

2025 School Board Candidate Profile



Matthew Lew

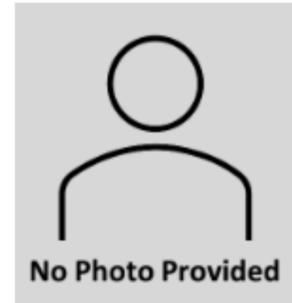
Vice President of Operations
Tara Investments

Seat Seeking:

Parent/Guardian of JICHS Student

Check all that apply:

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



College and Training:

Clemson University, Bachelor's of Science

Board Experience:

Served on the DMF Board of the Greenville CVB, Served on the Local Accommodations Tax Advisory Board for the City of Greenville, Served on the Board of the SCRLA Greenville Chapter, Served on the HOA board for Seaside Plantation.

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

To serve and assist the Board to the best of my ability by leveraging my experience to make a positive impact for the school, the students, and teachers.

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

I am the Vice President of Operations for a hotel management company. I oversee hundreds of team members, maintain the quality of our assets, ensure each asset is financially responsible, and serve a very diverse clientele base. The amount of planning, organization, and communication that I provide every day in my career to ensure that our company is successful, I feel will translate very well in serving the board. My volunteer background, as indicated in a previous section of this application, has prepared me in understanding how to navigate and operate within a board to complete objectives efficiently.

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

As a board member my primary responsibility is to assist in establishing strategic direction, approving budgets and/or potential plans, work in collaboration with other board members to ensure that the school's mission and vision are aligned with the students and the community of teachers, coaches, and parents. Oversight and accountability are extremely important. The principal on the other hand is responsible for the daily management and leadership of their school. Implementing district policies, managing staff, overseeing instruction, and addressing the needs of the students and parents directly. The board simply sets the "what" and "why" while the principal is focused on the "how."

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 feel JICHS is doing a great job with the curriculum it offers regarding AP and IB options for its students. I do feel the most important issue the school needs to focus on in the immediate future is the extent of students it allows in that are not zoned for the 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?

The most important factors to me are the quality of teaching, leadership and culture, family engagement, access to resources, rigorous curriculum, and student engagement. My role in making this come to fruition is comprised of leadership, advocacy, and the decisions I help make/support. One of the most important roles is in evaluating and holding accountable the superintendent.

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

My work and volunteer experience in similar capacities. My ability to lead, collaborate, and hold accountable key positions to drive the outcome that best supports the greater good. Upholding a vision/mission statement through consistency while creating a positive culture.

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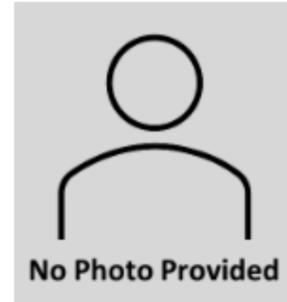


Shonette Gregg
Teacher

Seat Seeking:
Parent/Guardian of JICHS Student

Check all that apply:

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



College and Training:

Johnson C. Smith University, B.A. Elementary Education, M.ED Educational Leadership, M.ED Literacy, ED. S Teacher Leadership
Grand Canyon University, Walden University, Clemson University, B.A. ElemeM.ED Educational Leadership, M.ED Literacy, ED. Teacher Leadership
Teacher Leadership, Instructional leadership, public speaking skills, cultural competency training, Restorative Practice, Strategic Planning and Data, Collaboration and Team development

Board Experience:

NA

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

I want to serve on the JICHS Board of Directors because I am deeply committed to supporting the growth and success of our school community. Serving on the board provides an opportunity to contribute my skills and experiences to help guide decision-making, strengthen partnerships, and ensure that all students have access to a high-quality education. I believe in the mission of JICHS and want to play an active role in shaping its future, promoting academic excellence, and supporting both students and staff in achieving their goals.

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

My professional and volunteer background has provided me with skills and perspectives that would serve the JICHS Board of Directors well. As a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., being of service to all is important to me. Through my work, I have gained experience in leadership, strategic planning, and collaboration, all of which are essential for effective governance. In my volunteer roles, I have worked closely with students, families, and community organizations, which has given me a strong understanding of the needs and priorities of diverse stakeholders. These experiences have prepared me to contribute thoughtfully to board discussions, support data-informed decision-making, and help ensure that JICHS continues to provide an environment where students can excel academically and personally.

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

As a board member, my primary responsibility is to provide governance, oversight, and strategic direction for the school. This includes setting policy, ensuring accountability, supporting the school's mission, and making decisions that safeguard the long-term success and sustainability of JICHS. The Board focuses on the "big picture" by establishing goals, monitoring progress, and ensuring that resources are used effectively.

The Principal, on the other hand, is responsible for the daily management and operation of the school. This includes implementing board policies, overseeing curriculum and instruction, supervising faculty and staff, and ensuring that students receive a high-quality education in a safe and supportive environment. In short, the Board governs, while the Principal manages the day-to-day operations.

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?

One area where JICHS is excelling is in providing students with diverse academic and extracurricular opportunities that prepare them for success beyond high school. JICHS is also doing well in maintaining high academic standards and preparing students for college and career success through rigorous coursework and strong instructional practices. The school's commitment to academic rigor, combined with strong programs reflects a well-rounded approach to student growth. Looking ahead, I believe the most important issue for JICHS to focus on is strengthening student support systems, both academic and social-emotional, to ensure that all students are equipped to thrive in an increasingly complex and competitive world.

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?

The most important factors affecting student achievement include access to high-quality instruction, strong family and community support, equitable resources, and a safe and inclusive learning environment. As a school board member, my role is to provide oversight and strategic leadership to ensure these conditions are in place. I will work to support policies and initiatives that strengthen instructional excellence, promote equity, and engage families and community partners in the educational process. By focusing on governance and accountability, I can help create the conditions that allow teachers to teach effectively and students to reach their full potential.

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

My greatest strengths include strong leadership, collaboration, and a commitment to thoughtful decision-making. I bring the ability to listen carefully, consider diverse perspectives, and approach challenges with a balanced and solutions focused mindset. These qualities, combined with my dedication to supporting both students and educators, will allow me to contribute positively to the Board's governance and help advance the mission and goals of JICHS.



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Shereta Middleton

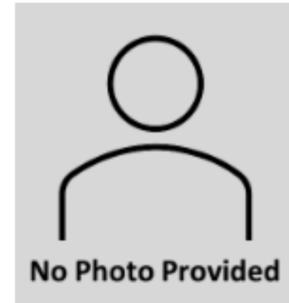
Director of Group Fitness
O2 Fitness Clubs

Seat Seeking:

Parent/Guardian of 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:

University of Phoenix, Business Management
Charleston Run Club

Board Experience:

2 years

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

I want to serve on the JICHS Board because I care about the success of our students and the future of the school. As a parent and community leader, I know the impact strong leadership can have. I want to bring my experience in business, coaching, and team development to help JICHS continue building an environment where every student has the chance to thrive.

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

In my current role as Director of Group Fitness, I lead teams, manage operations, and make decisions that affect hundreds of people every day. I also run my own coaching business, which requires planning, budgeting, and building sustainable programs. On top of that, I've spent years mentoring others and am preparing to serve as a foster parent, which shows my commitment to supporting young people. These experiences have taught me how to listen, collaborate, and lead with both accountability and care—skills I believe are important for board service.

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

The board focuses on governance—things like long-term vision, policies, and accountability. The Principal focuses on day-to-day management—running the school, leading the staff, and making sure students are supported. The board sets the direction, and the Principal carries it out.

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?

JICHS is doing a great job of involving the community in school leadership. I appreciate that parents and community members are invited to have a voice in shaping the school's future. Looking ahead, I think the most important issue is making sure every student has equal access to resources and opportunities so they can succeed, both in and out of the classroom.

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 are access to resources, engaged teaching, and a supportive environment that values every student. When students feel supported academically, socially, and emotionally, they are more likely to succeed. As a board member, my role would be to ensure that policies and resources are in place to provide students with equal opportunities to learn and grow. I would also advocate for collaboration between families, teachers, and the community so students have the well-rounded support they need to achieve their goals.

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

My greatest strengths are leadership, strategic thinking, and the ability to bring people together. In my career, I've managed large teams, built programs from the ground up, and developed systems that help people succeed. I bring strong communication skills, a practical mindset, and a focus on solutions. On the board, I will contribute fresh ideas, a collaborative spirit, and a commitment to helping JICHHS remain strong, sustainable, and focused on student success.

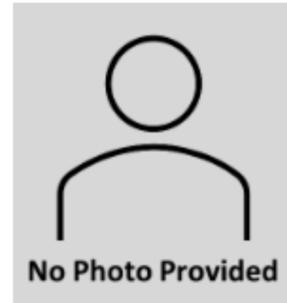
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Mandy Myers
CRMS Media Clerk

Seat Seeking:
Parent/Guardian of JICHS Student

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



College and Training:
College of Charleston, BA Political Science
University of SC/College of Charleston, Masters of Public Administration
I have worked for several local non-profits in fundraising and development

Board Experience:
N/A

Why do you want to serve on the JICHS Board of Directors?
I currently have two daughters at JICHS and will eventually have my son there as well. Working at the middle school, I am very invested in the success of JICHS' students and staff. I think James Island is a very special place and believe that the high school is a cornerstone of community on our island.

Describe your work and volunteer background and how it prepares you to be a member of the school board.
My background is in the non-profit field and it has been my passion for years. My husband and I enjoy raising three kiddos on James Island and love the schools our kids have attended. I served as PTA president at SPES and I am currently the PTO president at CRMS. I also work full time in the library at CRMS and love the kiddos that come through our school.

Define the difference between your responsibilities as a board member and the responsibilities of the Principal.
A principal oversees the daily operations and safety of the students and staff while the board serves as a leadership team to help guide the decisions being made for the well-being of the school.

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 think JICHS is doing extremely well with sports and athletics. My hope is that the high school continues to strive for academic excellence as well to remain competitive with other high schools.

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?
Communication and support from staff is the most important factor in student achievement. I think when students feel they are seen and can be a part of the high school community as a whole, they have their best chance to thrive.

What do you see as your greatest strengths, and what positive additions can you bring to this board?
I know so many of these kids from working at the middle school and love seeing them transition to high school students. I have so much love and passion for our neighborhood schools and know that our students have the ability to accomplish their goals if they are in a supportive environment. I love being a positive and encouraging adult in their lives.

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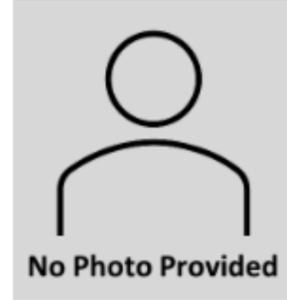
Caroline Parker

Seat Seeking:

Parent/Guardian of JICHS Student

Check all that apply:

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



College and Training:

After serving four years as a local elected official on James Island I bring a wealth of local community experience and expertise into ensuring that our teachers, students and parents are listened too and represented at the board level.

Board Experience:

4 years as a local elected official serving and chairing various boards and commissions around the lowcountry.

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

Ensure that our teachers, students and parents are being fairly represented and heard!

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

After various leadership roles in and around the lowcountry it is clear to me that not everyone feels they are represented at the board level. I have proven experience in representing everyone fairly and easy to get a hold of to discuss any matter of care or concern.

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

As a board member you are required to represent the student body, the teachers and support the administration. The administration needs to feel a strong support behind them to lead in the day to day duties as a principal. Their first priority is the students and teachers. The boards responsibility is the financial well being of the school and supporting the schools future.

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?

JICHS is supporting their students in feeling academically prepared as well as physically prepared. JICHS offers a broad range of academic and athletic opportunities for its students. They are setting the standard for both academic and athletic excellence in the lowcountry! I believe the most important issue JICHS will face in the future is growth and how to handle that.

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 feel the most important factors affecting student achievement are external factors. We live in a time where our students are constantly nbarbed with the internet, social media etc so alleviating and/or supporting each students individual personalities and strengths will prove to be our most significant priority in the near future.

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

We are one island that truly cares about one another. Our children deserve to be supported in the same way. I will bring a positive spirit, a hope for the future and I will add and incredible amount of positivity and influence to this board and the school to move us forward into the coming years. Knowing that I will be watching three children coming through JICHS I want to ensure that we are prepared and that the administration feels supported moving forward.

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Justin Price

Attorney
Davis Hartman Wright LLP



Seat Seeking:

Parent/Guardian of JICHS Student

Check all that apply:

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

College and Training:

Furman University , BA
Clemson University & Charleston School of Law, Master of City & Regional Planning & Juris Doctor
Legal representation of non-profit boards

Board Experience:

Hilton Head Island Habitat for Humanity (2012); Medal of Honor Bowl Board of Directors (2014-2016); & SC Athletic Hall of Fame Board of Directors (2019).

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

I want to serve the James Island community, specifically the school that is the heart of this community.

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

I have represented and served on non-profit boards. I also have three children that will all attend JICHS and have spent their entire academic careers on James Island. I believe my professional and volunteer experience, along with my desire to serve this Island and my children, would allow me to serve this board in a manner to make sure this school serves and spotlights our community.

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

Our Principal is in charge of the daily operation of JICHS. The board's job is to set policies and objectives and guide the direction of the school. It is the Principal's job to implement the board's policies and objectives for the benefit of our community.

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?

JICHS does a great job of developing a curriculum designed to challenge our children academically as well as prepare them for immediate gainful employment upon graduation.

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?

It is important for our school to meet our young scholars where they are on their scholastic and vocational journeys. As a board member, I would support programming and curriculums that build upon the school's current success as well as explore ways to expand the school's offerings in ways to support our local community.

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

I am pragmatic and am able to sort through difficult issues while maintaining focus on a desired outcome. I will bring that same approach to the board of this school while also valuing the viewpoints of my colleagues, fellow board members, faculty, and our community.

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Dakota Simerly
Pool technician
Aqua Blue Pools

Seat Seeking:
Parent/Guardian of JICHS Student

Check all that apply:
 Parent/Legal Guardian of JICHS Student(s)

College and Training:

Board Experience:
N/A



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

Because as an alumni, I have so much love for this school, and the person it has shaped me into. I also have a daughter enrolled so the success is very important to me. As a member of the board I think I could be a huge asset to the future and growth of the school and community.

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

My work has taught me to be very detail oriented, and able to tackle multiple tasks at a time while achieving a great outcome.

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

The primary difference would be that the board members set the vision for the school district and the principal executes said.

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 believe the school has been doing wonderful with communication. I believe a big issue to focus on would be the bus system.

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?

Getting the kids to school, and making sure they have all necessary tools, and feel comfortable reaching out for help.

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

My greatest strengths are I'm passionate, caring, a great communicator and listener.

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Jeff Hays

Senior IT Director
Department of Navy



Seat Seeking:

Community - must be a resident of James Island Constituent School District 3

Check all that apply:

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

College and Training:

University of Southern Indiana, BS English

Board Experience:

Chairman of JICHHS Board (2021-2023), Vice Commodore at JIYC (2021-2025)

Why do you want to serve on the JICHHS Board of Directors?

To continue the work of improving not only our JICHHS physical infrastructure, but also the continued advancement of our students, staff, educators, coaches and administrators.

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

As a previous JICHHS Disciplinary Committee member and Board of Directors Chairman, I maintain a firm understanding of the needs of our students. Also, as Vice Commodore and three-year Board member at JIYC, I work closely with our James Island community to foster improvement opportunities throughout our community.

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

The Principal reports directly to the Board, thus it's imperative for the Board to develop the governance (policy) and strategic vision for the Principal to lead and execute against on a daily basis. The relationship between the Board and Principal must be collaborative to assure a positive learning experience for our students, staff, educators, coaches and administrators.

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?

JICHHS staff, coaches and administrators have done an amazing job of creating a culture of ownership and continuous improvement will enable us to tackle not only today's challenges but also shape tomorrow's opportunities. In moving forward, schools that are best positioned to adapt to our fast-paced, ever-changing world of technology leaps have already dispensed with the conventional idea that strategy and culture are two distinct realities. They know that winning the future requires them to see their culture as their strategy. This starts by enabling, not controlling, the students, staff, educators, coaches and administrators with the necessary tools, incorporation of artificial intelligence (AI) and resources needed to succeed.

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?

Effective teachers are the most important factor contributing to student achievement. Although curricula, reduced class size, district funding, family and community involvement all contribute to school improvement and student achievement, the most influential factor is the teacher. We must disrupt our view of learning--from an island to an ecosystem. For generations, we have treated learning as an island--an exclusive space between teacher and student that happens only in the classroom. Now more than ever, we must view learning as an ecosystem--an inclusive space whereby the teacher's expertise and experience is supplemented by multiple other touch points of inquiry, insight and innovation, both inside the classroom and beyond. If the island model was defined by activities, the ecosystem model runs on impact. Perhaps most importantly, the ecosystem model challenges us, all of us, to come together to start a new type of dialogue: How we can create a forward-leaning educational environment whereby "learning how to learn" becomes both a marketable skill and a lifelong pursuit for everyone involved?

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

As a former JICHS Board Chairman my greatest strengths include: a passion for governance and to inspire others; approachable and available; a good listener and communicator; exhibit integrity, respect, and humility; a strategist and visionary thinker; and encourage open communication and constructive debate. My positive additions to the Board will be: my commitment to engage board members to take ownership of board's work; celebrate board members' hard work and achievements; promote board development and governance best practices; lead an effectively run board; uphold legal and ethical standards of conduct; and ensure board plans proactively for the succession of board members and officers.

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Calvin Logan II

Teacher/Business Owner
The Logan Power Show

Seat Seeking:

Parent/Guardian of 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:

Voorhees University, Business Administration
Webster University, Master of Business Administration
Church board for For Your Glory International Ministries

Board Experience:

Ebony City Soccer Club, For Your Glory International Ministries

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

I just want to help the school be successful

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

I am a dedicated educator with over five years of teaching experience, following a rewarding career in the military. Alongside my work in the classroom, I have spent more than 12 years coaching recreational basketball and have also coached at both the high school and middle school levels for five years. My heart for service extends beyond education and athletics—I have been actively involved in ministry for over 15 years, serving in multiple churches throughout the Low Country area. I am currently a minister at my home church, where I continue to serve and support the community.

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

Board Member: Provides governance and oversight, sets the vision and policies, approves budgets, ensures accountability, and hires/evaluates the principal. Focuses on the big picture and long-term direction. Principal: Leads the daily operations of the school, manages staff and students, implements curriculum, ensures safety, and carries out the board's vision. Focuses on the day-to-day leadership and management.

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?

JICHS does a great job of bringing the community together through sports. I believe the focus should also include building stronger community outreach and highlighting the ways the school is making a difference in both education and athletics

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?

The most important factors affecting student achievement are quality teaching, family and community engagement, access to resources, safe and supportive learning environments, and maintaining high expectations. As a school board member, my role is to provide vision, policy, and accountability—not daily management—so that these areas are strengthened. I will work to ensure teachers have the training and resources they need, promote equity in access to opportunities, build stronger community partnerships, and listen to the voices of parents, staff, and students. My goal is to create the conditions where every student has the support and opportunity to succeed academically, socially, and personally.

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

My greatest strengths are my leadership experience, commitment to service, and ability to build relationships. Having served in the military, in the classroom as a teacher, and in my community through coaching and ministry, I have developed discipline, teamwork, and the ability to listen and lead with integrity. I also bring a passion for student achievement and community engagement, with a focus on ensuring that every child has the resources and support needed to succeed both academically and personally.

The positive additions I can bring to this board are a fresh perspective, strong problem-solving skills, and a willingness to work collaboratively with fellow board members, staff, parents, and the community. I believe my background allows me to bridge the gap between students, educators, and families, and to help strengthen trust and communication. Ultimately, my goal is to contribute to policies and initiatives that support excellence in education and prepare our students for future success.



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Jim Boyd

Market Developer
ASSA Abloy

Seat Seeking:

Parent/Guardian of JICHS Student

Check all that apply:

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

College and Training:

University of Charleston, Business Administration



Board Experience:

Board of Directors - ASIS International - Secretary 3 years for South Carolina Chapter

Kappa Delta Rho Fraternity - President 2006-2008, Vice President 2005-2006, Risk Management Chair 2004-2005

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

I am running for a position on the Board of Directors because I want to ensure that every child in our district has access to the highest quality education and opportunities to succeed. As both a parent and an active member of this community, I believe it is essential that our schools not only meet the academic needs of students, but also support their growth through extracurricular programs and a safe, nurturing environment. I will work to strengthen the connection between families, educators, and administrators, making sure that parents' voices are heard and community values are reflected in district decisions. I am committed to responsible stewardship of resources, transparency in decision-making, and long-term planning that prioritizes student achievement, technology, and safety. Most importantly, I want to set an example for my children and their peers by showing the importance of civic engagement and giving back. Serving on the Board is not just about supporting my own children, it is about building a stronger foundation for all students in our community.

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

With over 20 years of experience in sales leadership and market development, I have built my career on listening to diverse stakeholders, identifying needs, and developing solutions that drive growth and long-term success. In my current role as Market Developer for ASSA ABLOY Group's Ameristar/Jerith division, I work closely with contractors, architects, and distribution partners across the Carolinas to build relationships, manage resources effectively, and ensure projects are completed with accountability and transparency. My background has honed skills in strategic planning, financial oversight, and consensus building; qualities directly relevant to serving on a school board. Beyond my professional career, I am deeply engaged in my community, particularly through supporting youth sports programs and family-centered initiatives. These experiences have given me a firsthand appreciation for how schools shape opportunities for children both in and out of the classroom. By combining my professional expertise with my passion for education and community service, I am well-prepared to contribute thoughtful leadership, responsible decision-making, and a focus on student success as a member of the Board of Directors.

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

As a board member, your role is focused on governance and oversight. The board sets the vision, policies, and budget priorities for the entire district. This includes approving the curriculum framework, allocating resources responsibly, hiring and evaluating the superintendent, and ensuring accountability and transparency in how the district operates. Board members represent the voice of the community and parents, making sure that decisions align with the district's long-term goals and values. Importantly, the board does not manage day-to-day operations but instead provides strategic direction and oversight.

The principal, on the other hand, is focused on management and daily leadership at the school level. This includes running the day-to-day operations of their school, implementing the district's policies, supervising teachers and staff, supporting student

achievement, handling discipline, and maintaining a safe and positive school environment. The principal acts as the instructional leader, ensuring that the board's policies and district goals are carried out effectively within their school.

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?

One thing I believe James Island Charter High School is doing very well is offering a diverse curriculum that gives students multiple pathways to success. From advanced placement and college-prep courses to career and technical education, the variety of options allows students to tailor their education to their interests and goals. This not only prepares them for college but also for real-world careers and lifelong learning.

Looking ahead, I think the most important issue for the school to focus on is ensuring that every student, regardless of background, has the support they need to fully benefit from these opportunities. That means prioritizing resources for student engagement, mental health support, and teacher retention so that our curriculum strength is matched by strong guidance and consistent, high-quality instruction. By addressing these needs, we can ensure that all students thrive in the diverse programs the school already does so well to provide.

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 are quality teaching, student engagement, and family/community support. Students learn best when they have access to excellent teachers who feel valued and supported, when they are actively engaged in a curriculum that connects to their goals, and when families and the community are involved in reinforcing the importance of education. In addition, addressing social and emotional needs; such as mental health support and a safe school environment is critical to making sure students are ready to learn.

As a school board member, my role is not to manage classrooms, but to set policies and priorities that create the conditions for success. That means advocating for resources that retain and support great teachers, ensuring budgets reflect investments in both academic and social-emotional learning, and fostering partnerships between the schools and the community. I will focus on accountability, transparency, and collaboration so that every decision we make at the board level supports students, empowers educators, and strengthens the connection between home, school, and community.

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

I see my greatest strengths as being my ability to build strong relationships, think strategically, and bring people together around common goals. Throughout my career in sales leadership and market development, I've worked with diverse groups; contractors, distributors, architects, and community leaders—requiring me to listen carefully, understand different perspectives, and find solutions that work for everyone. I also bring experience in budgeting, resource allocation, and accountability, which are directly relevant to the responsibilities of a school board.

What I can add to this board is a fresh perspective grounded in both professional expertise and community involvement. I'm not only a parent who wants the best for all students, but also someone who knows how to navigate complex decisions, balance competing priorities, and ensure transparency in how decisions are made. I would approach this role with a collaborative mindset, a focus on student achievement, and a commitment to representing the voices of families in our district.

2025 School Board Candidate Profile



Berry Anderson

Associate Professor at MUSC

Seat Seeking:

Parent/Guardian of JICHS Student

Check all that apply:

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



College and Training:

SUSC, B.S. in Nursing

MUSC, PhD in Nursing

Board Experience:

Member, Board of Directors for JICHS 2021-2022

Member, Board of Directors for Waring Library Society 2020-2023

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

I previously served on the JICHS Board of Directors when my oldest son attended; he is now a junior at Wofford College. With twins currently at JICHS, I remain deeply committed to the school's success and welcome the chance to serve again. As a college professor, I have supported hundreds of young adults, learning how best to help them reach their potential. Combined with my management background, this experience allows me to make thoughtful, informed decisions that benefit students, faculty, staff, and families. I want to help ensure JICHS continues to be a place where all students thrive.

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

I served six years on the Admission & Graduation Committee at MUSC College of Nursing, including three as chair. In that role, I analyzed applications, student outcomes, and program effectiveness, gaining insight into how best to prepare students for higher education. With over a decade in higher education, I stay current on academic and workforce trends. I also volunteer as a researcher at the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center, where I study workforce development. These professional and volunteer experiences have strengthened my ability to evaluate outcomes, make data-informed decisions, and support initiatives that benefit students, families, and community.

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

The board and the principal share a commitment to advancing the school's mission, but our roles differ. The principal is the chief administrator, leading daily operations, managing staff, and guiding the vision for students and faculty. The board sets policy, provides long-term direction, and ensures accountability. While the principal develops and manages the budget, the board ensures oversight and proper use of resources. Board members also represent the community's voice in governance. Ultimately, the principal leads day-to-day operations, while the board supports and holds the school accountable to its mission, ensuring the success of students, faculty, and community.

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?

JICHS has excelled in athletics, with students achieving recent state championships in baseball, track, and soccer, alongside strong football, softball, and other programs. These achievements highlight both talent and school commitment. Beyond athletics, students consistently report positive academic and personal experiences with teachers, reflecting an emphasis on growth. One area for improvement is student mental health. Having worked in mental health for 28 years, I know its critical role in academic success and overall well-being. Expanding support services would better equip students to manage challenges, stay engaged, and thrive during high school and beyond, strengthening the entire community.

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?

The board and principal should carefully examine outcomes of students who are not thriving and provide targeted support. My background in education and mental health has shown me that nurturing both academic growth and emotional well-being is essential. At the same time, high-achieving students need rigorous courses to stay challenged and engaged. Extracurricular activities, whether athletics, music, or clubs; provide meaning, purpose, and community. As a board member, I will advocate for resources, programs, and accountability measures that address student needs, ensuring every student has the opportunity to succeed and excel.

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

I bring extensive experience in higher education, mental health, and healthcare management, along with a strong ability to collaborate within structured governance. Having lived on James Island for 25 years, I have witnessed its growth while appreciating the strong community values that make it an ideal place to raise a family. Recently retired from MUSC, I now have both the time and energy to serve on the JICHS Board again. My professional expertise, leadership background, and personal commitment to education and community engagement will allow me to contribute meaningfully to the success of our students, families, and school.

2025 School Board Candidate Profile



Bryan Miller
Owner/President
Rapid Repairs

Seat Seeking:
Parent/Guardian of 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:

Limestone , Business Administration
Charleston Southern University, Master of Business Administration

Board Experience:

Stiles Point PTA (Joint President with my wife) 1 year, New Beginnings Community Church - Finance Chairman 3 years, Fort Johnson Civic Club - ~4 years

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

As a graduate of James Island High School (class of 1999), I am passionate about my school. As a current business owner, volunteer in the local community, and a parent of a student at James Island High School who is a student athlete who plays football and wrestling, I would like to give back to my alma matter by serving with my strengths in strategic planning, financial management, leadership, and passion & love for James Island Charter High School!

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

I am the owner of a home service company called Rapid Repairs. Rapid Repairs has been serving the Low Country for over 26 years. We specialize in carpentry, electrical, plumbing, and other home improvement repair needs. As a business owner, the daily tasks such as financial management and forecasting, HR management, technical direction on operations, marketing, and coaching have allowed me to build and have the skill set to add value on a board. I am currently the Finance Chairman of New Beginnings Community Church located off of Fort Johnson Rd. My responsibilities include monthly monitoring of all financial management, strategic forecasting, and creation of budgets for different ministries. In the past I have served on Stiles Point PTA board and the Fort Johnson Estates Civic Board. Serving on 3 non-profit boards has allowed me to gain experience in the non-profit segment that I have brought for profit value to all of the boards.

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

I believe the board shall define and govern the strategic vision and policy. The principal is tasked with the implementation of the policies set in place along with executing on the strategic vision of the school.

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 believe since James Island High School has become a Charter School, JICHS has really created a sense of community on James Island where the community rallies behind its athletics and academics.

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?

In my opinion, some of the key factors that could affect student achievement would be 1. student motivation which includes a supportive home environment and learning/teaching environment and 2. teachers that are effective in the delivery of their subjects that understand how to involve the student with the materials being taught.

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

My greatest strengths are passion for serving my community where I grew up that allows me to bring a collaborative mindset, strategic financial management with fiscal responsibility, and student-centered focus.

2025 School Board Candidate Profile



Victoria Manigault
Registered Nurse

Seat Seeking:
Parent/Guardian of JICHS Student

Check all that apply:

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



College and Training:

University of South Carolina-Columbia, Bachelor of Science in Nursing
University of South Carolina-Columbia, Master of Science in Nursing-Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
Nurse Family Partnership Community Advisory Board Training

Board Experience:

Nurse Family Partnership Community Advisory Board, Chair 2014-2017; Charleston County First Steps Board-member

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

As a proud parent of a current junior at JICHS, 2020 JICHS graduate, and 2023 JICHS graduate, I have been a part of the JICHS family for almost a decade. I am also a 35 year alum of James Island High School, so I understand the "Pride of the Island". I commit to ensuring that all children are provided the tools to become successful adults. I commit to making decisions that will help move the school forward in a positive direction. I will be an advocate for equity, excellence, and family voice in education. I will be a strong, consistent voice for families and to ensure that all decisions reflect both data and meaningful faculty, staff, and parent input.

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

Professionally, I bring a wealth of experience managing staff operations and budgets with honesty and efficiency as a program manager and SC state employee for 30 years. I bring a collaborative mindset, creativity, with an ability to lead with compassion and accountability. These qualities make me a trusted voice in navigating complex decisions and fostering a school culture where students, educators, and families thrive. I have served on the JICHS Discipline Review Committee for the past two years. Our goal was always to address urgent discipline concerns of the school while also ensuring a safe environment for all students, administrators, and staff while ensuring each student is given an opportunity to thrive and learn.

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

Responsibilities as a member of the board of directors is to provide oversight and accountability to the JICHS community (students, parents, administrators, faculty, staff, and CCSD). This includes establishing policies and procedures, financial oversight, and maintaining legal compliance. The principal is accountable to the board for day to day school operations. The principal will provide information and make recommendations to the board to improve the function of the school.

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?

JICHS continues to be a school of academic excellence that provides students with a wide variety of options to explore potential careers. JICHS graduates are well prepared to move on to postsecondary education, trade or vocational school, military, or into the workforce.

The most important issue for the school to focus on is to make sure we provide a safe, nurturing school environment that allows students to thrive and reach their full potential.

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?

Factors affecting school achievement include socioeconomic factors, inequality in school funding, and absenteeism. As a public charter school, JICHS is unique, allowing for unique educational approaches to learning and making sure all students are provided an equal opportunity to learn. Resources can be provided to students to address circumstances they may be facing that is causing a barrier to learning and/or school attendance. As a board member, my role is to advocate for equity, excellence, and family voice in education.

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

My greatest strength is my ability to work collaboratively with others. I will bring that spirit, along with an open mind, creativity, as well as an ability to lead with compassion and accountability. These qualities make me a trusted voice in navigating complex decisions and fostering a school culture where students, educators, and families thrive.