others.*

**What do you hope to accomplish in your term in office, if appointed?**

*I hope to continue to further the reach of BFA and the critical role it plays in our community by partnering with other board members and the community to ensure that the strategic vision and mission of the school is supported. I want to make sure that parents know that their children are safe and receiving the skills needed to go on to high school and beyond to be successful and passionate leaders that help shape the world for future generations.*

**What motivated you to nominate yourself for a seat on the BFA Board?**

*I was nominated by someone else.*

**Why should you be appointed to the BFA Board of Directors?**

*I believe that our children are the most valuable thing in the world and nothing is more important to me than ensuring that they have a safe and protected environment to learn and be challenged to become the best they can become. I want to make sure*

*that parents continue to have a voice and that that voice continues to be heard and represented in the education of our children and that those values of hard work, integrity, respect, honesty, empathy, and humility don't get lost between generations.*